

Why Rotary?

“My initial motivation was to get to know more people in the area. Although I had property here since 1966, I had only lived here since 1982 and, except for church, I didn’t know very many people. I accepted an invitation from Lester Swanson and quickly saw how involved the club was in the community and internationally. I became club secretary and learned a lot more about Rotary. The more I got involved, the more I liked what I saw. I especially enjoy the international facet. The world is full of Rotary Friends, you just haven’t had a chance to meet them all yet. Together we can make a difference.”



David Lundin
Retired
Airline Pilot



Warren White
Civil Engineer

“I was making my way through a busy middle age when I was invited to a Rotary meeting. I figured that the last thing I needed was another obligation on my time. At the Rotary meeting, however, I was first exposed to the four way test. A group who reminded themselves every week about TRUTH, FAIRNESS, GOOD WILL AND BENEFIT TO OTHERS and consistently tested their ethics against these four benchmarks was worthy of my time and support.”

“After recently moving to St Croix Falls, Rotary allowed me to quickly network with area business professionals, helping me become a true member of the community, not just someone who lives here. Through Rotary, my whole family has taken ownership in our city, serving and participating in local events. We also enjoy learning how we can make a difference in the world through the Rotary Foundation and hope to someday travel with fellow Rotarians on an international service trip.”



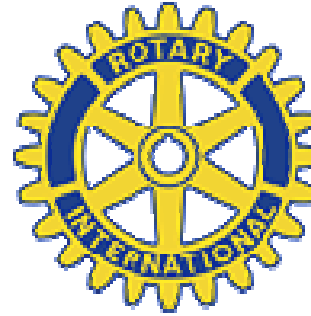
Rebecca Berg
Financial Advisor



Cheryl Johnson
Chiropractor

“When I joined in 1994 the club was very small. Although there were only 2 women at that time, I never felt like I wasn’t welcome. The club has changed a lot since then. We do much more and we are so much larger, including many more women. I met a lot of people I would have never met without Rotary. I’ve never regretted joining Rotary and would encourage anyone to do the same.”

For more information, call (715) 294-2759



Welcome to the St Croix Falls/Taylors Falls Rotary Club

Who we are...

The Rotary Club of St. Croix Falls/Taylors Falls is part of an international organization of community leaders throughout the world. We provide quality weekly programs to support professional development and educate our members on community and business issues while fostering fellowship.

What we do...

We join together each Wednesday at 12:15 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Express on Hwy 8 in St. Croix Falls. While there, we enjoy lunch and learning together. We also have several opportunities throughout the year to get together for fellowship or to serve our community and world. We are happy to welcome guests, so please join us!

What we stand for...

We strive to live by the Four-Way Test of truthfulness, fairness, friendship and actions beneficial to all. In this we strive to build goodwill and peace in our community and in our world.

The Four Way Test Of what we think, say and do.

- Is it the truth?
- Is it fair to all concerned?
- Will it build goodwill and better friendships?
- Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

What to Expect

The St. Croix Falls/Taylor Falls Rotary Club was chartered in June of 1986 with 16 members, several of whom are still active today. We currently have over 35 members from St. Croix Falls, Taylor Falls, Osceola, Luck and throughout the region, and we are continually growing and accepting new membership.

Through the years we have had a club tradition of starting each meeting by showing our commitment to God, our Country and our Organization by stating the Pledge of Allegiance, joining in a word of thanks to God, reciting the Rotary Four Way Test and by singing a patriotic song.

After we go over any necessary weekly announcements, we move on to our weekly program, which we each take turns either presenting or supplying. This happens each week except for the first Wednesday of each month, when we meet in small groups representing our four avenues of service to plan and review:

- Community Service
- Vocational Service
- International Service
- Club Service

Beyond our Communities

Here at the St. Croix Falls/Taylor Falls Rotary Club, we are a small part of something much bigger...

Rotary International, founded in 1905, is the world's first service organization. The rotary motto, "**Service Above Self**" tells of our commitment to truth, fairness, improved relations between people and world peace.

Rotary has a global network of 1.2 million members in more than 29,000 clubs in 160 countries.

Rotary clubs represent a cross-section of local business and professional leaders from many ethnicities, cultures and creeds in communities throughout the world.

20 Years of Service

Locally

- Award annual scholarships to local youth
- Sponsor and send high school students to leadership camps
- Recognize outstanding students and teachers from our area
- Ring bells to collect money for the Salvation Army
- Assist with Wannigan Days
- Support the food shelf
- Provide labor and financial support for the Special Kids Day at Crystal Ball Farms
- Help with building and funding the St. Croix Falls area skate park
- Sponsored and helped to build or improve nature trails
- Supported the Historical Society
- Donated over \$7000 and many hours to the Senior Center renovation
- Purchased 3 defibrillators for sites in the community
- Supported the Polk County Meth Program
- Provided support and assistance to a local battered women's shelter.
- Supplied park benches in trails and parks throughout the area

Internationally

- Sponsor in- and out-bound foreign exchange students
- Continue to work towards our goal of Polio eradication
- Sponsor and participate in both in- and out-bound Group Study and Friendship Exchanges
- Provide support for the Haitian Clean Water Project
- Built latrines for a school in Ghana
- Provided school supplies to Costa Rica
- Improved Sanitation in Mexico

Beyond Service

- Pontoon parties
- Weekly camaraderie and networking with other local professionals
- Informal Get-togethers
- Valentine's Day Social
- Golf Tournaments
- Christmas Celebration