

## Benefits of Rotary

Rotary membership provides you with opportunity to:

- Become connected to your community.
- Work with others in addressing community needs.
- Interact with other professionals in your community.
- Assist with RI's international humanitarian service efforts.
- Establish contacts with an international network of professionals.
- Develop leadership skills.
- Involve family in promoting service efforts.

### THE 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?

This 4-Way Test was created by Herbert J. Taylor in 1932 as he was about to take charge of the Chicago based Club Aluminum Company; looking for a way to save the company, which was mired in financial difficulties, Taylor drew up this 24 word code of ethics. The survival of the company was credited to this simple philosophy.

Approximately 1.2 million Rotarians, belonging to more than 32,000 Rotary clubs, located in 200 countries, carry out service projects in their local communities and abroad to address critical issues such as poverty, health, hunger, illiteracy, and the environment.

## The Object of Rotary

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:

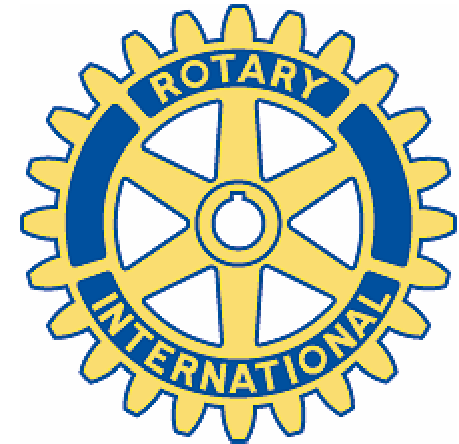
**FIRST:** The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;

**SECOND:** High ethical standards in business and professions, the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations, and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;

**THIRD:** The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;

**FOURTH:** The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

These four avenues of activity are expressed as Club Service, Vocational Service, Community Service, and International Service.



# Rotary Club of Okotoks

## What is Rotary?

Rotary is a global network of community volunteers. Rotary members are business and professional leaders who provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards, and help build goodwill and peace in the world.

## Rotary Club of Okotoks

Chartered on May 9, 1988, with 27 members, the club has grown over the years to include more than forty members.

We meet each Wednesday at 6:30 pm at the Crystal Ridge Golf Club located at 9 Crystal Green Way, Okotoks, Alberta. Our meetings last approximately 1½ hours and involve current & future projects, fun, fellowship, good food, and occasionally, a good joke.

For more information regarding our club, please visit our web site:  
[www.clubrunner.ca/okotoks](http://www.clubrunner.ca/okotoks)

### What is Expected of You As A Member of the Rotary Club of Okotoks?

- An initiation fee on your induction to the club, plus an annual club fee. In addition, there is a per week charge to cover the meal cost, which is invoiced quarterly.
- A minimum of 60% attendance at the regular weekly meetings. Make-up meetings are afforded at any other Rotary Club in the world or by attending an e-meeting on the world wide web, as well as through approved volunteer or Club directed activity.
- Involvement in one or more committees of your choice throughout the Rotary year. Our Committee structure follows that of Rotary International: Club Service, Community Service, International Service, and Youth and Vocational.
- Involvement of your family members at social events and spousal meetings is encouraged.
- Involvement in fund raising activities such as Soap Box Derby, Okotoks Pro Rodeo, Golf Tournament and other special events.

### How Do Your Interests Match with the Rotary Club of Okotoks?

#### Community Service

We do/and have supported the Foothills Hospice Society, the Rotary Performing Arts Centre, the Rotary Pathways along the Sheep River, Victoria Quilts, scholarships, Youth Entrepreneurs Camp, Okotoks Health and Wellness, Arena concessions, Doc Seaman Stadium Field house, to mention a few.

#### International Service

International Service includes humanitarian, intercultural, and educational programs and activities designed to improve the human condition and advance the organization's ultimate goal of world understanding and peace. We are currently involved in the following projects: \$15,000 commitment to the Rotary Foundation for the Polio Plus campaign - ridding the world of Polio through a vaccination program, installing cooking stoves in Guatemala, eye restoration procedures and water projects in third world countries, and currently a project in Burundi to bring water to schools working with a Rotary Club in Burundi.

#### Youth and Vocational Service

Each of us views our vocation as another opportunity to serve: to provide opportunities for young people, to work for the relief of the special needs of others, and to improve the quality of life in our community. We agree to neither seek from nor grant to a fellow Rotarian a privilege or advantage not normally accorded others in a business or professional relationship. Our youth program involves supporting students who participate in leadership programs (RYLA), scholarship, and recognition of leadership qualities in our

community through the Leaders of Tomorrow program.

#### Club Service

We look to strengthen fellowship at our meetings with guest speakers and Rotary education. A very active Membership sub committee works to identify and welcome new members into the club. Intra club communication is important so there is time allowed for Committee updates and through the updating of Clubrunner.

### Becoming a member of the Rotary Club of Okotoks

Membership to the Rotary Club of Okotoks, as with all Rotary Clubs, is by invitation.

Your sponsor, the person who will present you for membership to the club, will initiate the following process:

- Informs the Club President and Membership Chairman of your intention.
- Membership chairman will meet with you to explain the process.
- Proposed membership form completed and circulated at two consecutive meetings. You cannot attend these two meetings.
- Membership approval/refusal of your application.
- Membership chairman will inform you of membership's decision. If approved, you will be required to attend three consecutive meetings with your sponsor.
- During the third meeting you will be invited to join the club.
- Membership upon fee payment