

Rotary
CLUB OF MITCHELL, SD



Rotary District 5610

New Member Orientation

Welcome To Mitchell Rotary!

Motto:

*Service
Above Self*



Mission:

We provide service to others, promote integrity, and advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through our fellowship of business, professional, and community leaders.

The
Rotary
Foundation



Founded 1917

Since it was founded more than 100 years ago, the Foundation has spent more than **\$4 billion** on life-changing, sustainable projects.

Mission:

The Rotary Foundation helps Rotary members to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace by improving health, providing quality education, improving the environment, and alleviating poverty.



Who are Rotarians?

Rotary is a global network of over 1.4 million neighbors, friends, leaders, and problem-solvers who see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change – across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.

A black and white portrait of Paul Harris, a middle-aged man with a receding hairline, wearing a suit and tie. He is looking slightly to the left of the camera with a serious expression.

History of Rotary International

Paul Harris, a Chicago attorney formed the Rotary Club of Chicago on February 23, 1905, so professionals with diverse backgrounds could exchange ideas, form meaningful, lifelong friendships, and give back to their communities.

Rotary's name came from the group's early practice of rotating meetings among the offices of its members.

Organization of Rotary



- Rotary International is headquartered in Evanston, Illinois
 - Over 46,000 clubs worldwide.
- The President of RI, can be from anywhere in the world
- The Organization of Rotary International is divided into:
 - Zones – Our district is part of RI Zone 29
 - Districts – Our District is 5610 and includes all of South Dakota, northwestern Iowa, northeast Nebraska and southwestern Minnesota
 - D5610 Clubs – There are currently 35 active clubs and 4 Rotaract clubs

Organization of our District

- District 5610 is led by a District Governor; each serves for one year.
 - Bruce Nearhood, District Governor 2024-26, Rotary Club of Rapid Rushmore
 - Website: <https://www.rotary5610.org/>
- The District organization includes:
 - Assistant Governors who work with specific clubs.
 - District Committees with local specialists in areas of:
 - Membership
 - Foundation
 - Youth
 - Public Image
 - Literacy

Organization of the Rotary Club of Mitchell

Rotary Club of
Mitchell was
chartered in 1918

Meet at Bradley's at
noon on Thursday

2026-2027 Club Leadership

Joel Allen – President

Deb Olson – President Elect

Secretary/Treasurer – Susan Kiepke

Terry Aslesen – Board

Spencer Boyd – Board

Joe Lichter – Board

Jory Hansen - Past President

Benefits of Membership in Rotary

Opportunities to:

Make a difference through bigger, better, bolder service which changes lives in the community and the world

Develop skills such as public speaking, project management, event planning

Network with other professionals

Build lifelong friendships

Make international connections



Service in our club

Meeting Programs

Avenues of Service

Club, Vocational, Community, International, Youth

Signature Service Project

Rotary Park

Annual Service Projects

Salvation Army Bell Ringing

Interact Scholarships

Teacher of the Year Award

Beautify Mitchell (New in 2023)

- Remove Rogue Trees Around Home Foundations

Fundraisers

Football Raffle Books

Club Fines

Happy Dollars

District Foundation Raffle

Rotary Dues

- Dues are \$40 per quarter. This also includes all club, District and RI dues.
- A recommended annual giving of \$25 per quarter supports the RI Foundation and applies towards a Paul Harris Fellow.
- The meals are around \$12 for lunch when attending a club meeting.
 - Members can attend a meeting and choose not to eat lunch. In this case, the \$12.00 cost is not included on their billing statement.
 - Please sign in on the “attendance and meal check-in” sheet near the name badge boxes.
- Dues are billed quarterly via email.

Responsibilities of a Rotarian



Attend

There are no attendance rules, but you are encouraged to make it a priority and attend as often as possible.

Participate

You have joined Rotary because you are a service-minded person who wants to help your community.

Volunteer

Everyone is assigned to a club committee. Host great programs for our meetings.

Network

Networking is a good by-product of being a Rotarian.

Learn

Continue to learn more about Rotary and ways to serve our community.

Fellowship

Help foster lifelong friends with other club members.

High Ethical Standards

Use the Four-Way Test as a guide in business and in your personal life.

Have fun!

Enjoy the Rotary experience.



THE FOUR-WAY TEST

Of the things we think, say or do:

first

Is it the **TRUTH**?

second

Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?

third

Will it build **GOODWILL** and
BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?

fourth

Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to
all concerned?



Object of Rotary

The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

FIRST: The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;

SECOND: High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;

THIRD: The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;

FOURTH: The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

We channel our commitment to service at home and abroad through five Avenues of Service, which are the foundation of club activity.

- Club Service focuses on making clubs strong. A thriving club is anchored by strong relationships and an active membership development plan.
- Vocational Service calls on every Rotarian to work with integrity and contribute their expertise to the problems and needs of society. Learn more in [An Introduction to Vocational Service](#) and the Code of Conduct.
- Community Service encourages every Rotarian to find ways to improve the quality of life for people in their communities and to serve the public interest. Learn more in [Communities in Action: A Guide to Effective Projects](#).
- International Service exemplifies our global reach in promoting peace and understanding. We support this service avenue by sponsoring or volunteering on international projects, seeking partners abroad, and more.
- Youth Service recognizes the importance of empowering youth and young professionals through leadership development programs such as Interact, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards, and Rotary Youth Exchange.

As a Rotarian, I will:

1. Act with integrity and high ethical standards in my personal and professional life
2. Deal fairly with others and treat them and their occupations with respect
3. Use my professional skills through Rotary to mentor young people, help those with special needs, and improve people's quality of life in my community and in the world
4. Avoid behavior that reflects adversely on Rotary or other Rotarians
5. Help maintain a harassment-free environment in Rotary meetings, events, and activities; report any suspected harassment; and help ensure non-retaliation to those individuals that report harassment