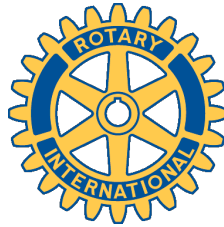


# Martin Rotary Club

[www.martinrotary.org](http://www.martinrotary.org)



**Martin Rotary** was founded in 1928. We are affiliated with **Rotary International**, the world's first service club organization, which was founded in 1904 by Paul Harris, a Chicago attorney. Rotary has more than 1.2 million members in 33,000 clubs worldwide. Rotary club members are volunteers who work locally, regionally, and internationally to combat hunger, improve health and sanitation, provide education and job training, promote peace, and eradicate polio under the motto **Service Above Self**.

We guide our business and professional lives by the Rotary 4-Way Test, which we recite at every meeting:

**It is the truth?**

**Is it fair to all concerned?**

**Will it build good will and better friendships?**

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

**What does Rotary International do?**

Rotary does so many things around the world that it is hard to summarize, but here are a few things that we are particularly proud of:

- Rotary has worked for over 20 years to eradicate **polio** from the planet by paying for the polio vaccine for anyone who needs it. After 20 years we are very proud to report that in 2010 there were under 1,000 cases around the world, thanks to Rotary.
- Rotary spends money around the world on water projects, electricity projects, and education and goodwill projects.
- When **Bill and Melinda Gates** wanted to give 240 million of their money to do good works around the world, they chose to give it to Rotary International.
- Rotary has a **Foundation** that accepts donations from members, clubs, and non-Rotarians. The Foundation takes the donations every year, holds them in the bank for 3 years, and uses the interest to pay for Rotary International expenses. Also, after 3 years part of the money is returned back down to the Districts and local clubs for district and local service projects. In this manner, 100% of the money given to Rotary is used for service. No other organization in the world does this. None.
- If your personal lifetime giving to the Rotary Foundation ever reaches \$1,000, you will be awarded with the designation of **Paul Harris Fellow**. This is a very high honor in Rotary, and one that every Rotarian aspires to.

**A little about Martin Rotary**

We meet every **Thursday at noon** in the University Center on the campus of UT Martin. We have lunch together, listen to scheduled speakers on various topics, plan service projects and fund raisers, and have fun together.

As a Rotary member you will be required to **pay quarterly dues**. The quarterly amount is \$140, for a yearly total of \$560. What does that money go toward? That money goes for Rotary International membership dues, Rotary District dues, and the cost of your meals. Here is an approximate breakdown:

<b>Dues collected</b>	<b>\$ 560.00</b>	<b>100 %</b>
Yearly RI dues	-\$ 64.00	11 %
Yearly District dues	-\$ 24.00	5 %
Yearly Meals	-\$ 360.00 (48 @ \$7.50)	64 %
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<b>What's Left over</b>	<b>\$ 112.00</b>	<b>20 %</b>

As you can see, most of your money simply goes to **cover cost and maintain your membership** in the larger organization of Rotary International. With some of the left over money we pay for administrative expenses, such as buttons and pins for all members, postage, printing, etc. After all our expenses, **we have a very small amount of money left to do good works in our community**. Because the amount is very small, we perform fund-raisers throughout the year to raise additional money so that we can make donations to local causes. Here are some examples of fund raisers we have done over the years: **a Ham Breakfast, a Golf Tournament, and a Sing-A-Like impersonator competition.**

#### What are you required to do as a Martin Rotarian?

1. We expect you to **pay your dues on time**, every quarter. If you don't pay your dues for whatever reason, we expect you to resign.
2. We expect you to **participate in one fund-raiser** each year by the selling of tickets for that fund-raiser. The Board of Directors chooses that fund-raiser every year that all members are required to sell tickets for.

#### What are you expected to do as Martin Rotarian?

1. **Club meeting attendance** is expected, as it helps you to bond with your fellow members and stay informed about what's going on with our club.
2. If you miss a meeting, we encourage you to **make up the meeting** by attending other Rotary Club meetings in the area, or by watching one of our recorded club meetings on our website.
3. We expect you to **participate in other fund-raisers** that we have throughout the year.
4. We expect you to participate in **service projects** that our club does in our community.
5. We expect you to help us **identify others** in the community who would be good Rotarians.
6. We encourage you to **give to the Rotary Foundation** if you can. Our club receives recognition and additional funds from Rotary International for local service projects if our club members give to the Foundation. So we strongly encourage our members to give.

#### What else do you need to know about Martin Rotary?

1. At every meeting we have what we call '**braggin rights**'. That means you can pay \$1 and brag to the club about anything you want. Also, if you are in the local papers, you have to pay \$1.
2. If you have a **birthday** during the month, you have to pay \$.10 for every year of your age.
3. If you attend all meetings during the year (or make up all meetings that you missed) you will be given the **Perfect Attendance award** and given a special pen for your lapel.
4. Our **website**, [www.martinrotary.org](http://www.martinrotary.org), has great information, such as recordings of club meetings, our club documents, announcements, a picture gallery of events, and a listing of our members and their picture.
5. If you bring a **guest** of any kind, you have to pay for their meal. You can either pay for the meal at the time of the meeting or have it added to your quarterly club dues.
6. After you become a member, you will have the chance to purchase **Rotary apparel**, such as a t-shirt, polo, or button-down shirt. We encourage members to wear their shirts at all fund-raisers and service projects.
7. We sponsor a college Rotary organization at UT Martin called '**Rotaract**'. We sponsor a Rotary organization at Westview High School called '**Interact**'.
8. We participate in an international water project in Honduras every year, either by donating money to it or sending club members to participate.
9. We give college scholarships to high school students every year.
10. We **donate** approximately \$15K every year to our local community, because of our fund-raising.