

Rotary

Club of Bartlesville Oklahoma, USA



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Rotary International Club Number 2476

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Bartlesville Community Center

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Position

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Ex-officio*
Secretary-Treasurer*

Officer

Matt Spence
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Board Members

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Caroline Casselberry
Andrew Oleson

The Bartlesville Rotary Club is a network of men and women who influence positive change in the community and the world. Our members are dedicated to improving the quality of life for everyone, with a particular focus on helping students become productive citizens. We create, volunteer for and fund community-based activities as well as collaborate with other organizations locally and internationally to live out the Rotary motto of "Service Above Self."

ROTARY AT A GLANCE

Rotary brings together a global network of volunteer leaders who dedicate their time and talent to tackle the world's most pressing humanitarian challenges. Rotary connects 1.2 million members from more than 200 countries and geographical areas. Their work impacts lives at both the local and international levels, from helping families in need in their own communities to working toward a polio-free world.

OBJECT OF ROTARY

The general objectives of Rotary clubs in every country are the same - the development of fellowship and understanding among the business and professional leaders in the community, the promotion of community-betterment endeavors and of high standards in business and the object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the "ideal of service" as a basis of worthy enterprise and to encourage and foster:

- FIRST: The development of acquaintance as opportunity for service.
- SECOND: High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying by each Rotarian of their occupation as an opportunity to serve society.
- THIRD: The application of the ideal of service by every Rotarian to their personal, business and community life.
- FOURTH: The advancement of international understanding, good will, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional men and women, united in the ideal of service.

THE FOUR-WAY TEST of things we think, say or do

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOOD WILL and better friendships?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned.

THERE ARE FOUR AVENUES OF SERVICE IN ROTARY

1. Club Service
2. Community Service
3. Vocational Service
4. International Service

Through these avenues, the object of Rotary is fulfilled. Rotary International suggests certain committees for each Avenue of Service and each club may use these as guidelines. The Rotary Club of Bartlesville has selected committees best suited for its needs to make the club more functional and to fulfill the goals set out by the Rotary International President for a club citation.

Membership Snapshot

Who: Rotary brings together the kind of people who step forward to take on important issues for local communities worldwide. Rotary members hail from a range of professional backgrounds; doctors, artists, small business owners and stay-at-home parents all call themselves Rotarians. Rotary connects these unique perspectives, and helps leverage its members' expertise to improve lives everywhere.

Where: From Haiti and Greenland to Nigeria and Singapore, Rotary unites a truly diverse set of leaders from across the world. Currently, the largest number of clubs comes from the United States, India, Japan and Brazil. The fastest growing Rotary regions include Southeast Asia and Africa.

What: Rotarians contribute their time, energy and passion to sustainable, long-term projects in local communities across the globe. Projects focus on important issues like peace and conflict resolution, disease prevention and treatment, water and sanitation, maternal and child health, basic education and literacy and economic and community development.

Polio Eradication Rotary is close to eliminating the second human disease in history after smallpox, with a 99 percent reduction in polio cases worldwide since 1985, when Rotary launched its PolioPlus program. In 1988, Rotary spearheaded the creation of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative with its partners the World Health Organization, UNICEF and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Polio eradication remains Rotary's top priority. To date, Rotary has contributed more than US\$1.2 billion and countless volunteer hours to help immunize more than two billion children against polio in 122 countries. Currently, Rotary is working to raise \$35 million per year through 2018 for polio eradication, which will be matched 2 to 1 by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

HISTORY OF ROTARY

The first Rotary club in the world was organized in Chicago, Illinois, on February 23rd, 1905, by Paul P. Harris, a young lawyer, who gathered together in a spirit of friendship and understanding a group of men, each of whom was engaged in a different form of service to the public. That basis of membership - one person from each business and profession in the community - still exists in Rotary. At first, the members of the new club met in rotation at their places of business, and this suggested the name "Rotary."

Since 1905, the ideas of Paul Harris and his friends have become ideals, which have been

accepted by people of practically all nationalities, and of many political and religious beliefs. Today there are Rotary clubs in Austria and American Samoa, in Brazil and Brunei, in India and Italy, in Scotland and South Africa - in 164 countries and 35 geographical regions. The universal acceptance of Rotary principles has been so great that there are now more than 31,000 Rotary clubs, which have a membership of over 1,200,000.

BRIEF HISTORY OF THE BARTLESVILLE ROTARY CLUB

"In the beginning" would be an appropriate way to start this brief story of the Bartlesville Rotary Club.

T. A. Latta owner of THE MORNING EXAMINER, sold his business to N.D. Welty on August 13, 1915. On cleaning out Mr. Latta's desk, Welty came across a letter written to Mr. Latta from E.A. Hutchins, Kansas City, Mo., who was then District-Governor of the old 17th District of International Association of Rotary Clubs (note the title). This letter, no doubt, was in answer to one received from Mr. Latta inquiring about the steps necessary to organize a Rotary Club in Bartlesville. It is assumed that Mr. Latta had been a guest at a Rotary Luncheon somewhere and was taken with the idea to the extent that he wished to have one in Bartlesville.

The letter from Governor Hutchins to Latta stated, in general, that a group of business and professional men should come together and be the working nucleus toward organizing a local club. Mr. Welty, a newcomer and only slightly acquainted, answered Hutchins' letter to Latta by stating that he should write the following gentlemen on the matter: John Baird, W.G. Bryson, George Keeler, R.L. Beattie, M. Born, Rev. Alexander, and H.H. McClintock. Mr. Hutchins' reply dated September 11, 1915, said, "We are anxious to establish a Rotary Club in Bartlesville and are writing to you as well as the following gentlemen (above) in hope that you will consult together over the telephone and set some time next week for discussing the possibilities of organizing a Rotary Club this fall for your city. In organizing we would be glad to have the very best men, for the success of the organization depends upon the selection of its members."

The above named men were notified to meet in Mr. Beattie's office in the Union National Bank. Those who responded were Beattie, Baird, and McClintock. It was the opinion of these three that, owing to the fact that Bartlesville was a small city (the smallest in the world to have been issued a charter at the time), they should not be identified as responsible for the selection of charter members. Carrying out this idea, they sent Mr. Hutchins the names of 25 business and professional men and asked that he invite them to meet at luncheon on Friday, October 15, 1915, at the Hotel Maire for the purpose of organizing the club. Fortunately, the president of "International Association of Rotary Clubs," Allen D. Albert, was to be a guest of the Tulsa Club that night. He wired an acceptance to stop over in Bartlesville for the organization luncheon. Many members of the Tulsa Club came to meet him and attend the meeting. No club was ever organized under more advantageous conditions. President Albert was the speaker and from the very beginning the nature and the objectives of the organization were clearly outlined.

CLUB OPERATIONS

Operations of the Rotary Club of Bartlesville are under the guidance of a Board of Directors consisting of the President, Vice-President, 2nd Vice-President, Immediate Past President, Secretary/Treasurer, and nine directors, serving three year staggered terms.

Regular meetings are held each Monday at Noon at the Bartlesville Community Center, except as otherwise notified.

Our club publishes a monthly bulletin. Rotary International publishes the monthly magazine

"THE ROTARIAN", which each Rotarian subscribes to through their dues assessment. Revenue of our Club is placed in one of two funds; A Rotary Club account for general administrative operations and The Bartlesville Rotary Club Foundation, Inc. for our Club's charitable contributions. We are a tax-exempt organization, but only contributions placed in the Bartlesville Rotary Club Foundation are tax-deductible to the donor.

TYPES OF MEMBERSHIPS

Rotary International holds a Council on Legislation every three years. There are now only two types of membership, Active and Honorary.

1. **ACTIVE:** When a candidate accepts membership, he becomes an Active Member, filling a classification that is loaned to him by the Club.

(a) Classification rules now permit up to 10% of members in the same classification.

2. **HONORARY:** Honorary membership is granted to an adult man or woman who has distinguished himself by meritorious service in the furtherance of Rotary ideals.

(a) An Honorary Member is the only type of member who cannot hold office and who is not required to pay dues.

(b) The term of Honorary Membership is one Rotary year (July 1 to June 30) after approval of the Board of Directors of the Club.

FEES AND DUES

The annual membership dues shall be \$440.00, payable either quarterly (\$110), annually (\$440) or semi-annually (\$220) at the option of each member, with the understanding that a portion of each semi-annual payment be applied to each member's subscription to The Rotarian magazine.

Termination-Non-Payment of Dues.

1. Any member failing to pay his dues within thirty (30) days after the prescribed time shall be notified in writing by the secretary at his last known address, If the dues are not paid on or before ten (10) days from the date of notification said membership shall automatically terminate.

2. Such former member, at the discretion of the board, may be reinstated to membership upon his petition, and upon the payment of all his indebtedness to the club, provided that no former member can be reinstated to active membership if his former classification has been filled.

ATTENDANCE

When a member is absent, a void is present. The expertise and fellowship of his vocation is not properly represented, hence Rotary International's standard conditions on attendance.

1. A member failing to attend fifty (50) per cent of the meetings in either half of a Rotary year may forfeit membership. (This is a minimum of twelve (12) meetings each half year.)

2. If, for business or health reasons, a member cannot attend the regular meeting of the Rotary Club of Bartlesville, the member can make up at any other Rotary Club in the world. This should be done within two weeks, on either side of the regular meeting date.

3. A member may request to be put on leave for any period of time. This protects the member's membership, but still counts as an absent.

5. See "MAKE-UP SITES" for a list of Rotary Clubs in the near vicinity of Bartlesville. When traveling ask the Secretary for the Official Directory of Rotary Clubs regarding the location

of clubs in your travel plans, or go to the Rotary International Website, www.rotary.org . It's a great experience to make-up at other Clubs.

Excused Absence

Absence caused by protracted ill health or impairment or by stay of more than two weeks in a country with no Rotary Clubs so that the member is physically unable to attend a regular meeting, is an excused absence. In this case a member's absence is not computed in the club's attendance records.

2.If a member is an active member and the aggregate of the member's age and years of membership in one or more clubs is 85 years or more the member is excused from attendance. In this case, such member's absences are not computed in the club's attendance records, unless the member so desires it to be done.

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

Each Rotarian has the opportunity to further serve the ideals of Rotary by making voluntary donations. There are four basic ways through which a Rotarian can contribute his financial resources. They are:

1. **Donations to the Bartlesville Rotary Club Foundation.** Donations to The Bartlesville Rotary Club Foundation will essentially be used for local area projects. Donations can be designated as either "project" or "corpus". In the case of a "project" donation all funds can be utilized when needed, but in the case of a "corpus" donation only the earnings can be used. In either case funds may only be contributed to organizations or projects that qualify as tax exempt, non-profit institutions. Thus any donations to The Bartlesville Rotary Club Foundation are deductible for income tax purposes. Donations to The Bartlesville Rotary Club Foundation are ideal for a memoriam or to honor an individual or loved one. Make check payable to: **Bartlesville Rotary Club Foundation**
2. **A Benefactor commitment to the Rotary Foundation Endowment for World Understanding and Peace.** This is a Benefactor Gift Pledge in the form of: Will Codicil, Life Income Plan, Insurance, Outright Gift, Testamentary Trust, or some other specified means. Only the income from this endowment is utilized.
3. **Contributions to The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International.** The objective of this foundation is the achievement of world understanding and peace through international charitable and educational programs. An individual who contributes, or in whose behalf is contributed, \$1000 or more is recognized as a "Paul Harris Fellow". A multiple Paul Harris Fellow is a member who gives additional \$1000 contributions. Make check payable to:

Rotary Foundation

Donations may be directed towards the annual fund or the permanent fund. Annual fund gifts are held for three years before they are utilized. Permanent fund donations are placed in an endowment fund; only interest on these funds may be utilized for charitable purposes

4. A Sustaining Paul Harris Fellow is a member who pledges to donate at least \$100 to the Rotary Foundation each year. When contributions reach \$1000, the Rotarian becomes a Paul Harris Fellow.

5. Any amount of money or other negotiable instrument may be given to any of the above funds.

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If you have not yet registered, go to the website and follow the steps to register

Registering with Rotary's Member Access allows you to access online services and features. To ensure your personal information remains confidential, many of our online services require you to log in to our secure environment with a unique email address and password. Once registered, you will have access to a variety of online services specific to your affiliation with Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation.

Club Database - DaCdb

www.directory-online.com

Your account in DACdb is automatically created when you join our Club. You won't need to "sign-up" for DACdb! But you will need to setup a password for your account. So, let's get started...

To log in for the first time, normally your preferred email address is your username, and you will need to create a new password. In your desktop web browser go to <http://dacdb.com/index.html> and click on the "Forgot Password" link:

Enter your username (generally your preferred email address) and click "Reset Password". Click OK and look at the inbox for your preferred email address. Sometimes our emails get diverted to your spam or junk email folder, so please check there if the email doesn't arrive in your inbox within 5 minutes.

Rotary Attendance Requirements

Make - Ups

A member of Club 2476 may make up for an absence by:

- Attending at least 60% of the regular meeting of another Rotary club
- Attending a Club 2476 board meeting
- Attending and participating in a Club 2476 service project or a club sponsored community event
- Attending District 6110 conference, assembly, district assembly or RI convention or RI meeting.
- Participating an average of 30 minutes in a web based on-line make up

www.rotaryclubone.org

Donations

Donations to Rotary Foundation - Write a separate check to **Rotary Foundation** and give to Club Secretary

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