

The History of Rotary

The Beginning:

Rotary began in Chicago, Illinois in 1905. Paul Harris, a Chicago attorney, conceived the idea of a club of professionals and businessmen who believed in the ideal of interdisciplinary cooperation, high business ethics, and service to others within the Chicago community. The original members were an attorney (Paul Harris), a merchant, a coal dealer, and a mining engineer.

The Name:

The Rotary name was adopted almost immediately after the club was formed, and referred to the practice of rotating the weekly meeting place among the offices of the various members.

The Ideals:

The ideals of Rotary were embraced very quickly within the United States and additional clubs were formed in many states. Rotary became an international organization in 1910 with the addition of the Rotary Club of Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada.



2009/10 International President
John Kenny

Club Leadership:

Officers:

President - Craig Engelage
President-Elect - Jane Young
Treasurer - Kurt Kofford
Secretary - Darci Wilson

Directors:

Past President - Charlie Brown
Club Administration - Wendy Shaw
Rotary Foundation - Tony Cerato
International Service - Erick Anderson
Local Service Projects - Matt Otten
Membership - Wayne Bland
Community Service Fund - Paul Koch
At-Large (Programs) - Mike McGrath
Public Relations/District - John Rodgers
Special Projects/ Butterfly - Maile Foster



Rotary Club of Colorado Springs



“Service Above Self”

Antlers Hilton Hotel
Every Friday: 12:15 - 1:30 p.m.

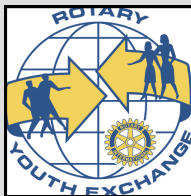
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The Rotary Club of Colorado Springs

The Rotary Club of Colorado Springs received its charter from Rotary International on May 1, 1916. It was the 218th Rotary club in the world and the very first service club in the Pikes Peak Region. At that time, there were 44 charter members of the Club, consisting of the most prominent businessmen in Colorado Springs (then a town of less than 30,000 people). Today the membership of the Club is approximately 150.

As the population of the city continued to grow, the Club recognized the importance of additional Rotary clubs in the community. With the sponsorship and support of the Rotary Club of Colorado Springs, there are now seven Rotary Clubs in the Pikes Peak Region, with a total membership of more than 450 Rotarians.

Throughout the years, the Rotary Club of Colorado Springs has devoted itself to community and international service. Individually and through its own Community Service Fund, the Rotary International Foundation and the Pikes Peak Area Rotary Endowment, members of the Rotary Club of Colorado Springs have made significant personal and monetary contributions toward the improvement of life in the Pikes Peak Region and throughout the world.



About Membership: The Rotary Club of Colorado Springs consists of executive men and women, all of whom believe in high personal and business ethics and in the goal of improving the Colorado Springs community and communities throughout the world. Our members represent a wide cross-section of local business, professional and community leaders.



About Club Meetings: The Rotary Club of Colorado Springs meets every Friday at the Antlers Hilton Hotel, 4 South Cascade Ave., in downtown Colorado Springs. Meetings begin at 12:15 p.m. and end promptly at 1:30 p.m.

Rotary's 4-Way Test:

- Is it the TRUTH?
- Is it FAIR to all concerned?
- Will it build GOOD WILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
- Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

Mission Statement: It is the mission of the Rotary Club of Colorado Springs to create a meaningful fellowship of business and professional leaders who are dedicated to making a positive difference in our local, national, and international communities through service.

What is Rotary? Rotary is the largest international service organization in the world, with over 1,200,000 members in more than 29,700 Rotary clubs in more than 160 countries. Rotarians throughout the world are dedicated to provide opportunities for service:

1. The development of friendships within the local community to provide opportunities for service.
2. High ethical standards in business and professions.
3. The application of the idea of Service Above Self in every Rotarian's personal, professional and community life.
4. The advancement of international understanding, goodwill and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service to their own community and to communities throughout the worlds.