



Your have been cordially invited to become familiar with the Rotary Club of Redondo Beach because:

1. A member of the Rotary Club of Redondo Beach sponsored you and
2. The Classification Committee verified your occupation, and agreed that the classification being proposed to be assigned to you as it was not already represented in the Rotary Club of Redondo Beach.
3. The Membership Committee verified your personal information, both in your business and in the community, and concluded you are an outstanding leader.
4. The Board of Directors approved the proposal for your membership in the club, and
5. Your proposal for membership was circulated among the members of the club for comments.
6. Before a proposed member actually becomes a Member, the club believes that it is extremely important that you, the candidate, have all the information necessary to decide whether or not to accept the responsibilities of membership in the Rotary Club of Redondo Beach.

The Purpose of this Rotary information kit is:

1. To give you, the proposed member, an overall view of Rotary and the Redondo Beach Rotary Club in particular.
2. To let you know what you may expect from your membership.
3. To let you know what the club will expect of you as a member.
4. To answer questions you may have about Rotary International and the Redondo Beach Rotary Club.



The Object of Rotary is:

The object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular to encourage and foster:

1. The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service.
2. High ethical standards in business and the professions, the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society.
3. The application of the ideal of service to every Rotarian to personal, business and community life.
4. The advancement of international understanding, goodwill and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional men and women.

The Rotary Four-Way Test

Of the things we think, say or do:

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?



The Rotary Club of Redondo Beach

1. The Rotary Club of Redondo Beach was chartered in 1924 as Club #756.
2. Our club is governed by a Board of Directors consisting of the President, the immediate past President, the President Elect, the Secretary, the Treasurer and five Directors.
3. The Board (Officers) and Directors of the club are elected in December each year, for one-year terms (July 1 to June 30).
4. The club's fiscal year is also from July 1 to June 30. At the beginning of each fiscal year the incoming Board adopts a budget of estimated income and expenses. Changes to this budget must be by vote of the Board.
5. Although the geographical area of the Rotary Club of Redondo Beach concerns itself primarily with the city of Redondo Beach, the club partners with many Rotary Clubs and other community organizations in serving our community. It is not necessary for a member to live or work in Redondo Beach, a member must have an interest in this community.
6. All meetings of the Board of Directors are announced to the entire membership and members are welcome to attend. New members are encouraged to attend at least one or two Board meetings after their installation, as all of the business of the club is transacted at these meetings, rather than at the regular Wednesday luncheon meetings.
7. Each member is encouraged to serve on at least one committee. The club is organized under five "Avenues of Service" as set forth by Rotary International.
8. The five Avenues of Service are:
 - a. Club Service
 - b. Community Service
 - c. International Service
 - d. Vocational Service
 - e. New Generations
(encompassing all former youth service and activities)



Member Education

1. Active membership and longevity in a Rotary club requires that individual members become knowledgeable about the many aspects of Rotary International. To assist in the education of new members Rotary has developed the **Red Badge Program**. This program consists of eight tasks new members are expected to complete within the first six months of membership. The New Member Red Badge requirements can be found on the club Web site at

<http://www.clubrunner.ca/Portal/story/StoryDetail.aspx?accountid=2507&sid=171337&stid=Club>

2. A 34 slide **Power Point Presentation** traces the history of our club, the history of Rotary International, current leadership of the club, District 5280 and RI, discusses the Objects of Rotary, the Five Avenues of Service, the Four-Way test, The Rotary Foundation, our club Community Foundation, attendance & participation requirements, financial obligations, and opportunities for service. This presentation can be found on the club Web site at

<http://www.clubrunner.ca/Portal/SitePages/SitePage.aspx?cid=2507&pid=58669>

3. The club also has a **New Member Curriculum** which itemizes 19 facts or areas of knowledge new members ought to become familiar with. Only 10 of the 19 listed items are mandatory. The New Member Curriculum can be found on the club Web site at

<http://www.clubrunner.ca/Portal/story/StoryDetail.aspx?accountid=2507&sid=171338&stid=Club>

Keystones of Rotary Membership

Rotary differs from most other service organizations in two significant ways. These two differences are the keystones of Rotary membership: Attendance and Classification

Member Attendance

1. Attendance is the price of membership in Rotary.
2. Our club strives to maintain as high a percentage of attendance possible. Over the past years we have consistently kept close to sixty percent average attendance every month. Unless a member attends the meetings, he or she cannot provide service to the club nor receive the benefits of fellowship that are the basis of Rotary membership.
3. The policy of Rotary International is that any member whose percentage of attendance is less than sixty percent of the time devoted to regular meetings, either at this club or any other Rotary club, shall be subject to termination unless excused by the Board for good and sufficient reason. Any absence, excused or not, counts against the club's record of attendance.
4. If a member is unable to attend a regular Wednesday meeting of our club, attendance at any other regularly scheduled Rotary meeting either 14 days before or 14 days after our club meeting counts the same as attendance at our club. If a member is present at the location of another Rotary Club, but for some reason the club is not meeting that day, it is still a "make up." With over 33,000 Rotary clubs in the world, and with clubs that meet every day of the week within 30 minutes of Redondo Beach, there is ample opportunity to make-up.

Termination of Membership

A Rotarian's membership is subject to termination for one or more of the following reasons, unless the Club Board makes an exception:

1. Failure to pay dues within 30 days
2. Failure to attend at least 50 percent of regular meetings (including makeups) in each half of the Rotary year
3. Failure to attend at least 30 percent of your club's regular meetings in each half of the Rotary year
4. Missing and failing to make up four consecutive regular club meetings, without the consent of the club's board

Member Classification

1. The classification principle of membership is the foundation upon which a Rotary Club is established and maintained. It assures a membership which is representative of the business, professional and institutional life of the locality which it serves.
2. The classification of each active member is that which covers the principal and recognized activity of the firm, company, or institution of the member.
3. Active membership consists of one person from each classification of business or profession.
4. The classification is loaned to the member. In the event of a change of classification, the member must apply to the Board. If the new classification is open, the member may be reinstated. If not the membership is terminated.
5. Broad classifications such as finance (banks, savings banks, finance companies, etc.), real estate (commercial, residential, industrial, etc.), medicine (all the medical specialties, may only represent the percent of the total membership of the club. This prevents a club from becoming a trade organization.

Committees of the Rotary Club of Redondo Beach

The committees of the club will vary from year to year depending on the wishes of the President, the Board of Directors and the programs of the club. The following committees are generally a part of the club organization. Each Committees falls into one of the five Avenues of Service. The Director in charge of that Avenue heads each Avenue of Service.



a) Club Service

1. Attendance: Works with the Secretary to keep the members aware of their responsibility to maintain good attendance.
2. Budget: Works with the president-elect to prepare the budget for the newly elected Board.
3. Club Bulletin: Assists in the publication of the club's eBulletin each week and arranges to have it mailed or emailed to the member's home.
4. Family of Rotary: Contacts members in times of illness and arranges for flowers when appropriate. Announces significant events (hospitalization, marriages of member children, etc.) of members.
5. House Committee: Is responsible for all housekeeping activities needed to set up the meeting.
6. Membership & Certification Committee: Considers and evaluates all proposals for new members. Recommends to the Board of Directors appropriate classifications for new members and whether or not the proposed member meets the criteria for Rotary membership. This committee also makes the membership aware of unfilled classifications within the community.
7. Nominating Committee: Consists of the President and all past Presidents. The committee meets in the fall of each year to nominate the officers and directors for the following year.
8. Program Committee: Provides the speaker or other program for all regular meetings.
9. Public & Press Relations: Provides the general public with information concerning the Rotary Club through the news media.
10. Social Committee: In charge of all social events.
11. Special Events: Includes a number of committees which handle special events or programs during the year. Some of these are the Demotion Party, Past President's Day, Christmas Party, Beer Pour and 10K Raffle.



b. Community Service

1. School Awards: Each year our club presents an award to the most improved girl and boy at Redondo Beach Unified School District. We also support the Community Scholarship Fund.
2. YMCA: Members of our club serve on the Board of Directors of the local YMCA.



c. Vocational Service

1. Display Committee: From time to time members are asked to set up displays at the regular meetings to inform the rest of the members about their vocations.
2. Four-Way Test Committee: Promotes the use of the Four-Way Test among Rotarians the Community.
3. Person of the Year: Our club recognizes outstanding leaders in Redondo Beach in three categories: Business, Police and Firefighter.



d. International Service

1. Rotary Foundation: This committee promotes the Rotary Foundation participation within the club.
2. Rotary International Fellowship Advisors: From time to time members of our club serve as advisors to Rotary Foundation students who are studying in this area.



e. New Generations

1. Youth Service: All club activities involving youth are coordinated through the New Generations avenue of service.
2. Student of the Month: Our club sponsors a student of the month program in the Redondo Beach Unified School District.
Students Guests: Students from our Rotary sponsored Interact Club are occasional guests

Types of Rotary Membership

1. **ACTIVE:** Each active member shall be an adult person of good character, AND SHALL:
 - a. Be the proprietor, partner, corporate officers, or manager of any worthy and recognized business or profession, or;
 - b. Hold an important position in an executive capacity with discretionary authority in any worthy and recognized business of profession, or:
 - c. Be the local agent or branch manager of any worthy and recognized business or profession, having charge of such agency or branch, and personally or actively engaged in that business.
2. **HONORARY:** A person who has demonstrated meritorious service in the furtherance of Rotary ideals may be elected to honorary membership. This is a one-year membership but may be renewed. This member pays no dues and may not hold office or vote. The Board of Directors bestows this honor at the first meeting of the fiscal year.
3. **LEAVE OF ABSENCE:** A Rotarian requesting a leave of absence, and/or a continuation of a leave of absence, must do so in writing to a member of the Board of Directors 48 hours in advance of a regularly scheduled Club Board meeting. The Board may grant an initial leave of absence of up to six months, exempting members from weekly meeting attendance requirements. Members are NOT exempted from paying regular club dues and other member expenses during a leave period. The initial six-month leave may be extended once, at the request of the Rotarian and the discretion of the Club Board, for a maximum combined length of twelve months. And the end of the twelve month period, a Rotarian is expected to return to active membership or resign from the club. When business and personal conflicts arise, members are encouraged to complete make-ups at other Rotary Club meetings as a first course of action before considering a request for a leave of absence. Requests will only be considered retroactively to the first of the month in which the leave was request. Should a situation arise, Rotarians should plan accordingly and request leave as soon as possible.



Rotary International is a Worldwide Organization

1. Rotary was organized in Chicago, Illinois in 1905 under the leadership of Paul P. Harris.
2. This first group of representative business and professional men met in rotation in the charter members' offices, hence the name Rotary.
3. Each member was chosen from a different business or profession. This became the basis for the Rotary Classification system.
4. Today, Rotary is an international organization with clubs in almost every country of the free world. Rotary Clubs of each geographic area are joined together in districts. The Rotary Club of Redondo is part of District 5280, and is located in the City of Redondo Beach in the South Bay region of Los Angeles.
5. As of June 30, 2010 there were 34,103 Rotary Clubs with a membership of more than 1.2 million in 212 countries or geographic regions worldwide organized into 530 Districts of approximately 50 clubs each.
6. Rotary International is governed by a Board of Directors comprised of the current President, the immediate Past President, twelve Directors elected from the various groups of Rotary Districts, together with the Treasurer and the General Secretary. Each Directors serves for a period of two years.
7. Rotary International headquarters are in Evanston, Illinois, with seven international offices in Argentina, Australia, Brazil, India, Japan, Korea, and Switzerland. The office of Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland (RIBI), located in England, serves clubs and districts in that region.
8. Each year every Rotary District holds a three-day conference. These are followed by an annual Rotary International Conference.



Participation with the Rotary Foundation

The Rotary Foundation depends upon the voluntary efforts and financial support of individual Rotarians. Each Rotarian can help by recommending the best candidates for Foundation awards, hosting student to help them learn about the local community, business and family life. In addition to their personal involvement, Rotarians are encouraged to support the Foundation financially.

Types of Awards

1. **EDUCATIONAL AWARDS:** Each Rotary district may annually select at least one young man or woman to spend one year in another country to study either at a university or a technical training facility of his or her choice. Awards are also available to teachers of the disabled. Each award winner is selected from the applicants on the basis of his or her ability to represent their country while abroad. Each Rotary Foundation Scholar is provided a counselor whose job it is to make sure the student gets a first hand look at the culture of the country, and gives the student many opportunities to share feelings about his or her country. When the scholar returns home, once again opportunities are provided for the student to share experiences with Rotarians and others.
2. **GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE:** This program sends teams of young business and professional persons to another country for about six weeks. GSE members cannot be Rotarians. The Foundation pays their travel expenses and local Rotarians provide their hospitality and lodging. The team visits Rotarian business leaders and professionals, and they share ideas with their counterparts in the country visited.
3. **SPECIAL GRANTS:** The Foundation contributes toward selected educational or charitable projects sponsored and financially supported by Rotary Clubs and Districts. In recent years, The Rotary Club of Redondo Beach has received two grants to provide funds to assist in an scabies control project in Fiji; our club has also received a grant to assist in the District 5280 trip to the Dominican Republic. The Rotary Foundation directors require that the club requesting the grant fund at least half of the project costs, and that the project be self-sustaining after the grant has been used up.
4. **PAUL HARRIS FELLOW** is a designation referring to a person who either contributes or has contributed in his name \$1,000.00 to the Rotary Foundation or the Polio Plus fund. Each \$1,000.00 contribution earns an additional Paul Harris Fellow award. A member may, if he or she chooses, contribute \$100 or more per year toward that goal. This designates a person as a sustaining member

of the Foundation. To date there are more than 865,000 Paul Harris Fellows in the world. Currently, there are 52 Paul Harris Fellows who are members of the Rotary Club of Redondo Beach who have accumulated a total of 154 Paul Harris Fellow awards.

The Community Foundation of the Rotary Club of Redondo Beach

Meanwhile, the Rotary Club of Redondo Beach also sponsors a Community Foundation. The Foundation is a tax-exempt organization and a designated 501(c (4) foundation under IRS rules. It was launched on December 7, 2007 under the leadership of then-President Colette Paul.



The Foundation is dedicated to improving the quality of community life in Redondo Beach and its neighboring communities. Our mission is to provide support to local organizations and programs that enhance the well-being of community citizens, strengthen relationships and goodwill within the community, promote high ethical values and champion the Rotary ideal of service above self.

The board of the Foundation decided not to disburse any funds from the new Foundation until at least \$50,000 is raised, with the exception of a small percent that must be disbursed annually as required by federal law. As of March 1, 2011, the Foundation has raised and deposited \$10,000.00 to its account.

Polio Eradication



In addition to the educational and special grants, a section of the Rotary Foundation is committed to the elimination of polio from the planet. Rotary volunteers and professionals are now in the process of inoculating children of third world countries so that this crippling disease can be eliminated forever.

Rotary's Polio Plus project was launched in 1988 and to date, more than 2 billion children have been immunized. Our goal is to eradicate polio from the world. By the time we accomplish that goal Rotary will have contributed over \$900 million U.S. dollars towards the purchase of the polio vaccine. This sum does not include personal travel expenses incurred by individual Rotarians who travel worldwide to participate in National Immunization Days. No other organization anywhere in the world has been able to cross so many political and sociological boundaries to achieve this goal.

Mottos of Rotary International

"Service above self"

"They profit most who serve the best"