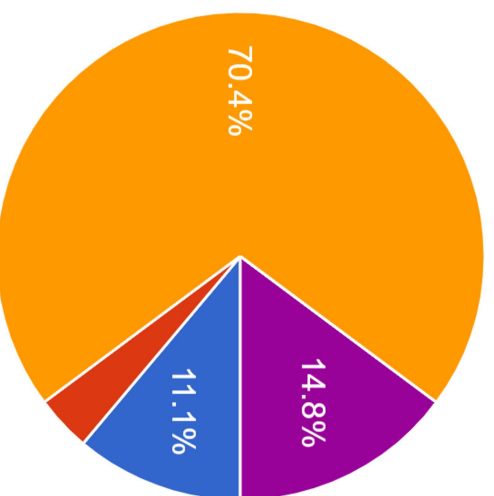


Out of the five Avenues of Service (pillars) that drive Elkhorn Rotary activities, which one is most important to you?

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- Club Service: Focuses on strengthening fellowship and ensuring the smooth fu...
- Vocational Service: Encourages Rotarians to serve others through thei...
- Community Service: Covers projects undertaken to improve the quality of lif...
- International Service: Promotes global understanding and peace through hu...
- Youth Service: Recognizes the positive change implemented by young people...

What is the main reason you joined Rotary and why you continue to be a Rotary member?

community service locally in Elkhorn, second for networking

To meet other professionals in the community, and I heard they did good things, but didn't know quite exactly what.

Networking and social reasons are why I joined. Those reasons continue to be why I am still in Rotary along with the fact that is important to me to be part of a club that does good things for the community and beyond and be part of contributing to those efforts.

Because someone asked - and I continue because I enjoy giving back to my community.

It was required by my job to join a community service organization. I like the members! I like the lunch meetings and learning from the guest speakers.

Community Connections. First to run for office and then professionally. I also love to give back and stay connected to my home.

Community connection (I was a newcomer to Elkhorn) and networking.

Get to know a professional group of engaged citizens. Enjoy the group and learning about all the great things happening in and around Elkhorn.

community service for Elkhorn locally,

Invited by my father to service the community and for the fellowship.

Being an active community member

Camaraderie and business contacts is why I joined

I joined in 2013 when I was first hired at EAHS.

Service above self. The areas we assist our community.

We have done many good things for the community and continue to do so.

I enjoy the sense of community we have as a group and the learning that is done by hosting speakers or presenters.

Networking and giving back to the community through service.

Service projects

Originally because it was required by my employer. Now because of all I get out of it.

I worked at 5 financial institutions over 40 years that required me to be a member of a local service club. I remain a member after retiring as I enjoy giving back to the community, I have lived in almost all my life.

Community Connections

Community Service/Networking

I joined Rotary because I wanted to make a difference locally while connecting with others who value service. I've stayed because of the people, the sense of community, collaboration, and the shared commitment to doing good.

Was part of job description but being involved in community is a must

I joined to be a larger part of the Elkhorn community. I stay because I enjoy our programs, lunch & time with my Rotary friends

Are there any activities or other things we can do as a Club to help members feel more connected and involved? Any ideas or suggestions are welcome.

Service projects that involve the entire club.

whoever sponsors should keep checking in with that person at least one year, if not longer. I would help personally ask new members what they can help with before, after, or outside of meetings to get them to want to show up. Some socials so they gain a connection with members personally.

Enact a mentorship program.

People are busy. Since I have been a member for so long, I think Rotary has always done a good job keeping me connected through service projects and attending weekly meetings, but I realize the newer members may have a different take on what it means to them to be connected. It needs to start with them and what it means for them to be connected and also a commitment to want to be part of the Club and based on those opinions the Club can adapt to help connect as best we can.

Establish and more consistent mentor program which may involve those that sponsored folks to join Rotary and have them be the ones to bring folks along. If they are unable to do so, then another Rotarian may take their place to make sure they stay in the fold.

Mix it up at meetings. Sit with new folks.

More fun/member engagement activities, similar to the old Shenanigans program

I agree mixing up the meeting times occasionally might increase participation by those that can't always make a lunch meeting.

Mentor new members for their first 6 months of membership. Self classifications for our new members.

We try but people don't show up I.e., the habitat project.

Nothing that I can think of.

Communication and transparency with the club members. The club is for all the members not just the chosen few on the board.

I do not have any suggestions but think our club has done a good job with membership and being one of the better clubs in the area but there is always room for improvement.

Possibly more of a mentor system for new members to feel welcome and introduced to other members on an ongoing basis. It may be overwhelming to find a place to sit each week when you are new and getting to know people.

I am still learning what our club does/has done in the past around this initiative.

I think the occasional social activity is nice but I don't think we need to get into the business of meeting everyone's needs and party planning.

More education about Rotary as a larger organization so people don't see it as just a local club but a club with a very proud history locally and internationally.

Participate in a local project with another local Rotary Club or other service club.

Unsure

I think one of the most effective ways to help members feel more connected is by creating smaller circles within the club whether that's through committees, interest groups, or informal teams so people can build more meaningful relationships and feel a stronger sense of belonging. It would also help to offer short, flexible, and family-friendly volunteer opportunities that make it easier for members to participate without a large time commitment. In addition, incorporating more casual, non-formal social events like coffee meetups, walks, or relaxed gatherings could create space for connection outside of structured meetings. To improve accessibility, we could convert sign-up forms that are typically passed around at meetings to virtual platforms like JotForm, Sign Up Genius, or Google Forms so members who aren't able to attend daytime meetings still have easy access to get involved. Finally, implementing simple annual or quarterly check-ins to gather feedback would help ensure we're meeting members where they are and continuously improving engagement.

Offer as much as possible and see what fits the best.

Assign different members to take attendance each week (or every 2 to 3 weeks) to get to know other members names.

Do you see or feel there is any “community need” that our Club could address through service projects (i.e. roadway cleanup, volunteering with other service organizations, something another organization is not already doing yet)?

I'm not sure how right now, but I think we should volunteer with the school more helping to mentor kids. Otherwise, I think we should help amplify other non profits in town for a while to help build connections within the town.

Adopt a Highway. Just a feel good, forward facing thing to do, without requiring much effort.

I believe in creating strong partnerships with our closest community members. For example, we could do a 'clean up' at the Fairgrounds before their summer season starts; we can help Parks & Rec as needed; of course, the school district and possibly get Gateway more engaged in the efforts in Elkhorn.

Something outdoors and visible. Housing related?

Networking with other service clubs might be good.

Club service projects at Rotary soccer and Babe Mann Parks.

There are many organizations addressing community needs. At times it feels there are duplicate efforts and other times things fall through the cracks. Could there somehow be a concerted effort to better coordinate efforts and identify who is doing what to address the needs. Is there data from 2-1-1 (helpline) that shows needs in our area?

Focused efforts to address loneliness and feelings of not being needed? Expanding outreach via Meals on Wheels? Expanding outreach on Loved Beyond Measure (EASD program)? Expanding community service activities with high school students?

I'll leave this answer to our non profit members

Not that I can think of.

work with other service clubs.

Think as a club we need to continue to evaluate the needs of the community and adjust as needed.

I am still learning our community.

I think roadway clean up or adopting a road would be a beneficial project. I think we should have a couple of days a year (1 spring, 1 fall)that we provide service projects for different entities in need.

Housing/homelessness, domestic violence help, food insecurity

I think we have several members who would be great volunteers for both Habitat for Humanity and Cycling Without Age.

Anything outdoors is a plus

One of the largest needs in our community is helping families navigate systems while also addressing some of the most significant barriers we consistently see: housing instability, lack of reliable transportation, and limited access to affordable legal representation. Many families are facing short-term housing challenges such as risk of eviction, unsafe conditions, or doubled-up living situations, often due to gaps like security deposits, utility arrears, or other one-time financial barriers. Transportation is another major issue. Families frequently miss work, court dates, medical appointments, or services simply because they cannot get there. Access to affordable legal support is also a growing gap, particularly for families navigating housing issues, custody matters, or other civil concerns. Rotary could play a role by partnering with local attorneys to host legal aid clinics, “Know Your Rights” workshops, or low-cost consultation opportunities, helping families get guidance before situations escalate.

In addition, there is a strong opportunity to improve family navigation and access to resources overall. Overall, the most impactful role for the Club would be to fill small but critical gaps, improve access to existing resources, and focus on stabilizing families and individuals before challenges escalate into crisis.

Same answer as above

What programs or speaker do you believe could enhance attendance at a meeting and would be of interest to the Club?

Political speakers.

I really like learning more about businesses in town, but that helps me to know how to help more people within the town.

They have been great as planned (not one comes into mind particularity).

The Pope perhaps ;) seriously, I think this past year has been great with the diversity of speakers and mix of field trips. There are members who have 'been there done that' and things have changed through the years. And new members can always be learning. I think collaboration with the Chamber to help welcome new businesses would be great. We could create a welcome package and invite them for free lunch :)

I love the balance right now. It's a great reason to make sure I attend as many meetings as I can.

Maybe more of the "get to know individual members" programs?

I like that we have diverse individuals presenting and they don't always need to have a connection to Elkhorn.

Programs by Rotary District people. (membership, fundraising, international, etc.) Once a quarter have our membership bring a guest for lunch.

Have enjoyed hearing from local businesses and politicians about what they are doing

Recycling/where does our trash go.....state government... local tv or sports personalities

I can't think of any speakers off the top of my head. It is difficult for school administrators to get free during lunch. This is one of the busiest times of the day for students meetings and lunch supervision.

More non-profits who can provide opportunities to volunteer with them and serve our community.

I think you should continue to keep up with important things that are going on in Walworth County and other areas of Wisconsin. For the most part program have been good.

I think the speakers and programs have been very interesting recently. The effort put in to having diverse and interesting topics is very much appreciated!

I did enjoy the meetings where we learned a few things from members as we went around the room. Possibly adding that in a couple times a year may assist in getting to know our fellow members.

Speakers have been interesting and amazing.

Some fun and interesting things mixed with speakers directly addressing the above concerns.

I think a tour of the old Holton building would make for a great program. I stopped by it last year while a couple guys were working on it & got the full tour & was told when it opened it would have a historical museum within the building.

Also, I believe having the summer meetings at Babe Mann Park would help increase attendance and be fun!

The speakers have been amazing last the several months, I wouldn't change a thing.

At the moment, I'm so busy running my insurance brokerage, it's very hard to make the meetings.

Local businesses and other organization, not only those looking for financial assistance

Would you attend and/or do you think it would benefit the Club if we offered: (CHECK ANY/ALL THAT APPLY):

27 responses

