



Annual Member Handbook 2024-2025

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THE OBJECT OF ROTARY

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 an 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 and his/her occupation as an opportunity to serve society;

THIRD: The application of the ideal of service by every Rotarian to his/her 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 the things we think, say or do

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL & BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

VICKSBURG ROTARY BOARD MEETINGS

11:00 a.m., Third Tuesday of the Month,
Main St Pub, 208 East Prairie

President	David Aubry
President-Elect	Don Ulsh
President Nominee	Kathy Forsythe
President Designee	December '24 election
Past President	Mike Wunderlin
Secretary	Kathy Forsythe
Treasurer	Danna Downing
Board Member	Eric Hansen

REGULAR MEETINGS

12:00PM – 1:30PM

Fridays at

Main Street Pub, 208 East Prairie St.

ROTARY CLUB OF VICKSBURG

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CLUB CALENDAR

July 2024 – Maternal & Child Health Month

Regular Meetings: 12-DG visit, 19
Social 26: Lions' Summer Fest
Board Meeting: 7/ 9, 11:00 (TBD)
No meeting July 5

August 2024 – Membership & Extension Month

Regular Meetings: 2, 9, 16, 23
Board Meeting: 8/20, 11:00
No meeting August 30 (Labor Day 9/2)
Social: 15 Gilmore Car Museum 5:30-8

September 2024 – Basic Education & Literacy Month

Regular Meetings 6, 13, 20
Board Meeting: 9/17, 11:00 (TBD)
Social meeting: 27

October 2024 – Economic & Community Development Month

Regular Meetings: 4,11,18
Board Meeting 10/15, 11:00 (TBD)
Social meeting: 25

November 2024 – Rotary Foundation Month

President Designee, Board nominations

Regular Meetings: 1,8,15, 22
Board Meeting: 11/19, 11:00
Social meeting: 29 (Thanksgiving 28)

December 2024 – Disease Prevention & Treatment Month

Club Election

Regular Meetings: 6, 13
Board Meeting: 12/17, 11:00
Social: Christmas dinner (week of 16th)
Social meeting 27

January 2025 – Vocational Service Month

Regular Meetings: 3, 10, 17,24
Board Meeting: 1/21, 11:00
Social meeting: 31

February 2025– Peace Building & Conflict Prevention Month

- Pre-PETS training
Regular Meetings: 7, 14, 21
Board Meeting: 2/18, 11:00 (TBD)
Social meeting: 28

March 2025 – Water, Sanitation & Hygiene Month

- PETS Training / Enter goals
Regular Meetings: 7, 14, 21
Board Meeting: 3/18, 11:00 (TBD)
Social meeting: 28

April 2025 Environmental Month

- District 6360 Foundation Grant application deadline-May 31
- Review & confirm committees for upcoming year
- Paul Harris birthday 4/19
Regular Meetings: 4,11, 25
Board Meeting: 4/15 11:00
Social meeting: Good Friday 18

May 2025 – Youth Services Month

- Mercer Munn award review / Rotary Hero review / Paul Harris award review
- Strive Awards /Honors Banquet / Senior Awards dinner
- VHS top 10% senior visit
- District Conference – 5/2-3 MI Maritime Museum
Regular Meetings: 2, 9, 16, 30
Board Meeting: 5/20, 11:00
Social meeting: week of 18? Growlers game
(Memorial Day 26)

June 2025 – Rotary Fellowship Month

- President Handover
Regular Meetings: 6, 13, 20– Committee Reports
Board Meeting: 6/17, 11:00
Social meeting: (Charter night-week of 27)

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Mercer Munn Award

Mercer Munn, a lifelong resident of Vicksburg and Rotary member for 62 years, demonstrated the Rotary tenants in his everyday life. The Mercer Munn Award recognizes a non-Rotarian who has made a difference in the Vicksburg area.

Name	Date	Name	Date
Lori Hardy	2004	Lorna Landrum	2015
Sheldon Durham	2005	Tonya Nash	2016
Jack Fryling	2006	Kristina Powers Aubry	2017
Bill Oswalt	2007	Gail Reisterer	2018
Bob Merrill	2008	Sheri Louis	2019
Lloyd Appell	2009	Jackie Skinner	2020
Danna Downing	2010	Paula Schriemer, MD	2021
Nellie Pierson	2011	Steve Schimp	2022
Bonnie Holmes	2012	Margaret Kerchief	2023
Mike Hardy	2013	Karla Stubblefield	2024
Ken Schippers	2014		

Golden Trowel Award

This award honors a non-Rotarian for exemplary community service and is chosen from nominations from over 50 clubs in District 6360.

Name	Year	Name	Year
Karla Stubblefield	2011	Tina Forsyth	2018
Chris Garrett	2014	South County News	2022
Ken Franklin	2016		

Rotary District 6360 Hero Award

Rotary Heroes exemplify Service above Self in everything that they think, say and do and have given years of service to the Club and their community.

Name	Year	Name	Year
Warren Lawrence	2010	Michael Tichvon	2017
Richard Coppes	2011	David Aubry	2018
Gordon Oswalt	2012	Larry Forsyth	2020
Jim Shaw	2013	Danna Downing	2021
Tim Moore	2014	JR Fulton	2022
Laura Howard	2015	Jim Bird	2023
Sue Moore	2016	Syd Bastos	2024

Duane D. Rupert 1909-1951	Lou Schimp 1927-2000
Reyford Chew 1899-1965	Don Smith 1923-2001
Stanley Yates 1909-1965	John Hill 1916-2002
Ferris H. Oswald 1907-1969	Blain Rice 1924-2003
Carlton L Critz 1896-1970	James McClelland 1936-2003
Lyle H. Bartlett 1930-1970	Henry Barrett 1912-2005
Stanley J. Munn 1928-1972	Arle Schneider 1919-2007
Clayton E. Linton 1913-1974	Carl Bennett 1930-2008
William F. Taylor 1898-1974	Wilson Dye 1925-2010
Kenneth H. Krum 1922-1976	Walt Morris, Sr. 1921-2011
Ted C. McHugh 1908-1976	Winston Rice 1916-2011
Harold Krieg 1897-1980	Donald Lohman 1935-2014
Homer Brumbaugh 1890-1980	Margaret Merrill 1931-2014
Oscar Allen 1897-1982	Richard Coppes 1925-2017
Clark W. Mowry 1909-1983	Gordon Oswald 1935-2018
Jack Hunt 1941-1984	Dennis Boyle 1930-2018
Tom Weeks 1914-1985	Robert Cohrs 1920-2018
David Goldsmith 1928-1986	Gerald Kott 1935-2018
Leo B. Rasmussen 1914-1988	Charlie Kendall 1928-2019
Merritt Harper 1907-1993	Sue Moore 1938-2020
Meredith Clark 1907-1993	Dick Masse 1942-2023
Ray Little 1900-1994	Larry Cole 1940-2023
Warren Holcomb 1920-1994	Tim Moore 1938-2023
Henry Weessies 1900-1994	J.R. Fulton 1938-2023
John Stroud 1909-1994	Robert Harper 1937-2023
Mercer Munn 1902-1996	Mark Harsha 1959-2024

PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS

The Paul Harris Fellow acknowledges individuals who contribute, or who have contributions made in their name of \$1,000 to The Rotary Foundation. Honorary Paul Harris Award Recipients are selected annually by Paul Harris Committee made up of PH Fellows and are designated with a “*.” Honorary Paul Harris Award Recipients have served as president of the club, have 10 years or more of service with the club, and have made significant contributions to the club and the community.

David Aubry	PHF+6*	Gen Landtroop	PHF *
Kristina Powers Aubry	PHF+1	Warren J. Lawrence	PHF+3 *
Syd Bastos	PHF	G Raymond Little	PHF
Mike Becker	PHF *	Donald W. Lohman	PHF *
Ken Blough	PHF *	Bruce E Martens	PHF *
Jim Bird	PHF *	James S. McClelland	PHF *
Dennis Boyle	PHF *	Margaret Merrill	PHF *
Penny Briscoe	PHF+1	Mark Mitchell	PHF
Joseph L. Brockington	PHF	Marti Moore	PHF *
Meredith G Clark	PHF *	Sue Moore	PHF *
Buff Coe	PHF *	Timothy Moore	PHF *
Robert Cohrs	PHF *	Walt Morris Sr	PHF *
Richard C. Coppes	PHF *	Mercer D Munn	PHF *
Danna Downing	PHF+2	Gordon F. Oswald	PHF *
James P. Dyke	PHF	Lee E. Philport	PHF *
Donald R. Flanders	PHF *	Leo B Rasmussen	PHF
Larry J. Forsyth	PHF+1*	Vern J. Reed	PHF+2 *
Jerome R Fulton	PHF *	Blaine L. Rice	PHF *
Charles Glaes	PHF *	Winston L Rice	PHF *
David Goldsmith	PHF *	Arle Schneider	PHF *
Robert P Harper	PHF *	James M. Shaw	PHF+1 *
Mark O. Harsha	PHF+1	Virginia M Shaw	PHF
Barry K. Heywood	PHF *	Didik Soekarmoen	PHF *
John E Hill	PHF *	Michael M Tichvon	PHF *
Edith Holcomb	PHF	Donald Ulsh	PHF *
Warren E. Holcomb	PHF	Thomas A Weeks	PHF *
Laura Howard	PHF *	Henry F Weessies	PHF *
Charlie D. Kendall	PHF *	Maureen Wiertella	PHF
Skip C. Knowles	PHF *	Michael H. Wunderlin	PHF *

CLUB PRESIDENTS

Name	Year	Name	Year
John A. Daugherty	1924-26	Howard Smith	1958-59
Charles G. Porter	1926-27	Kenneth J Otis	1959-60
Norman Bardeen	1927-28	F. Roberts Cohrs	1960-61
Homer A. Brumbaugh	1928-29	Blaine L Rice	1961-62
Levant A. Strong	1929-30	William J. Root	1962-63
Ira T. Stroud	1930-31	Winston L. Rice	1963-64
Charles E. Osborne	1931-32	Arthur L. Spafford	1964-65
Fred R. Dunning	1932-33	Robert W. Ell	1965-66
Martin H. Derhammer	1933-34	Donald B. Smith	1966-67
Byron Bishop	1934-35	Lyle H Bartlett	1967-68
Dr. Z. I. Gilding	1935-36	Hess V. Bowyer	1968-69
Ferris H. Oswalt	1936-37	David Goldsmith	1969-70
Dr. Stanley Yates	1937-38	James McClelland	1970-71
Lewis D. Maher	1938-39	Timothy Moore	1971-72
Byron Thomas	1939-40	Ted McHugh	1972-73
Duane D. Rupert	1940-41	Robert Harper	1973-74
Don Simpson	1941-42	Gordon Oswalt	1974-75
Arden Seaton	1942-43	James Shaw	1975-76
Mercer D. Munn	1943-44	Gerald Kott	1976-77
G. Raymond Little	1944-45	Herm Gruis	1977-78
Leonard W. Hawkins	1945-46	Warren Lawrence	1978-79
A.L. Blauvelt	1946-47	John Hill	1979-80
Ralph Haywards	1947-48	Dennis Boyle	1980-81
Clayton Linton	1948-49	Don Lohman	1981-82
J. William Weessies	1949-50	Allan Gearig	1982-83
Clair Carvell	1950-51	Richard Coppes	1983-84
Dr. Arle Schneider	1951-52	Larry Cole	1984-85
Thomas Weeks	1952-53	Bruce Martens	1985-86
John Imanse	1953-54	Don Linders	1986-87
James Tolhuisen	1954-55	Bob Dornbos	1987-88
Reyford Chew	1955-56	Gordon Willis	1988-89
Dr. Leo Rasmussen	1956-57	Barry Haywood	1989-90
Stephan Kukulich	1957-58	Mike Becker	1990-91

CLUB PRESIDENTS Continued

John Durham	1991-92	Syd Bastos	2022-23
Mike Wunderlin	1992-93	Mike Wunderlin	2023-24
Skip Knowles	1993-94	David J. Aubry	2024-25
Tim Hoffmeister	1994-95	Donald Ulsh	2025-26
Don Flanders	1995-96	Kathleen Forsythe	2026-27
Vern Reed	1996-97		
Monty Rubley	1997-98		
Didik Soekarmoem	1998-99		
David George	1999-00		
Laura Howard	2000-01		
Laura Howard	2001-02		
Charles Kendall	2002-03		
Margaret Merrill	2003-04		
Kyle Dury	2004-05		
Jon Conant	2005-06		
Gerritt VanderKamp	2006-07		
Ken Blough	2007-08		
Marti Moore	2008-09		
Warren Lawrence	2009-10		
Lee Philport	2010-11		
Buff Coe	2011-12		
Sue Moore	2012-13		
Michael Tichvon	2013-14		
Larry J. Forsyth	2014-15		
David J. Aubry	2015-16		
James Bird	2016-17		
Mark Mitchell	2017-18		
Don Ulsh	2018-19		
Charlie Church	2019-20		
Mary Marshall	2020-21		
Jill Walsh	2021-22		

Member Roster & Classification

Bill Adams	Marketing Research
David Aubry	Secondary Special Education
Syd Bastos	Industrial Engineering
Jim Bird	Vocational Education
Annelore Cannizzaro	Law, General
Charlie Church	Personal Insurance
Danna Downing	Community Service
Larry Forsyth	Metal Fabrication
Kathy Forsythe	Editor/ Publisher
Steve Goss	Public Schools, Financial Admin
Eric Hansen	Library Director
Skip Knowles	Insurance, General
Warren Lawrence	Public Ed, Intermediate School Dist
Carol Lohman	Veterinary Medicine
Art O'Leary	Parole and Correction Management
Keevin O'Neill	Education Administration
Brian Penny	?????
Lee Philport	Building Systems, Sales
Vern Reed	Real Estate/Appraisal
Jim Shaw	Public Schools, Primary Ed
Didik Soekarmoen	Drugs/Retail
Mike Tichvon	Golf Course
Don Ulsh	Township Administration
Mike Wunderlin	Vitamins, Retail

Honorary Members: Laura Howard, **Nancy Fulton, Marti Moore**, Bonnie Oswald, Homer Green, Kristina Powers Aubry

Committees

Administration

Chair: Don Ulsh (269)679-5098 or (269)377-5311

Members: Bill Adams, David Aubry, Charlie Church, Skip Knowles, Lee Philport, Jim Shaw, Mike Wunderlin

Areas of Responsibility:

- Club programs
- Social events (Christmas Party, Charter Night, others)
- Club Meeting Logistics
 - Coordinate communication with Main Street Pub & speakers
 - Organize off-site meetings
- Awards and Citations:
 - Golden Trowel Nomination: District Foundation Banquet in Fall
 - Hero Award: District Meeting in Spring
 - Mercer Munn Award: Charter Night in June
 - Paul Harris Award: Charter Night in June

Membership

Chair: Mike Wunderlin (269)352-6375

Members: Bill Adams, Skip Knowles, Lee Philport

Areas of Responsibility:

- Attraction
- Engagement
- New member orientation
- Diversity

Public Relations

Chair: Kathy Forsythe

Members: Eric Hansen, Kathy Forsythe, Danna Downing

Areas of Responsibility:

- Marketing strategic plan including
 - Media relations (articles, press releases)
 - Advertising and marketing, web, social media
- Website Maintenance
- Marketing Assets
 - Review & update as needed
 - Create procedures for check in/check out, maintenance

Service Projects

Co chairs: Larry Forsyth (269)626-6511 or (269)649-

2437/Jim Bird (269) 649-1005 or (269) 501-4436

Members: Lisa Coe, Carol Lohman, Jim Shaw

Areas of Responsibility:

- International, Community, Vocational projects. Currently:

- Salvation Army Bell Ringing
- Clean-up: Cemetery Headstones and Historic Village
- Adopt-a-Highway program
- Safe-at-Home with SCCS
- Youth Services
 - VHS Scholarships (Coordinate with VHS)
 - VHS Honors Reception (With Lions Club)
 - STRIVE (service – not fund raising)
 - Student guests/Honors student luncheon at May club meeting

Fundraising

Chair: Bill Adams (269)823-2492

Members: David Aubry, Danna Downing, Skip Knowles, Don Ulsh, Mike Wunderlin

Areas of Responsibility:

- Fundraising for Club Service Projects/Charitable Giving
 - 50/50 raffle at Old Car Festival
- Fundraising for Club General Account
 - Minor Portion of Scrap Metal Recycling
- Fundraising for Club Endowment Account at Kalamazoo Community Foundation.
 - Major Portion of Scrap Metal Recycling.
- Fundraising for Grants (matching funds needed beyond our charitable giving account).

Finance

Chair: Danna Downing (269)779-5453

Members: David Aubry, Syd Bastos, Warren Lawrence, Vern Reed, Don Ulsh

Areas of Responsibility:

- Coordinate budget process
- Financial reporting and review

Rotary Foundation

Chair: Warren Lawrence (269) 649-0349

Members: David Aubry

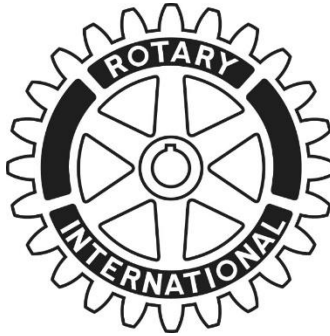
Areas of Responsibility:

- Submit Annual club pledge for the Rotary Foundation (supports PolioPlus, Global, District, Disaster Response and Programs of Scale grants and Rotary Peace Centers)
- Communicate special appeals to local club as communicated from RI

Note: The Club Officer Nominations process will be moved to the Board with nominations due by November, Club vote in December.

Club Customs and Code of Conduct:

- Members wear their badges during the meeting. Negligence here is a finable offense.
- Members greet and shake hands with other members and guests.
- Members ask their guests what they wish to drink and serve them. If guests get their own drinks, members at the table will be fined.
- Members are expected to pay a fine on their wedding anniversary and birthday. If members bring their Rotary partner to lunch on their anniversary, no fine is levied.
- Fellow members are addressed by first names, not last names.
- If a member must leave early, they approach the speaker before the meeting starts and apologize for leaving.
- Members do not carry on conversations when others have the floor.
- Members silence their phones when meetings are under way. Failure to do so is a finable offense.
- We often conduct a “Happy Buck” session where members are allowed to share something significant in their lives for a small fee (usually \$1 or more). Money collected is deposited into the Vicksburg Rotary Charities Endowment. Participation is optional.
- We have a Lucky Number drawing with \$0.25 going to the main pot and \$0.25 going to the tables we sit at. The number drawn gets the main pot and the person closest to the number at his/her table gets the table pot. Participation is optional.
- We conduct a 50/50 raffle at each Club meeting. Tickets are \$1 or 6 for \$5. One ticket is drawn. The winner splits the pot with the other half going to the Rotary International Annual Fund pledge. Participation is optional.
- We no longer pass the hat for End Polio Now at every meeting. Members are encouraged to donate directly at [MyRotary.org](https://www.MyRotary.org).



On this earth is an odd land mass named “Michigan” and within it is the village of ‘Vicksburg.’ Here a group of business and professional men formed a club for fun, fellowship, and also as a means of working together for their village to accomplish things they couldn’t do individually.

The club is a Rotary Club, which means that the members, besides having fun in their meetings and projects, also channel their membership and efforts within a certain framework and emphasize service in various areas such as community, vocational, and international service.

The idea of service to others as a means of dignifying individuals and bettering their lot on earth has a surprising vitality. The first service club in the world was conceived in this land of the ‘red, white, and blue’ by a group of Chicagoans in 1905. They called it a “Rotary Club.” One hundred and fifteen years later, Rotary is in the hearts of more than one million men and women flung to the points of the compass around the world.

Where is the heart of worldwide Rotary? For us it is in our own club in Vicksburg, and the world compass rests here to point us out.

It is here at home we feel the elements of life, love, tolerance and warmth of friendship which sustains us just as the warm, sunshine itself nourishes us. As the sun-gold field on the banker symbolizes Nature’s vital significance to us, the banner itself symbolizes the vitality that Rotary ideals have to life between us.

Written by Arle Schneider
President 1951-52
Rotary Club of Vicksburg

About Rotary

Rotary is made up of three parts: our clubs, Rotary International, and The Rotary Foundation. Together, we work to make lasting change in our communities and around the world.

Rotary is a global network of 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.

Solving real problems takes real commitment and vision. For more than 118 years, Rotary's people of action have used their passion, energy, and intelligence to take action on sustainable projects. From literacy and peace to water and health, we are always working to better our world, and we stay committed to the end.

What we do

Rotary members believe that we have a shared responsibility to take action on our world's most persistent issues. Our 46,000+ clubs work together to:

- Promote peace
- Fight disease
- Provide clean water, sanitation, and hygiene
- Save mothers and children
- Support education
- Grow local economies
- Protect the environment
- Get involved

Our mission

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

Our Vision

Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change — across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.

New logo

“Everybody can be great. Because anybody can serve. You don’t have to have a college degree to serve. You don’t have to make your subject and your verb agree to serve. You don’t have to know the second theory of thermodynamics in physics to serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love.”

– **Martin Luther King, Jr.**

“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it’s the only thing that ever has.”

– **Margaret Mead**

SERVICE ABOVE SELF
THE ROTARY CLUB OF VICKSBURG

CLUB NUMBER 2962
CHARTERED MAY 24, 1924

