

A History of Rotary

Rotary, the world's first service organization, was founded Feb. 23, 1905, in Chicago by attorney Paul Harris, when he met with three friends to discuss an idea - that businessmen should get together periodically to enjoy each other's company and enlarge their circle of business and professional acquaintances. They rotated their meetings to each member's place of business to become acquainted with one another's vocation, thus the name Rotary.

In 1908 the 2nd Rotary club was founded in San Francisco. In 1911 Rotary became international with the organization of a Rotary club in Winnipeg, Canada. Rotary remained a *men's* organization until 1987 when Rotary abided by a US Supreme Court decision and permitted clubs in the US to admit women. In 1989 the Rotary Council on Legislation voted to allow all Rotary clubs worldwide to admit qualified women as members.

There are over 1.2 million Rotarians in over 33,000 clubs in over 200 countries and geographical areas around the world.

The 4-Way Test

(of things we think, say, and 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?

What is Rotary?

Rotary is an organization of business and professional persons united worldwide who provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and help build goodwill and peace in the world.

Rotary is non-religious and non- governmental, open to every race, culture, and creed. Rotary clubs are autonomous and can determine their own service projects to create innovative solutions to meet community needs.

The Rotary Foundation

TRF began in 1917 with a \$26.50 donation from the Rotary Club of Kansas City, MO. Donations to TRF from Rotarians and others are used for educational and humanitarian work around the world through Group Study Exchanges and Ambassadorial Scholarships; World Community Service (WCS) Projects through Matching Grants and Health, Hunger and Humanity Grants and District Simplified Grants for local projects, among others.

For the WCS projects, clubs in one country provide humanitarian assistance to projects of a club in another country.

PolioPlus is Rotary International's massive effort to eradicate polio from the world. In 1988 Rotary joined the WHO, UNICEF, and CDC to provide funds and volunteers to immunize over 3 billion children under the age of five in the world. To date, only Nigeria, Afghanistan and Pakistan remain polio endemic. There have been no new cases of polio in India for one year.

Rotary International

District 5110



Rotary Club of Sunriver-La Pine

Chartered - October 4, 1994

Club #30398

Weekly Meeting --Wednesdays

Buffet Breakfast

7:00--7:30am

Bell Rings

7:30am

Sunriver Resort Lodge

"Hearth Room"

Service Above Self

For Information:

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Rotary District 5110

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Rotary International

www.rotary.org

Membership by Invitation

Rotary is composed of members whose *classifications* reflect the community make-up. It is the intention of Rotary to diversify the membership, providing an increased talent pool and more interesting fellowship which leads to a wider range of service.

A candidate for membership must have, as a minimum, the authority to absent themselves from their workplace to attend weekly meetings and participate in activities. A prospective member is invited to attend at least two club meetings. Then a membership proposal form, completed by the sponsoring "club member", is presented to our Board of Directors for approval. The proposed member's name is printed in the club's weekly bulletin for 2 weeks. Members have 14 days to object prior to the individual being officially invited to join.

Only after becoming involved in the activities of the club does a Rotary club member truly become a Rotarian.

Rotary International District 5110

The Rotary Club of Sunriver is one of 73 clubs with over 4200 members in District 5110. The District covers an area from Lincoln City on the coast, east through Central Oregon, South just across the California border, including five Northern California clubs.

In Central Oregon, in addition to our club, there are four Rotary clubs in Bend, and one each in Sisters, Madras (Jefferson County), Redmond, and Prineville (Crook County).

Obligations of Membership

Attendance: Regular attendance is encouraged and is essential to a strong and active Rotary club. We meet weekly - eat breakfast, enjoy fellowship and hear a guest speaker, as well as learn about club activities, community service projects, and local and international projects. Club meetings are normally one-hour long.

Every member is welcome at any Rotary club in the world. Should a member miss a meeting, they are encouraged to *make-up* at another Rotary club meeting or through a Rotary eClub on line 14 days prior to or after the missed meeting to receive attendance credit. Participating in Club and Community Service projects also counts as make-ups. Making up is interesting and fun!

Information on every Rotary club in the world, meeting time and place, is available from the Rotary International website at www.rotary.org Click on club locator at the top right of the home page; follow the prompts.

Financial:

- Initiation fee: \$75 (waived if a former Rotarian)
- Quarterly dues*: \$50 (includes Rotary International, District 5110 and club dues; and subscription to the monthly *The Rotarian* magazine)
- Breakfast*: \$22.00 (weekly)
* Quarterly Dues and Breakfast are billed quarterly; payment due upon receipt.
- Sustaining Member - The Rotary Foundation: \$100 Annual Programs Fund (minimum)
\$ 25 PolioPlus (minimum)
- Other Estimated Annual Expenditures: Meetings, Fellowship, Fundraising activities \$100 - \$500

Club Structure

The Rotary year runs from July 1 – June 30. Our club president, president-elect, vice-president secretary and treasurer are elected; the Directors of Membership, Service Projects, The Rotary Foundation, Public Relations and Club Administration, plus committee chairs are appointed by the club president, based on individual members' interests. The club receives direction from the District 5110 Governor and Rotary International.

Sunriver Rotary Club Foundation

Since 2005 this 501(c)(3) Foundation has awarded over \$400,000 to organizations in South Deschutes County that serve children, families, and seniors in need. The SRRC Foundation is funded through our annual "Wine Raffle, Dinner & Auction" fundraiser and other outright donations.

Sunriver-La Pine Rotary

Activities/Projects

(Just a sampling!)

- Books for 3-Rivers School reading program
- Fellowship & Social activities
- Poinsettias for Seniors
- Road cleanup – Highway 97
- Scholarships for high school seniors
- Scholarships for leadership campers
- Matching Grants projects
- Youth Exchange Program
- Annual Wine Raffle Community Fundraiser (Proceeds benefitting Youth, Families and Senior Charities within the Sunriver, Three Rivers and La Pine communities.)