Rotary Club of West Chester Committees & Projects

2026-2027

Club Committee Coordinator: Joanne Tadeo

Updated: October 2026

Our club committees conform to Rotary's Six Avenues of Service:

Club Service focuses on making clubs strong: Assimilation, Audit, Birthdays, Communication, Fellowship, Historian, Invocation, Leadership Development, Membership, Program, Sgt-at-Arms, Sporting, Votary

Vocational Service fosters integrity in business and contributing expertise: Vocational Service

Community Service works to improve quality of life and serve the public interest: Community Philanthropic, Community Service, Community Warehouse, Fundraising, Mental Health, Rotary Foundation

International Service promotes peace and developing around the world: Inernational Service

Youth Service helps develop youth leadership and service: Rotary Readers, Youth Services

Environment seeks to preserve and protect our natural resources**:** no club committees currently

Assimilation-13
(Club Service)
C Hanson, Chair
J Tadeo, Co-Chair
S Brown
S Flynn
M Hall
C Heckenberger
P Jefferis
D Liberi
R Lindel
P McFadden
A Pennypacker
B Ronayne
C Streitwieser

Com Philanthrp-12
(Community Service)
C Scott, Co-Ch
, Co-Ch
M Biffin
S Flynn
J Gasho
D Liberi
C McCawley
C Palmquist
G Sweet

Community Serv-5+
(Community Service)
G Brion, Co-Chiar
P Kitson-Davis, Co-Chair
Project C.U.R.E
TBD
Rotarians at Work
M Neilon
Salvation Army Bells
K Martin
Stockings for Soldrs
P Kitson-Davis

Com Warehouse-open
(Community Service)
J McGinn, Co-Chair
G Brion , Co-Chair
G Hewitt
P Jefferis
B Kramp
M Reilly
M Sammarone
J Schwab
C Scott

Finance
(Club Service)
C Friedman
D Liberi
P McFadden
J Spencer

Fellowship-11
(Club Service)
P Jefferis, Chair
P Dunn, VChair
R Dodds
L Gostowski
M Hall
J McGinn
D Rogevich
L Ryan
J Tadeo

Front Desk
(Club Service)
S Bayles
A Driscoll
S Flynn
C Friedman
D Liberi
K Martin
K Rheiner
G Sweet
C Wildauer

Fund Raising
(Community Service)
TBD, Chair

Historian-1
(Club Service)
B Friedmann, Chair

Internatl Service-9
(Internatl Service)
C Combee, Chair
E Zlotolow, VC
C Hanson
M Karwic
D Leeper
R Lindel
M Pattni
C Streitwieser
G Sweet
P Vartan-Sookiasian
B Winters
P Woodruff

Invocation-1
(Club Service)
C Franz, Chair

Leadership Dev/Nom-8
(Club Service)
S Brown, Co-Chair
, VC
S Casso Rogers
B Friedmann
C Friedman
R Murray
A Pennypacker
J Tadeo
M Venema

Note: First Line - Committee name & optimal # members
Second Line - Avenue under which committee falls
Third Line - Chair/Co-Chair/Vice Chair of Committee
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Membership-6
(Club Service)
S Casso Rogers, Chr
, VC
S Brown
M Louis

Mental Health-open
(Community Service)
R Dunlap, Chair
S Bayles
S Coleman
R Creighton *
B Kramp
C Kunkel *
S Labenski *
K Marx
P McFadden
C O'Brien
M Pattni
C Scott
C Streitwieser
C Zaccarelli
* non-Rotarians

Program-4
(Club Service)
G Brion, Chair

Rotary Foundaton-2
(Community Service)
M Sammarone, Co-Ch
B Ronayne, Co-Ch

Rotary Readers-19+
(Youth Services)
B Ronayne, Coordiinator
C Franz
M Louis
B Rettew

Public Image-open
(Club Service)
R Lindel, co-Chair
L Janoski, Co-Chair
C Bowden
G Brion
R Brouwer-Archer
A Driscoll
R Dunlap
D Gisanrin
C O'Brien
C Palmquist
M Reilly
B Rettew
T Rowlands
M Sammarone
J Schwab
S Shirley
C Streitwieser

Sgt-at-Arms-4
(Club Service)
B Rogers, Chair
J Driscoll, Vice Chair
B Friedmann
K Martin
M Neilon

Sporting-1
(Club Service)
B Frame, Chair

Sunshine
(Club Service)
D Sparre, Chair
P Dunn
C Hanson
P Jefferis
P McFadden
J Tadeo

Vocational Serv-2+
(Vocational Service)
T Rowlands, Chair
J Rhoads

Votary-open
(Club Service)
R Lindel, Co-Chair
S Shirley, Co-Chair
A Driscoll
J Driscoll
B Fahey
M Karwic
M Reilly
C Zaccarelli

Youth Services-10+
(Youth Services)
R Lindel, Chair
Interact (High School)
R Dunlap
Rotaract (College)
T Rowlands
RYLA
R Lindel
Youth Exchange
TBD

Gr WC Rot Fdn Bd-13
(501(c)(3) - Commuunity Svc)
J Spencer, President
C Hanson, VP
S Brown, Sec
R Lindel, Treas
C Combee
A Driscoll
M Louis
R Murray
D Neimetz
K RheinerM
A Stump
P Woodruff

Updated: October 2026

Rotary Club of West Chester
Committee Descriptions

Club Committee Coordinator: Joanne Tadeo
Updated: Jully 15, 2025

Please note: refer to Committee List for committee leaders and members.

Assimilation Committee

Club Service

The Assimilation Committee works in conjunction with the Membership committee to augment the new member engagement process. Mentors are assigned to each new member and are responsible for setting membership expectations such as joining a committee, getting involved in a service project and attending club socials and/or district events.

In addition, the committee holds a New Member Social event once a year to welcome new members and to bring them together with other new Rotarians, Assimilation Committee members and officers of our club.

Requirements to Serve: Three to five years of Rotary experience is needed to serve on this committee.

Audit Committee

Club Service

Audit Committee reviews all bank statements quarterly Committee meets quarterly with the Treasurer to review the budget and make recommendations regarding the spending of the club. Recommendations are presented to the Board for final decisions.

Members of this committee rotate to cover the luncheon meeting registration desk and are responsible for checking members in, taking luncheon payments, counting cash, etc.

Community Philanthropic Committee

Community Service

The Rotary Club of West Chester's Community Philanthropic Committee (CPC) is charged with recommending grant awards to the Board of Directors from organizations serving the Greater West Chester area. The CPC committee receives applications from the community at large and conducts a detailed review of the applicant's mission, potential impact of the request, and the financial stability of the organization. As a result of this extensive review process, a recommendation for grant recipients is presented to the Board for approval each calendar year.

Requirements to Serve: Must have been a member of the club for a minimum of 2 years

Community Service Committee

Community Service

The Community Service Committee has responsibility for overseeing the projects appearing below. These projects mostly function on an annual basis under the guidance of the project coordinators listed on the Committee List.

(1) Rotarians at Work Days

As Rotarians are dedicated to Service, our club participates in hands-on projects which will make a difference to an organization in our community. The chairman looks for worthy activities by contacting the Parks and Rec department of the borough, or other local organizations that need some "sweat equity" on their grounds or building. Ideas are always welcome.

(2) Salvation Army Bell Ringing

Each year our club assists the local Salvation Army chapter by providing volunteers to "ring the bells" at designated locations throughout the community such as the Amish Market in Westtown and Acme in West Goshen Shopping Center. The coordinator provides sign-up sheets at our weekly meetings prior to the assigned date. Volunteers are recruited via the sign-up sheets which are circulated to club membership prior to the bell ringing event. The Salvation Army provides the materials needed for the collection day.

(3) Stockings for Soldiers

The purpose of the Stockings for Soldiers project is to help improve the morale and welfare of members of the armed forces of the United States of America deployed in harm's way. This is accomplished through collecting handmade stockings and donations to fill the stockings. These items are provided to Stockings for Soldiers to send to members of the armed forces deployed overseas.

Community Warehouse Project

Community Service

This Committee assists the Community Warehouse with collecting and distributing furniture to those who have recently re-established themselves in a home.

Fellowship Committee

Club Service

The Fellowship Committee plans and hosts events throughout the Rotary year to encourage socializing and fellowship within the club membership. Some events are held for members only; other activities involve spouses, partners, etc. Events might include happy hour, holiday party, or a special event such as pulled pork cook off. Activities are held at locations within the community or at a club member's home.

Fund Raising Committee

Community Service

This committee is charged with identifying and supporting fund raising activities and projects designed to fund our club's philanthropic activities.

Historian Committee

Club Service

This committee was established to review old documents saved by our club and determine the usefulness of these documents going forward.

International Service Committee

International Service

The mission of the International Service Committee is to sponsor projects that do good in the world. The scope of our activity is determined by the goals and budget set by the Club's Board of Directors. We consider the Rotary Foundation's seven areas of focus (peace and conflict resolution, disease prevention and treatment, water and sanitation, maternal and child health, basic education and literacy, economic and community development, and environment) when selecting projects. We work with the respective host clubs in the areas where aid is being provided to ensure the successful implementation of the projects we sponsor. We seek District and Rotary Foundation Grants as well as contributions from other clubs, organizations, and individuals to leverage the money budgeted for this purpose by our club.

Invocation Committee

Club Service

Each week the Rotary meeting is opened with an invocation or thought for the day. This committee is responsible for making sure that a member is prepared to handle this task each week. Members sign up several months in advance and receive an email reminder the week prior to serve.

Leadership Development Committee

Club Service

The purpose of this committee is to identify leadership-ready club members for future leadership roles:

- Vet these fully and carefully for final candidate selections for the future

- Recommend a slate of officers and directors for each Rotary year
- Revamp and re-introduce the New Board Member Orientation Program
- Support the current leadership as requested

Membership Committee

Club Service

The Membership Committee is comprised of 3 main activities:

1) Strategically attract new members from the greater West Chester area by promoting membership in Rotary through various community channels and by encouraging our members to promote Rotary
2) Handle the tasks associated with a new member joining our club: Receive the application, arrange the Rotary Information Session, obtain board approval of prospective members, post the prospective member's name in the Votary and on the weekly eblast, arrange the induction of the prospective member by asking a Past President to perform the induction, provide a pro-rated dues bill to the new member, schedule the classification talk.
3) Provide orientation for new members including the history of Rotary, the structure of our club, the district and Rotary International and types of committees we have in place. Also explained are the expected commitments from members.

Mental Health Committee

Community Service

This new club committee is working to improve mental health service awareness and access in our community, including work to break stigma, raise awareness of specific services among those who need them, and increase support for various treatment options.

Program Committee

Club Service

The Program Committee finds and coordinates speakers for each weekly Rotary meeting. Speakers are provided with a speaker's guideline document in advance. The committee tries to provide a range of topics such as business, community activities and entertainment. Speaker ideas are always welcome.

Public Image Committee

Club Service

The Pulic Image Committee is responsible for managing the public awareness and image of the club. A variety of activities including press relations, social media, website, newsletters brochures and materials, community awards and public information events are produced and conducted by the committee.

Rotary Foundation Committee

Community Service

The purpose of this committee is to meet the Foundation contribution goals set by the president and board of directors for annual donations to the Rotary International Foundation. We try to raise the money needed to fund all the projects that fall under Rotary International thru our club and District. Member contributions are regularly acknowledged with Paul Harris Fellow awards presented for each $1,000 of giving to The Rotary Foundation.

Rotary Readers Committee

Youth Services

Members of this committee read to select classes within the elementary schools in the West Chester Area School District. Readers sign up with a particular teacher and are responsible for selecting their own material. In the past, the committee also distributed dictionaries to select grades in the West Chester Area School District.

This committee is in the process of reorganizing and reactivating since the program was put on hold during the pandemic.

Sergeant-At-Arms Committee

Club Service

The Sergeant-At-Arms Committee is responsible for ensuring that the weekly meetings run smoothly. Their duties include: setting up and breaking down the room, seeing to the audio visual needs of the speaker, coordinating with the facility, and serving as host during the meeting. The committee works with the Club President and the Audit Committee, members of which check in attendees at each luncheon meeting. New Rotarians, along with their Assimilation Committee mentors, sit at the name tag table and greet luncheon attendees as they arrive. When necessary, it is the responsibility of the Sargent-At-Arms to maintain order and in certain cases levy fines on the members for misconduct.

Sporting Committee

Club Service

This committee is responsible for planning sporting events in which club members are encouraged to participate in planned events such as golf outings at a variety of locations.

Vocational Services Committee

Vocational Service

The Rotarian Code of Conduct provides a framework for ethical behavior that all Rotarians can use, together with The Four-Way Test, in their business and professional activities.

As part of Rotary's guiding principles and the Avenues of Service, Vocational Service calls on Rotarians to empower others by using their unique skills and expertise to address community needs and help others discover new professional opportunities and interests.

Votary Committee

Club Service

This committee produces a weekly newsletter that documents the proceedings of each club meeting and other club events. The committee includes:

- An editor who coordinates the coverage of each meeting by 6-8 scribes to take minutes of club meetings.
- An editor who coordinates the layout and printing of each issue as well as posting to the club website
- Photographers who document club meetings and activities

Youth Services Committee

Youth Services

Youth Services engages in several activities supporting Rotary youth organizations and programs.

Interact Committee: Interact is a youth organization for 15-18-year-olds, usually organized as high school service clubs. Our committee serve as a liaison between our Rotary Club and the Interact Clubs by meeting with the students/officers/teacher representatives on occasion to provide support and guidance and to engage Interact students in various Rotary club projects..

Rotaract Committee: Rotaract is Rotary International's service club for young people ages 18 to 30 in colleges and communities. We are working with the Greater West Chester Sunrise Rotary

club to help reestablish Rotaract at West Chester University – which was active prior to the pandemic.

RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Award) Committee: The RYLA Committee's primary role is to evaluate the nominations presented to attend a weekend long Rotary Leadership event, usually held in March.

Youth Exchange: This committee works with the Greater West Chester Sunrise Rotary Club to support Rotary's high school international exchange program.

The following is not a club committee, but a support function staffed by club members:

Greater West Chester Rotary Foundation Board

Community Service

This 501(c)(3) foundation board is included on the committee list and in this document because this foundation provides Rotary members the ability to support West Chester Rotary local and international projects while receiving a charitable donation for doing so. This foundation also serves to educate club members regarding the importance of considering the foundation for purposes of estate and charitable planning.

This committee serves as the custodian of funds raised by our club for the purpose of supporting non-profit organizations in our local community.