

Belle Clair Rotary



In July 2019, The Belleville Rotary Club and The Rotary Club of St. Clair County (West) merged into **Belle Clair Rotary**. Each club with a century of service to the Greater Belleville area and extensive community leadership. The projects and programs run by the club are only limited to their imagination.

The members of the Belle Clair Rotary are driven by a single goal; to do our part in making the world a better place for all. We strive to build productive relationships and make a positive impact with all of our pursuits.

- When COVID came to our community, the already existing hunger challenges increased. How did our Club respond? We responded with the HUNGER CHALLENGE. Our Club and Foundation raised over **\$20,000** and then distributed it to local food pantries.
- Donated funds to support feeding students at the Malawi Embangweni Primary school. Due to COVID, the usual means of raising funds to help feed students was interrupted.
- Belle Clair Rotarians assisted R3 Development in the rehab of and East St. Louis home and the cleanup of community. Hard and dirty work, but it makes a difference. R3 is working hard to improve their community. Our Club makes a difference.
- Each year, our Club Foundation donates thousands to local charities.
- The club established the Bob Hardy Scholarship at SWIC in honor of long time Rotarian Bob Hardy.
- The Club supported the Heartlands Conservancy by helping clean up and work on an outdoor classroom that will be used for education. The log amphitheater makes a nice space for outdoor learning for the students of Signal Hill, Blessed Sacrament and Queen of Peace Schools.
- We delivered Buddy benches to schools in East St. Louis and in Belleville.

Buddy Benches: If a child feels lonely, they can go to the **bench** as a signal that they need someone to play with. Another child will see them, go and talk to them and include them in their games.



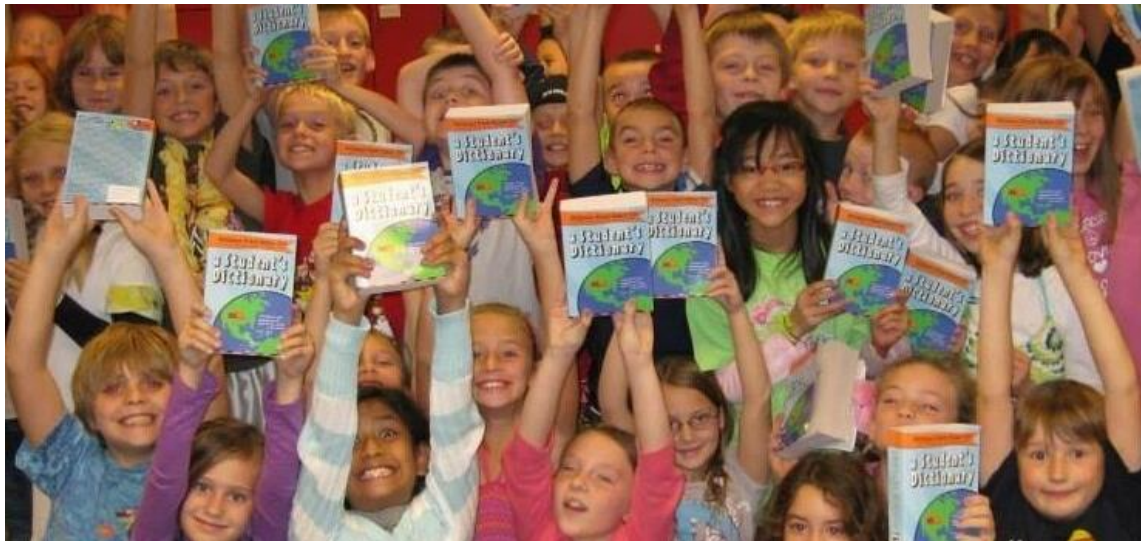
Young Women of Achievement: This annual event honors female seniors from each of the area high schools in the fields of academic, arts, community service, and athletics.

Annual Football Banquet: For more than 75 years we honor varsity football players, senior cheerleaders, varsity cheerleading coaches and head coaches from Althoff, East and West high schools. The general public is invited to attend. The Belleville News-Democrat sponsors the awards and tracks all the statistics to determine winners in several categories.

Community Service Projects: Helping to make our communities better, Rotarians volunteer to help clean up properties in conjunction with other organizations and other non-profits.



Third graders in schools within our service area are each given a dictionary to help in their learning. The **Dictionary Project** has become a project that includes a number of local businesses join us as sponsors.



Fund raisers, including a Chili Day, Annual Citrus Drive, Pizza Sales, and Dinner Raffle help fund our charity partners that include, but not limited to: Boy & Girl Scouts; Local Food Pantries; Violence Prevention Center; St. Clair County Teen Court; Children's Dyslexia Center; IL Center for Autism; YMCA; Alzheimer's Association; St. Elizabeth's Foundation; WERC; R3 Development; Heartlands Conservancy; Camp Wartburg; Heartlinks; Racial Harmony; Join Hands; and Gateway Pet Guardians.

The club continues to look for new relationships in the community and leader to help us with our goals. Check out about our club, and Rotary, by visiting www.BelleClairRotary.org, or check us out on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/BelleClairRotary>.

Belle Clair Rotary is a 501(c)4 organization. FEIN: 37-6078509. Annual dues are \$175. Corporate dues for additional members are \$90 per year.



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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name:

Home Address:

Postcode:

Home Telephone:

Mobile:

Business/Employer Name:

Position Title or Description:

Business Address:

Postcode:

Business Telephone:

Fax:

Email:

Date of Birth:

Partners Name

Children's Names (and their ages if under 18)

Proposed Classification:

Previous Rotary Club:

Some vocational and personal background details that will enhance your activities as a Rotarian:

Do you want mailing to go to your home or business? _____ Emailing? _____

Did you belong to a previous Rotary Club? ____ If yes, where? _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Nominated by: _____