



# Rotary Club of Jackson Hole!

District 5440

*The mission of Rotary is to provide service to others, promote integrity, and advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through its fellowship of business, professional, and community leaders.*

## Rotarian Responsibilities: Money, Time & Behavior

We are delighted to welcome you to the JH Lunchtime Rotary family. We work to share the responsibility in keeping the club strong. Here are some of the things we ask:

**Weekly Dues** of \$15/week billed quarterly. These are due regardless of your attendance.

To contribute 4 **Wine Fest Tickets** for scholarships (\$100 total)

Enroll as a **Sustaining Member** by donating \$25/quarter to the Rotary International Foundation.

15-25 hours of volunteer **service** per year

Meeting **Attendance** of 75% or better

### **4 Way Test:**

*Of the things we think, say or do*

- *Is it the TRUTH?*
- *Is it FAIR to all concerned?*
- *Will it build GOOD-WILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?*
- *Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?*

## Frequently Asked Questions

**When is my membership application due & considered by the Board?**

*The application is due by the third meeting of the month. The Board meets at 7 AM the first Tuesday of every month.*

**How long do I wear the new member red ribbon?**

*12 meetings, please*

**Why do you get fined? How much are fines? Where does the money go?**

*You are fined ~\$1 for non-Rotary community announcements. You will be fined \$5 for your Rotary badge. The money raised*

*goes to the local Rotary Foundation.*

**How do I sign up for a committee?**

*You are welcome to contact the committee chair directly (listed on the following pages). If you prefer, a membership committee member can help make the introduction.*

**What's the birthday table?**

*The first meeting of the month, one table is selected as the birthday table. If your birthday falls in the month, that table is reserved for you. If you choose not to sit there, beware of fines. We will sing and often we recite Homer's Poem*

**Where do I get more information?**

*The websites for both the local club and Rotary International are packed with information— see [www.rotaryjacksonhole.com](http://www.rotaryjacksonhole.com) and [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org).*

*To maximize your access to local information, sign into the website using the login information provided in the welcome letter you received from the club secretary.*

*Please note, use of the Rotary membership list is restricted to Rotary-related activities only. It would be inappropriate to use this list for business or political activities.*

## Frequently Asked Questions (Continued)

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### Who is “Homer” and what is his poem?

*Homer Richards was a founding member of our club and someone who exemplified “Service Above Self.” He and wife Eliza owned and operated the Ideal Motel, in the early days of tourism in Jackson. They had three sons John, Jack, and James (Jimmy).*

*Jimmy, an Air Force pilot, was killed when his plane went down in to the Pacific Ocean during WWII. In memory of his son, and all the local veterans, he established the veterans’ monument found in the center of the town square. The names listed on the monument are the result of Homer’s research.*

*Known for his warmth and generosity, Homer regularly carried tootsie rolls and gave them to everyone with whom he*

*spoke. While he was never President of our club, Homer had 100% attendance in Rotary for 50 years.*

*We recite “Homer’s Poem” each month when recognizing our club members’ birthdays. This gesture keeps Homer’s memory and spirit alive in our club.*

*(Many thanks to Betty Terrell for reaching out to the Richard’s family and providing this information.)*

#### **Homer’s Poem:**

It isn't the years we count today  
as we think of our love for you  
It's how you've  
lived them,  
your cheery way  
and the kindly things you do.

### How do the weekly programs work?

*Each year a club member assumes the role of Program Manager. He/she is responsible for coordinating the weekly club programs. Popular topics address matters relevant to our community and our neighbors. Some meetings are reserved for specific topics; the first meeting of the month is reserved for recognition of students and individuals, as well as new member introductions. If you have a program suggestion or are interested in assisting with program coordination, please contact the current program manager (found in the club structure later in this document).*

**Other Questions?** Let us know, and we’ll find and answer and let

## The Rotary Club of Jackson Hole Foundation

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*This is our local club’s non-profit foundation and the grant and scholarship making arm of our club. Gifts to the foundation are tax-deductible. The foundation’s goal is to support “the advancement of education by providing scholarships to students and educators in our community while aiding other charitable needs of individuals and organizations as deemed appropriate”.*

*The Foundation is led by a separate and independent board. Members are elected by the club. Eligible candidates must first have served on the Club Board.*

*Questions and/or requests for funding should be directed to the current Foundation Board chairperson.*

## **Greeters (at the meeting)**

*Serving as a greeter is a great opportunity for new members to meet fellow Rotarians at weekly luncheons. This small time commitment is an excellent first step toward volunteering at club-related events. Greeters arrive at 11:45 and wear a blue "Greeter" badge.*

Casey Morton  
(307) 690-4795

## **Invocations (at the meeting)**

*At each regular meeting, the program begins with the Pledge of Allegiance and is followed by a brief invocation or thought for the day, which is offered by a different individual each week. The President-elect generally organizes this by soliciting members.*

Steve Robinson  
(307) 733-6630  
steve.s.robinson@gmail.com

## **Raffle Ticket Sales (at the meeting)**

*The Rotary Raffle program was developed to fund the purchase of books for children in the second grade, an important time to introduce them to the joy of reading. In addition, it provides a fun activity during each meeting, a little suspense and the members win some money as well!*

Mike Blazek  
  
mblazek@hughes.net

## **Rotary Readers (September—June)**

*The Rotary Readers Program pairs a Rotarian with an elementary school teacher to come in and read to their class each week. At the end of each school year, our club gives a book to every second grader in the district.*

Deidre Ashley  
(307) 690-5627  
[dashley@bresnan.net](mailto:dashley@bresnan.net)

## **Jackson Hole Spring Clean Up (First Saturday in May)**

*A community volunteer event coordinated by the lunch Rotary Club where we clean up the trash that has accumulated along the valley's highways, roads, streets and pathways as well as along Flat Creek and Snake River access points. The event includes a breakfast and barbecue lunch. Planning and coordination usually begins in February.*

Bob Norton  
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norton@nelsonengineering.net

## **Help Save the Arches**

*This is a partnership among the three local Rotary Clubs and the Town of Jackson to rebuild the four Elk Antler Arches around the Square. The Rotary is working to raise \$400,000 (total) to buy the antlers. The TOJ will build the arches. As of 2010, two have been replaced. The 3rd is scheduled for 2011 and the 4th for 2013.*

Pete Karns  
(307) 733-4994

## Spring Planters (June)

*The club raises money by planting half-barrels with flowers and selling them in the valley. We retrieve the barrels each fall and store them to use again the next summer. Tasks include advertising, collecting the funds, planting and distributing the barrels in June, and collecting the barrels in September. Come get your hands dirty and have some fun!*

Joni Upsher  
(307) 690-6650  
[jsupsher@yahoo.com](mailto:jsupsher@yahoo.com)

## Bell Ringers (Fridays & Saturdays from Thanksgiving to Christmas)

*The Salvation Army Bell Ringers has become one of the best civic events by helping the many "hurting" people in our community. All of the donations (100%) stay in the valley to help our neighbors. Sign ups start in October.*

Tom Holland  
(307) 734-8524  
[tholland@tvrucamp.com](mailto:tholland@tvrucamp.com)

## Elk Fest Booth Fundraiser (Elkfest)

*Held in conjunction with the Boy Scout Elk Antler Auction, Rotary provides vendors with booth spaces on Deloney Avenue to sell antlers to the public. This event raises approximately \$4,500 which is donated to Save the Arches to help replace the antler arches on the Square.*

JR Berezay  
(307) 732-5944  
[jason.berezay@hubinternational.com](mailto:jason.berezay@hubinternational.com)

## "Music in the Hole "Parking (July 4th)

*Rotarians volunteer on the 4th of July to help direct parking during the Music in the Hole event.*

Rob Weed  
(307) 690-1950  
[robweed@gmail.com](mailto:robweed@gmail.com)

## Music in the Hole Beverage Sales (July 4th)

*Rotary sells water, soda pop, lemonade, ice tea, etc. as part of Music in the Hole. Volunteers are needed from noon – 8:00 p.m. and typically work 2-hour shifts. While not a significant revenue producer, we provide a service to the thousands that attend Music in the Hole.*

Jim Auge  
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[jimauge@tetonmotors.com](mailto:jimauge@tetonmotors.com)

## Wine Fest (Friday before Memorial Day)

*A wine tasting with over 400 wines from around the world, this is our largest fundraiser. Each year the event raises \$40,000 - \$50,000 for our local foundation to grant to local high school seniors for college scholarships. The Wine Fest always needs volunteers to serve on the planning committee and on the day of the event.*

Stephan Abrams  
[stephan@wineliquorbeer.com](mailto:stephan@wineliquorbeer.com)  
Joe Madera  
[Joe.Madera@Hilton.com](mailto:Joe.Madera@Hilton.com)

## **Interact Club**

*This club is the Rotary equivalent for the high school students. They perform of community service and work throughout the year to raise funds for an international service trip they take each year. Rotarians are asked to support the efforts of these young leaders.*

*Jason Snider  
(307) 413-5123  
rjs@agrostisinc.com*

## **Youth Exchange Student**

*A Rotary Youth Exchange student, spends up to a year living with a few host families and attending school in a different country. Locally, host families are always in demand.*

*Jason Snider  
(307) 413-5123  
rjs@agrostisinc.com*

## **Sustaining Members/Paul Harris Fellows**

*The Rotary Foundation (TRF) is the non-profit arm of Rotary International. Funds are used for international projects in health, education, goodwill, and poverty alleviation. "Sustaining Members" of TRF can contribute \$100 /yr through the internet, by billing through the club of \$25/qtr, or by giving a check to John Gilmore. An accumulated contribution of \$1000 results in a "Paul Harris Fellowship."*

*John Gilmore  
(307) 733-4579*

## **Future Vision: Vocational Training Team**

*Formerly known as the Group Study Exchange, our club is now participating in a Rotary International pilot project called the Future Vision: Vocational Training Team. The program is in the early stages. Please stay tuned for more information.*

*Rob Weed  
(307) 690-1950  
robweed@gmail.com*

## **Advancing Literacy**

*The advancement of literacy is one of the primary causes supported by Rotary. This committee will raise awareness about literacy issues in our community, our nation, and around the world. It's purpose is to engage Rotarians in literacy-based service projects and collaborate with local organizations to support literacy programming for community members. This committee will recognize International Literacy Day in September and Rotary Literacy Month in March.*

*Valley Peters  
(307) 733-9242, ext. 231  
[valleypeters@tetonliteracy.org](mailto:valleypeters@tetonliteracy.org)*

## International Projects

*This committee is re-establishing an annual program of international projects. We have a primary area of focus of water and sanitation. We are working to build a long term relationship with the community of Tlaxcala, Mexico which will link our local community with our international partners. Volunteers and project leaders are always needed.*

*Volunteer needed*

## Newsletter

*Description coming soon*

*Ken Small*

*(307) 203-2891*

*ksmall550@gmail.com*

## Public Relations/E-News

*Our E-news reports the latest in club and club-member happenings. This is a great way to keep the club members connected and up-to-date despite travels, seasonal-relocations and busy schedules. Many hands make for light work; volunteer journalists are always welcome.*

*Tim Bradley*

*(307) 734-7541*

*tim@contourproperties.com*

## Membership Committee

*This committee was established in 2010 to help welcome and engage new club members. The members of this committee brief prospective new members on club operations and practices, service opportunities and expectations. We arrange and present "quarterly" club orientations (new) and work to match new members with service opportunities that fit with their interests and availability. We are a resource for new members. Just ask.*

*Frances VanHouten*

*(307) 733-8191*

*franv@rainmakercoaching.com*

## Club Board:

*The Board meets the first Tuesday of every month at 7 am at Snow King Resort (unless otherwise announced in advance.) Board members hold two-year terms beginning in July.*

President: Jim McNutt	<b>July 2010-June 2012</b>	<b>July 2011-June 2013</b>
President-Elect: Steve Robinson	Frances VanHouten	Yvonne Robertson
Past-President: Brendan McDermott	Mike Sillman	Ken Small
Secretary: Megan Gallagher	Chuck Webber	Jason Snider
Treasurer: Lee Burbank	Mike Blazek	Clare Payne Symmons

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## Club Operations:

### Programs:

Mike Sillman  
Clare Payne Symmons

### RI Foundation:

John Gilmore (Chair)

### Farmer's Market Booth:

Paul Vogelheim

### Sergeant-at-Arms:

John Morgan  
April Hankey  
Matt Montagne  
Dianne Wynne

### Paul Harris:

Bruce Hawtin  
John Gilmore  
Rob Weed  
Stuart Palmer

### Attendance:

Mary Bess

### Membership (Badges, too):

Frances VanHouten (Co-chair)  
Sue Combs (Co-chair)  
Joe Albright  
Mike Blazek  
Laura Ginty  
Steve Robinson  
Estela Torres

### Interact Club:

Jason Snider  
Mary Bess

### Winefest:

Stephan Abrams (Co-chair)  
Joe Madera (Co-chair)  
Megan Gallagher  
Mary Bess  
Jason Snider  
April Hankey  
Don Alstead  
John Willott  
Liz Jorgenson  
Kevin Olson  
Jim McNutt  
Patrick Brownfield  
John Morgan

### Raffle Tickets:

Mike Blazek

### Awards:

Chuck Webber  
Clarke Brooks

### Public Relations:

Tim Bradley (Chair)  
Ken Small  
April Hankey  
Kevin Olson

### International Projects:

Paul Vogelheim  
Mary Bess

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## Rotary Club of Jackson Hole Foundation:

*Foundation Board members hold three-year terms.*

Ed Liebzeit (Chair)	Pam Stockton
Kraig Kobert	Ned Thomas
Ed Krajsky	Jeff Ward
T.R. Pierce	Jim McNutt (ex-officio)