



Rotary Club of Paoli-Malvern-Berwyn
P.O. Box 833
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New Member Information about Paoli-Malvern-Berwyn Rotary Club 2021-2022 Rotary Year

Welcome!

Welcome to The Rotary Club of Paoli-Malvern-Berwyn. (PMB) We are glad you found us! Rotary is where neighbors, friends, and problem-solvers share ideas and take action to create lasting change for the better while sharing the fellowship, friendship and acquaintanceship of its members.

Please check us out our website at www.pmbrotary.org to find out about our meetings, the charities we support, our community service projects and other events. Other Rotary websites that you may be interested in, are Rotary International, www.rotary.org and Rotary District 7450, www.rotary7450.org.

Rotary History

In 1905 a young lawyer, Paul Harris, moved from Vermont to Chicago not knowing anyone, but wanting to. So, he and five other similarly minded young men decided to meet for lunch at a different place each week, to “rotate” locations, thus becoming “Rotary.” In doing so, they decided to make it more than just lunch by doing helpful projects in their communities, enhance their own knowledge while becoming friends along the way. That lunch gathering blossomed into the most significant volunteer service organization in the world comprising 1.2 million members, with 30,000+ clubs in 200 countries.

General Information about PMB Rotary

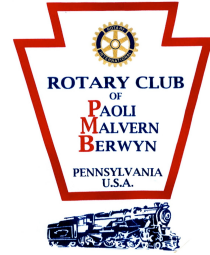
Meetings

In past years we have met Thursday 6:15-8 PM at Aronimink Golf Club, Saint David’s Road, Newtown Square, PA. We are considered a “dinner” club. Dinner is \$25/ person and first time visitors are our guests. Currently, due to COVID-19 concerns, we have been meeting via Zoom technology on Thursdays at 7pm. Zoom Meeting links and speakers for our weekly meetings can be found at the PMB Rotary Website (<http://www.pmbrotary.org/>) under “Meeting Calendar” (<http://www.pmbrotary.org/google-calendar/>).

In general, we encourage our members to attend at least 2 meetings/month as feasible. A community service event, attending another club’s meeting and other types of Rotary related events can serve to satisfy your meeting requirement. We typically have a guest speaker at our weekly meetings. We have a club assembly meeting, without a speaker, once a month. These meetings are informal and are designed as part business, part discussion with our members about club related activities etc. We use service projects in lieu of our Thursday night meetings. We are trying a new venue this year, “Family night” meeting. Rotarians can bring family members to



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our meeting. The meeting will be informal. Family night may involve game night, bowling, or eating at a kid friendly restaurant.

The dress code is business casual. Men do not need to wear jackets although many do. Jeans are not permitted and men should not wear caps.

Stand-In/Clone Program

The purpose is to allow any PMB member to send a stand-in when not able to attend a Thursday meeting. The "Stand-In/Clone" needs to be a family member or business/professional associate of the PMB member. The intent is to provide a way to stay connected to PMB if and when ongoing scheduling conflicts for business or family reasons would otherwise mean a member would consider having to resign. Now there is a viable alternative."

Structure

Each Rotary year begins July 1 and ends June 30. The PMB board is the governing body for our club. The board consist of the President, Vice-President, President-Elect, Secretary, Treasurer, the immediate Past President, and 2 or 3 Directors. The board meets once a month after the club meeting. Any member is welcome to sit in on any board meeting. We encourage new members to attend at least 1 board meeting.

For this Rotary year (July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021) our board consists of the following:

President: Jim Brown, President-Elect: Mark Cunningham-Hill President Nominee: Jennifer Payton, Past President: Margaret Magee, Secretary: Jennifer Payton, Treasurer: Cindy Petty, Directors: Carston Bogs, Nan Turanski, Carla Chieffo

For the 2021-2022 (July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022) Rotary year our new board will be:

President: Mark Cunningham-Hill, Secretary and President-Elect: Jennifer Payton, Treasurer: Mike Piccioni, Past President: Jim Brown, Directors: Carsten Bogs, Sutanu Bhattacharyya Gundaker Representative: Michael Alofsin

All members of the board can vote. If you have been in the club for 1 year, you can become a director. Directors attend each month's board meeting. The director's role is to learn about the operational components of the club. Since this position is often a newer member, they are instrumental in providing new ideas to the club. e.g venue for club meetings and social events. If you are interested in learning more about the club or taking a leadership role in the future, the director position is a good staring point.

Our club belongs to Rotary District **7450** which includes 54 clubs in the five county area representing Southeastern Pennsylvania. See <https://rotarydistrict7450.org/> for more information. Like clubs, the district has a governing body. Our District Governor for the 2019/2020 year is Kevin Katarynick.



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Committees

PMB has several committees, and most have a committee chair. The incoming president of the club assigns individuals to specific committees. These assignments are typically at the request of the individual, discussed beforehand and can be adjusted.

New members are assigned to the *Sergeant at Arms* committee. *Sergeant at Arms* is the “reception” committee. This committee is responsible for taking attendance, collecting money for meals and greeting people as they come into the meeting. This is a good way to learn the names of all of our members.

Other committees that may be of interest to you, as a new member are, the *Charities Committee* and the *Community Service Projects Committee*.

The *Charities Committee* selects which organizations we will support during the Rotary year. The chair of the committee sets the frequency and time of meetings. If you have an organization you support and feel strongly about, please speak to the chair of the Charities Committee. Our club supports organizations that our Rotarians are passionate about. We donate to many different charities. Each year, we donate to the local fire companies and the local libraries. We also donate annually to Rotaplast (the structural repair of cleft lip and palate), and Polio Eradication. A list of charities that PMB has recently supported is in your membership kit.

Community Service Projects. This committee identifies and plans our community/volunteer service events. We try to have at least 4 service projects a year but are looking to expand this initiative. We have participated in Project Cure, a medical supply warehouse that ships medical supplies overseas, Taste of Berwyn, a local fund raising event for Daemion Counseling Center, Cornerstone Christian Academy, a school for low income children and Winter Wonders, a Christmas program for low income families. We are always looking for new service projects. If you have ideas, please let the chair know. We also encourage new members to participate in our service projects.

The full list of committees and committee chairs can be found as part of your membership kit. Once you get settled in, the club president will speak to you about the committees you might want to serve on.

Club Membership

The annual membership dues are determined each Rotary year by the Board. Our dues for the 2019/2020 Rotary year is \$220. Dues includes a subscription to the Rotarian, our monthly magazine. Dues notices are sent to club members starting in April or May. Dues must be paid before June 30, before the end of the Rotary year. For new members, there is a one-time \$50 administration fee.



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Giving

Recently, we created the **PMB Rotary Foundation Trust [501(c)3]** for the purpose of funding domestic and international charitable endeavors which allows for tax deductible contributions. Contributions may be sent to: PMB Rotary Foundation Trust, P.O. Box 833, Southeastern, PA 19399.

Rotary Foundation and Gundaker Foundation

Rotarians are also asked to give annually to the Rotary Foundation and to the Gundaker Foundation. The Rotary Foundation is run by Rotary International, and the Gundaker Foundation is run by members of our District. These donations are voluntary. These donations can be made at any time during the Rotary year. We do encourage you to make these donations at the same time you submit your dues, as it avoids repeat reminders. You will hear about these organizations during club meetings. To learn more visit www.Rotary.org for the Rotary Foundation and www.gundaker.org for the Gundaker Foundation.

Fund Raising

Our biggest fund raising event is the annual Rotary Golf Outing. This is a wonderful event for golfers and Rotarians. It is sponsored by our club (PMB). It is held in June. There are many ways to support this event; volunteer, participate, obtain corporate sponsors and donors, donate raffle and silent auction items.

Conferences

Rotary Convention - A world-wide Rotary International convention is held annually and all Rotarians may attend. This conference is held in different countries every year. Attendance usually ranges between 25,000-35,000 and it is a unique opportunity to meet Rotarians from around the world.

District Conference - An annual district conference brings together all the clubs in our district #7450. Every Rotarian may attend. It involves good fellowship, training, discussion of topical themes, motivational seminars and hands-on community projects. The District Governor plans the event, selects the location and time, usually in April. Although, this conference is at the Rotarian's own expense, PMB will send a new member, free of charge, to 1 full day of the District Conference.

Rotary Leadership Institute – This is an annual training event for Rotarians interested in learning more about Rotary. It is also a way to network with others. Although, this training is at the Rotarian's own expense, PMB will send a new member, free of charge, to the first day of this program.



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Benefits of Membership

Meet fellow community members, business persons and professionals in an enjoyable, relaxed atmosphere. Become actively involved in our community projects and worldwide charitable endeavors. Learn about local, national and international topics through our weekly programming. Be part of a dynamic, inclusive, internationally known and non-denominational community service organization.

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