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What is Rotary?

The world's first service club was the Rotary Club of Chicago, Illinois, USA. The club was formed 23 February 1905 by lawyer Paul P. Harris and three friends – a merchant, a coal dealer, and a mining engineer. Harris wished to recapture the friendly spirit he had felt among businesspeople in the small town where he grew up. The name “Rotary” was derived from the early practice of rotating meetings among members’ offices.

Mission

The main objective of Rotary is service – in the community, in the workplace, and throughout the world. Rotary volunteers build goodwill and peace, provide humanitarian service, and encourage high ethical standards in all vocations. The Rotary motto is “Service Above Self.”

SOLICITATION, CLUB PROJECT AND GRANT POLICY

Our Rotary Club is part of an international service organization. We work to serve the needs of people at the local, national and international level. The Rotary Club of Okotoks’ donation philosophy is to support local groups and organizations that work for the betterment of our community.

Preferential consideration will be given to projects that fit the Rotary vision and priorities, such as:

- ⦿ Service to others less fortunate
- ⦿ Improves quality of life thru:
 - ⦿ Enhancing human and social development
 - ⦿ Alleviating hunger
 - ⦿ Promoting literacy
 - ⦿ Enhancing the environment
 - ⦿ Drug and alcohol abuse prevention
 - ⦿ Concern for the aging
 - ⦿ Supports children and families
 - ⦿ Youth leadership and training

Speakers.

Persons invited as speakers for Club meetings shall be advised that the purpose of their invitation is to provide Club members with information and inspiration about local, provincial, national and international issues and projects, and not for purposes of soliciting funds or other tangible support for any such issues or projects, so that the speakers shall refrain



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from any request for or solicitation of any funds for any particular organization or project.

Political Activity

The Club is politically neutral. No solicitation of any kind for any candidate, referendum, election or other related political activity is permitted.

Guidelines for Approving Grants

- Solicitation to the Club requires advance approval of a written grant solicitation to the Board of Directors. At a minimum, such a request must include:
 1. Organization name.
 2. Brief history of the organization.
 3. Amount of request - be as specific as possible.
 4. Include any recognition The Rotary Club of Okotoks will receive for its donation from the organization. Be as specific as possible.
 5. Explain how the money will be used? Be as specific as possible.
 6. Explain how your organization's request aligns with Rotary's vision, mission, and values.
 7. Describe what makes your organization/program unique.
 8. Provide all contact information.

- Any project or grant which involves a significant commitment of members' time, or expenses exceeding \$500, or any public notice which may reflect on the Club, must be approved by the general membership. Grants under \$500 may be approved by the Club Board, which meets monthly.



The Rotary Club of Okotoks Donation Request Form

*The Rotary Club of Okotoks is dedicated to helping meet the needs of its local community in line with the principles of Rotary and our Club's Bylaws. All donation requests will be reviewed by the club's Board of Directors. Many of our fundraising dollars are dedicated to specific programs as determined by the Board of Directors annually and consistent with our Bylaws. These include scholarship programs, Rotary Foundation, international projects, and other specific programs. Only dollars, as specified by the Board of Directors, not otherwise committed will be available for these donation requests. Please fill out this form **completely** and return to **PO Box 84, Okotoks, AB T1S 1A4**. Type or print legibly with blue or black ink. Please be advised that requests for political contributions or donations to political causes will not be considered.*

If awarded, any donation should be considered a one-time gift and should not to be anticipated on a continuous basis.

Organization: _____

Contact Person: _____ Title: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Telephone Number(s): _____ E-mail address: _____

Date of Request: _____

Date Needed: _____

Dollar Amount (or items) Requested: _____

Title & Synopsis of the Request or Project (attach brochures, pamphlets, etc if available): _____

Brief History of the Organization (summarize your organization's history, goals, service area, and accomplishments):

Please describe the role of volunteers in your organization: _____
