

# Our Club

The Rotary Club of Carbondale Breakfast was chartered in 1988 and plays a vital role in our community. Through community-based activities, the Club meets many of our community's needs including: youth literacy, health and human safety, education, cultural diversity, and the international effort to eradicate polio.

To generate funds toward these local, regional, and global initiatives, the Club conducts numerous fundraising/community building events including:

- **Dictionary Project** - purchase and distribute dictionaries to all third graders in the Carbondale area
- **Puzzle for a Purpose** - Speed puzzling competition fundraiser.
- **Adopt-A-Spot** - monthly clean-up of litter on part of Main Street in Carbondale
- **Rotary Youth Exchange** - host and sponsor high school students from foreign countries
- **Great Carbondale Pumpkin Race** - annually host a race between pumpkins fitted with wheels and axels
- **Scholarships** - awards three \$1,000 scholarships to graduating Carbondale High School students for post-secondary education
- **Polio Eradication** - supports Rotary International efforts to eradicate polio from the face of the earth.

# UNITE FOR GOOD

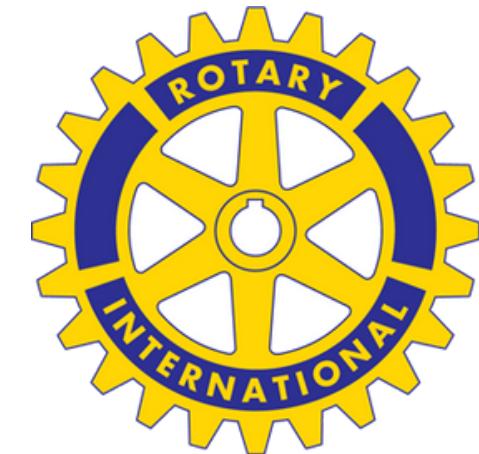


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[www.Rotary.org](http://www.Rotary.org)

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**Welcome  
to the  
Rotary Club  
of  
Carbondale Breakfast**



Vanessa Sneed  
Club President 2025-26

Visit with us at our  
weekly meeting  
Tuesdays at 7 am

SIU Student Center  
Cambria Room  
418 S. Illinois Ave  
Carbondale, IL

## What is Rotary?

Rotary International is a worldwide organization of business, professional, and community leaders who provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and help build goodwill and peace in the world.

Rotary International is the world's first service club. The first Rotary Club was founded in Chicago, IL in 1905.

Rotary International has approximately 1.2 million members belonging to 33,000 clubs in 200 countries and territories around the world.

Rotarians meet weekly for fellowship and interesting programs dealing with topics of local and global importance. Membership is by invitation and reflects a wide cross-section of the community.

Rotarians plan and implement humanitarian, educational, and cultural exchange programs with the aim of improving the quality of life of people in their local communities and in our world community.

The Rotary Foundation each year provides the necessary financial support for Rotary clubs to carry out the mission of Rotary International to advance understanding, good will, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the elimination of poverty.

## Membership

The foundation of Rotary service is based on member participation. To maximize the potential for Rotarians to effectively meet needs in their community, each member of the Club is expected to attend regular weekly meetings and required to attend at least 50% of meetings each half-year.

With 48 clubs throughout Southern Illinois, 33,000 clubs internationally and eClubs, members can make-up or attend meetings at any Rotary Club in the world.

To operate effectively, each member is required to contribute annual dues, as well as participate in Club projects and activities, and encouraged to make annual contributions in any amount to the Rotary Foundation in support of the Annual Programs Fund and Polio Plus.



### 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?

## The Object of Rotary

To encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular:

**First** - The development of acquaintances 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.

## Five Avenues of Service

**Club Service** - Focuses on strengthening fellowship and ensuring the effective functioning of the club.

**Vocational Service** - Encourages Rotarians to serve others through their vocations and to practice high ethical standards.

**Community Service** - Covers the projects and activities the club undertakes to improve life in its community.

**International Service** - Encompasses actions taken to expand Rotary's humanitarian reach around the globe and to promote world understanding and peace.

**Youth Service** - Recognizes positive change implemented by youth and young adults through leadership development activities, service projects, and exchange programs.