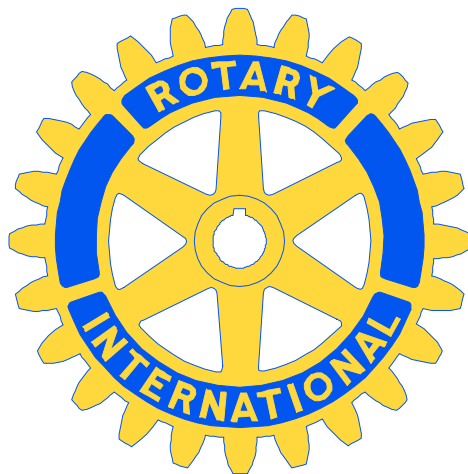


Rotary Club of Atascadero



INFORMATION BOOKLET

District 5240

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**The
Purpose of this
Rotary Information is:**

- To give you, a prospective member, or newly inducted member, insight into Rotary.
- To discuss the *Ideal of Service* in Rotary.
- To inform you about the history and the workings of Rotary.
- To let you know what you can expect of your membership.
- To let you know what Rotary will expect of you.
- To answer most questions you may have about Rotary in general and the Rotary Club of Atascadero in particular.

The World of Rotary

Rotary is an international humanitarian service-driven organization of men and women selected for membership by their leadership roles in the various businesses and professions of the community.

Rotarians have accepted the *Ideal of Service* as a basis for attaining fulfillment in their personal, professional, and community lives.

The *Ideal of Service* is exemplified by the motto:

“Service Above Self ”

Service above self is the thread that runs throughout the Rotary world uniting like-minded people in thought and action.

Rotarians understand the theory of service as the true basis of success and happiness, then put theory into practice in service to their business or profession, their local community and world community.

Rotary is an organization that is truly international, apolitical, and without any specific religious or denominational affiliations.

Rotary is not political. Rotary International and Rotary clubs are prohibited from issuing partisan political statements. Rotarians as individuals, however, are encouraged to be well informed of developments within their communities and the world that affect their vocations and communities in pursuit of the Rotary’s object of world understanding and peace.

Membership in Rotary is based on a limited number of members representing each business or profession found in the community. This may seem restrictive but the purpose is to produce an inclusive membership that recognizes all local occupations. In this way the club is a true cross-section of the business and professional life of the community.

It is the custom of Rotarians to relate to each other on a *first name basis* as equals in fellowship. Spouses and families of Rotarians are often included in Rotary activities. Rotarians are encouraged to invite guests to weekly meetings in order that non-Rotarian members of the community may be better informed about the club and its aims and objectives.

Rotary cultivates understanding and cooperation by emphasizing common interests while avoiding commitment on partisan measures or activities on which people are so often divided. Rotarians, by example, stimulate others to accept and practice the *Ideal of Service*.

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 by each Rotarian of his occupation as an opportunity to serve society;
- Third:* The **application of the ideal of service** by every Rotarian to his personal, business and community life;
- Fourth:* The **advancement of international understanding, good will and peace**, through a world fellowship of business and professional men and women united in the ideal of service.

The **Object of Rotary** is implemented through the *Four Avenues of Service*. They are Club Service, Vocational Service, Community Service, and International Service.

Club Service

Club service is what a Rotarian does to help make the running of the club successful. Some of the various committees of Club Service are classifications, membership, membership development, attendance, fellowship activities, programs, bulletin, Rotary information and public relations.

Club service promotes the development of acquaintance as an opportunity to serve. For this reason, attendance at regular meetings is a basic requirement of membership.

Vocational Service

Vocational service promotes high ethical standards in business and professions, recognizes the importance of all occupations as an opportunity to serve others and encourages Rotarians to use their vocational talents to solve the problems and needs of society.

The declaration of Rotarians in business and professions states, that as a Rotarian, I am expected to:

- Consider my vocation to be another opportunity to serve
- Be faithful to the letter and to the spirit of the ethical codes of my vocation, to the laws of my country, and to the moral standards of my community
- Do all in my power to dignify my vocation and to promote the highest ethical standards in my chosen vocation
- Be fair to my employer, employees, associates, competitors, customers, the public, and all those with whom I have a business or professional relationship
- Recognize the honor and respect due to all occupations which are useful to society

Vocational Service promotes the *Ideal of Service* through the Four-Way test of the things we think, say or do.

The Four-Way Test

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?

Community Service

Community service urges every Rotarian to participate in activities that will make the community a better place in which to live. This may include participation in community activities, fund-raising activities, special community-interest activities such as service to youth, literacy promotion, concerned for the aging, safety and health programs and Roteract and Interact clubs.

International Service

International service provides the opportunity for a Rotarian to advance understanding and good will among peoples of the world. In this area of service, Rotary clubs are aided by the programs of **The Rotary Foundation**. The Rotary Foundation provides assistance in developing parts of the world where the size and cost of the assistance is too large for a single Rotary club alone.

The Rotary Foundation

The Rotary Foundation is a not-for-profit corporation that supports the efforts of Rotary International to achieve world understanding and peace through humanitarian, educational, and cultural exchange programs. Through the Foundation, individual Rotary clubs can fulfill their international service objectives by funding these programs, and where possible, Rotarians can personally contribute their technical expertise and compassion. The Foundation is supported solely by voluntary contributions of Rotarians and friends who share a vision for a better world. The financial goal per Rotarian is \$100 per year. The benefit in humanitarian service is much greater than the contribution.

The Programs of the Foundation include a wide selection of humanitarian programs and educational programs.

Humanitarian programs improve quality of life and provide health care, clean water, food, education and other essential needs primarily in developing countries. A major program currently underway in conjunction with the World Health Organization and UNICEF is “PolioPlus,” the eradication of Polio from the world. To date, Rotary has raised more than \$378 million dollars for vaccines, supplies, and to support national immunization days. Since the PolioPlus program inception in 1985 more than 2 million children have received the oral polio vaccine. At the beginning of the program there were 125 polio-endemic countries. As of the year 2007 that figure has declined to 3.

Rotary International is partnering with other established organizations such as Goodwill Industries (to create and expand opportunities for steady and fulfilling employment for people with disabilities), the World Health Organization Prevention of Blindness and Deafness, the Center for International Rehabilitation, and the Wheelchair Foundation.

International humanitarian projects by Rotary clubs and Rotary districts supported by the Rotary Foundation include 3-H programs (Health, Hunger and Humanity) to fund long term (3 to 5 Year) international development projects to improve health, alleviate hunger, or enhance development through self-help activities.

Matching grant programs assist international humanitarian service activities in cooperation with Rotarians in another district.

Helping grants support humanitarian projects in non-Rotarian countries or where significant participation of local Rotarians is limited.

New opportunities grants support international humanitarian service projects that advance Rotary ideals but do not meet the eligibility criteria of existing Rotary Foundation programs.

Community Assistance program grants (Share-funded) support projects that increase involvement or strengthen relationships in the sponsor's community or country.

Discovery grants provide travel and related expense for Rotarians or teams including at least one Rotarian to carry out the planning for future international service projects.

Grants for Rotary volunteers subsidize volunteer service when it might not be otherwise financially feasible.

Disaster relief grants provide relief assistance for disasters such as earthquakes, hurricanes, floods, volcanic eruptions and wildfires.

Humanitarian transportation grants provide funds to cover the costs of transporting donated humanitarian supplies and equipment.

Rotary peace program grants support events of broad human concern, involving international cooperation, and oriented toward positive suggestions for action.

Educational programs are the Rotary Foundation's oldest and best-known programs. Since 1947 more than 34,000 men and women from 100 nations have studied abroad under an Ambassadorial Scholarships. Today, this program is the world's largest privately funded international scholarship program. For the academic year 2006-2007 more than 1,100 scholarships were awarded through grants totaling approximately \$26 million to recipients from 69 countries to study in 64 different nations.

Ambassadorial Scholarships provide scholarships to non-Rotarian students who serve as ambassadors of goodwill to improve international understanding. Students may be undergraduate or graduate students. A scholarship, for one academic year abroad, is worth around \$23,000 and includes transportation, school fees, room and board and contingency funds.

Grants for university teachers provide grants to Rotarians and non-Rotarians to strengthen higher education in low-income countries while building international understanding and friendship.

Rotary Centers for International Studies provide World Peace Scholarships to 70 students pursuing a 2-year master's level degree in international relations, peace, and conflict resolution at one of seven official Rotary Centers at well known universities of the world including three in the USA, the University of California Berkeley, University of North Carolina and Duke University.

Group Study Exchange (GSE) awards enables an exchange team of outstanding non-Rotarian business and professional persons between districts in different countries.

There are over 75,600 Rotary Foundation alumni who have received awards from the Foundation since 1947.

The Organizational Structure of Rotary

Rotary is organized at club, district and international levels to carry out its program of service around the world. Rotarians are members of their clubs, and the clubs are members of the global association known as Rotary International. Each club elects its own officers and board of directors and enjoys considerable autonomy within the framework of the standard constitution and bylaws of Rotary International.

Clubs are grouped into Rotary Districts; each led by a district governor who is an officer of Rotary International representing the international board of directors. The legislative body of Rotary International is the Council on Legislation. The board of directors of Rotary International establish policies and programs. The chief executive of Rotary International is the international president, while the active managing officer is the general secretary. The headquarters of Rotary International are located in Evanston, Illinois.

The mission of Rotary International is to support its member clubs in fulfilling the *Object of Rotary* by fostering unity among member clubs, strengthening and expanding Rotary around the world, communicating worldwide the work of Rotary and providing a system of international administration.

The Rotary Club of Atascadero with a membership of approximately 75 is in District 5240, along with 71 clubs with a total of 3,600 Rotarians. The district is located along the central California coast from northern Los Angeles County to San Luis Obispo County and inland to Kern County.

There are approximately 530 Rotary districts world wide to assist in the administration of more than 30,200 Rotary clubs with a total membership just under 1.2 million in 163 countries of the world.

Rotary sponsors Rotaract, a service club for young adults between the ages of 18 and 30 with a membership of approximately 160,000 and Interact, a service club for high school students ages 14 to 18 with approximately 171,000 members. The Rotary club of Atascadero sponsors an Interact club at Atascadero High School.

Local Club Administration

The Rotary Club of Atascadero is governed by a constitution and bylaws administered by a local board of directors and officers for one year terms beginning July 1st. Officers include the president, president-elect, president of the Rotary club of Atascadero Foundation, secretary and treasurer. The board of directors includes a director in charge of each of the four avenues of service; club service, vocational service, community service and international service; membership and directors at large as the president may assign.

Committees made up of a chairman and club members carry out the programs of service. Each member is expected to serve on at least one committee.

The club selects its members and provides its programs of community and vocational service in the locality of Atascadero.

Regular weekly meetings of the Rotary Club of Atascadero are held each Wednesday at noon in the Rotary Room at the Lake Pavilion. Several special meetings are held at other locations including special evening theme meetings, joint meetings with the Rotary Club of Paso Robles and District 5240 northern group of clubs.

Rotary Club of Atascadero Foundation, Inc.

The Rotary club of Atascadero has a non-profit corporation for the purpose of providing financial support to the Rotary club. Earnings from investments made by the foundation are currently used to fund scholarship programs.

Membership in Rotary

Membership is by invitation only and is based on choosing representatives of each business or profession in the community. By rule, no more than 10% of the club membership (5-member limit for clubs under 50) may be classified in the same business or profession. The *classification* is that which describes the principal and recognized activity of the company or institution with which the member is connected or that which describes the member's principal and recognized business or professional activity.

Active members who are retired, or members changing classifications and honorary members are not counted against the limitation on classifications.

Each member must be an adult person of good character and good business or professional reputation who:

- is engaged as a proprietor, partner, corporate officer, or manager of any worthy and recognized business or profession; or
- holds an important position in any branch or agency and has executive capacity with discretionary authority; or
- has retired from any such position.

Each member must have a place of business or residence in the locality of the club or the surrounding area.

Acceptance of the Object of Rotary – Compliance with the Constitution and Bylaws

By payment of the admission fee and dues, a member accepts the principles of Rotary as expressed in its object and submits to and agrees to comply with and be bound by the constitution and bylaws of this club, and on these conditions alone, is entitled to the privileges of the club.

How a Prospect is Elected to Membership

- A member of the club must sponsor the prospect.
- The Classification Committee must verify the occupation and agree that the prospect is an owner, manager or holds a discretionary position.
- The Classification Committee confirms that there is an opening in the club for the potential classification.
- The Membership Committee must verify the good character and good personal and business reputation of the prospect.
- The Board of Directors must approve the prospect.
- The prospective member is asked if his/her name may be circulated before the club membership for acceptance to membership.
- The prospect is inducted into the club.

Types of Rotary Membership

Membership in Rotary is either **active** or **honorary**. An **active membership** is that held by Rotarians meeting all the qualifications of membership. An **honorary membership** is a reward to someone who has distinguished himself/herself by meritorious service in the furtherance of Rotary ideals as selected by the board of directors for a specific period of time with limited rights of membership.

Members Changing Clubs

There is no automatic transfer of membership between Rotary clubs. Each club must qualify its own members. No person shall simultaneously hold active membership in more than one club. No person shall hold both active and honorary membership.

Before a Rotarian may be proposed to active membership of a new club, the membership in the former club must be terminated. When a Rotarian changes his/her place of business or residence to a new Rotary club locality, the former Rotary club may propose the former member for membership in the new club.

Membership in Other Service Clubs

In order to comply with the obligations of membership, a Rotarian should not be a member of another service club.

Attendance Requirements

Along with the Classification Principle, attendance is a basic requirement of membership in Rotary. Each club takes attendance and reports monthly attendance to the district governor. Each member shall attend the club's regular meetings. If unable to attend a regular weekly meeting every Rotarian has the privilege of attending a regular meeting of any other Rotary club.

A member is counted as attending a regular meeting if present for at least 60% of the meeting or makes up for an absence in any of the following ways **14 days before or after the meeting:**

- attends at least 60% of a regular meeting of another Rotary Club.
- attends an Interact club meeting.
- attends a Rotary International convention, assembly or other meeting.
- attends a district conference, assembly or meeting.
- is present at the usual time and place of a regular meeting of another Rotary Club but the club is not meeting at that time or place.
- attends and participates in a club service project or club sponsored event or meeting authorized by the board of directors.
- attends a board of directors meeting.
- attends a meeting of a service committee that has been specifically authorized by the board of directors as a make-up for a missed meeting.
- Participates through a Club website in an interactive program requiring an average of 30 minutes of participation.

The time restriction for making up a missed meeting is not imposed if the member is outside the member's country of residence as long as the meeting is made up sometime during the travel period in the foreign county.

Note: There are several special situations for which a missed meeting may be excused for members traveling on Rotary International or district business that are not discussed here.

Excused Absences

1. An absence may be excused if the absence complies with conditions and is under circumstances approved by the board of directors. The board may excuse a member absence for reasons which it considers to be good and sufficient.
2. A member may be permanently excused for absences if the aggregate of the member's years in age plus years in membership in one or more Rotary clubs is 85 years or more. The member notifies the club secretary in writing of his/her desire to be excused from attendance, and the board of directors has approved the request.

Duration of Membership

Membership shall continue during the existence of the club unless terminated as described here:

Automatic Termination:

- When a member no longer meets the membership qualifications
- Non-payment of dues
- Non-attendance
- Other good causes – by 2/3 vote of the board of directors. The member has the right of appeal.

Non-attendance

Means the failure to attend or make up at least 60% of club regular meetings in each half-year or failure to attend at least 30% of your clubs regular meetings each half-year. The board of directors may consent to such non-attendance for good cause.

Special Situations

- If you move from club locality the board may grant you a leave of absence not to exceed one year.
- The board may grant a leave of absence not to exceed one year if you lose your classification.

What you may Expect from your Membership in Rotary

The privilege of **friendship with business and professional leaders.**

- In the community
- In neighboring communities
- All over the United States of America
- In all parts of the world

A **network of people** who can help you become more successful.

The privilege of giving **service to your community.**

To be involved in projects to enhance your community.

The privilege of helping **build ethical standards within your vocation.**

Promotion of higher ethical standards in your business or profession.

The privilege of **developing international good will and understanding.**

Prestige of membership in a world wide organization.

What Rotary Expects of Its Members

By payment of dues, a member accepts the principles of Rotary as expressed in its object and submits to and agrees to comply with and be bound by the constitution and bylaws of this Rotary club, you are entitled to the privileges of the club only on the condition that you:

- accept the *Ideal of Service* and the *Object of Rotary*.
- practice the *Four-Way Test*.
- are actively involved in the club in at least one committee.
- maintain *attendance*.
- maintain the *Classification* assigned you.
- meet your *financial obligations* to Rotary.

Each Rotarian is expected to be fully informed about Rotary's object, programs and activities, and to seek opportunities to make the aims and accomplishments of Rotary better known to his or her personal, business and professional contacts.

Being present at club meetings is one of the basic obligations a member accepts upon joining Rotary. Disregard for attendance rules is tantamount to the submission of one's resignation from Rotary. It clearly becomes a conscious decision by a Rotarian to withdraw from the club when he or she fails to fulfill the attendance requirements.

A Brief History of Rotary

Rotary began in 1905 when a young attorney, Paul Harris, new to Chicago, developed an idea for businessmen to get together in the spirit of camaraderie to enjoy each other's company and to increase their circle of business and professional acquaintances. Out of these meetings came the idea of a membership limited to one representative from each business and profession with weekly meetings rotating to each member's place of business. The rotation of meetings was designed to acquaint the members with one another's vocation and to promote business. From this rotation the name "*Rotary*" was adopted.

These early Rotarians realized that fellowship and mutual self-interest were not enough to keep a club of busy professionals meeting each week. Reaching out to improve the lives of the less fortunate proved to be an even more powerful motivation. The Rotary commitment to service began in 1907 when the Rotary Club of Chicago constructed that city's first public lavatory. With this inaugural project, Rotary became the world's first service-club organization, beginning some ten years before Kiwanis, Lions and Optimist clubs.

A second Rotary club was founded in San Francisco in 1908 and by 1910 there were sixteen clubs in the USA with a total membership of 1500. The first club outside the USA was formed in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada in 1911 soon to be followed by clubs in England and Ireland forming *Rotary International*.

In 1911 Rotary began using the terms "Service Above Self" and "He Profits Most Who Serves Best" which became the mottoes of Rotary, with "*Service Above Self*" now the primary motto.

By 1925 Rotary had grown to 200 clubs with more than 20,000 members. During World War II many clubs were forced to disband while others stepped up their service efforts to provide emergency relief to victims of the war. In 1942, Rotarians called a conference to explore international education and cultural exchange that served as the inspiration for the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO). Rotary also played a significant role in the birth of the United Nations itself, with 50 Rotarians serving as delegates, advisors, and consultants at the UN Charter Conference in 1945. "*Few there are who do not recognize the good work which is done by Rotary clubs throughout the free world*", British Prime Minister Winston Churchill once declared.

One of the world's most widely printed and quoted statements of business ethics, *The 4-Way Test* was created by Rotarian Herbert J. Taylor (who later served as RI President) and adopted by Rotary in 1943. *The 4-Way Test* has been translated into more than a hundred languages.

In 1962, the first Interact club was formed. In 1965 the Rotary Foundation launched Matching Grants and Group Study Exchange Programs. In 1978 RI's largest convention, with 39,834 registrants was held in Tokyo. In 1985 Rotary announces PolioPlus program.

In 1989 Rotary was opened to women. Rotary clubs were chartered in Budapest, Hungary and Warsaw, Poland for the first time in 50 years. In 1990 the Rotary club of Moscow was chartered. In 2001 provisional Rotary club status was granted in Beijing and Shanghai of the People's Republic of China.

The Rotary emblem, a simple wagon wheel, was first introduced in 1905 then modified and adopted as the official emblem in 1929. The emblem has a gear wheel with 24 cogs, 6 spokes and a keyway signifying the wheel as a "worker and not an idler". The emblem is a trademark and use is restricted. The emblem, worn as a lapel button, identifies Rotarians the world over.

The official colors of Rotary are royal blue and gold.

The *four avenues of service* were adopted as the program of Rotary in 1927.

The *Rotary Foundation* was formed in 1928 to support charitable, educational and other avenues of community progress. Following the death of Paul Harris in 1947, the Foundation educational awards were formulated and dedicated as a memorial to Rotary's founder.

The Rotary Foundation remains entirely dependent upon voluntary contributions. A major source of funding is derived from *Paul Harris Fellows* recognition of those contributing, or contributions made in the name of a Rotarian or non-Rotarian, the sum of \$1,000 or more, to the Foundation. The Paul Harris pin is worn with pride and distinction by Rotarians worldwide. There are over 726,000 Paul Harris Fellows as of 1999-2000. Contributions to the Foundation total \$1.168 billion with over \$1.091 billion expended in international programs since 1947.

The Rotary Foundations plays a significant role in service to humanity. A major portion goes to PolioPlus, dedicated to the eradication of polio and other crippling diseases from the world.

The Rotary PolioPlus program has contributed more than \$378 million to global eradication of polio as of June 2000. In addition to money, Rotarian's from 4,497 Rotary clubs have actively participated in 197 polioPlus Partner Projects and other polio-eradication activities around the world.

A new Rotary Foundation program was begun in 2002-2003 to establish Rotary Centers for International Studies to provide scholarships to graduate students pursuing a 2-year master's level degree in international relations, peace, and conflict resolution.

The Rotary Club of Atascadero

Chartered in 1950 Rotary Club #7432 Member of District 5240

Operates under the Standard Rotary Club Constitution and Bylaws
Administered by locally elected officers and board of directors

Membership between 70 and 80 members

Annual budget of approximately \$120,000.00

Rotary Club of Atascadero Foundation assets approximately \$350,000.00

Typical Service Projects (based on the Rotary year 2000-2001)

Youth Projects

Oak Hills High School computer lab

Kids at Risk

6 High School Scholarships – academic & vocational

AHS Choir or Band Christmas Show

AHS “Model A” Car Race

AHS FFA Judging Team

RYLA Sponsorships

AHS Grad Night

High School Ethics Conference

High School Baseball Field Project

Community Service Projects

Cuesta College

Creston Community Library

Chamber of Commerce

4-Way Test Promotion

Zoo to You

Colony Days

Vocational Awards

International Service Projects

Free Wheelchair Mission

India Polio Surgery & Rehabilitation Camps

Nigeria Fistula Rehabilitation Project

Uganda Transportation for Students

Nigeria Clean Water Project

Rotary International Foundation Contributions

Significant Club Accomplishments

- Over fifty years of service to the community of Atascadero
- Practicing the 4-Way Test
- Hundreds of thousands of dollars in scholarships to graduating high school seniors.
- Introducing students to the 4-Way Test
- Sponsoring Interact Club at Atascadero High School
- Sponsoring Rotary RYLA youth leadership training
- Initiating the plan and for making significant financial contributions to the Atascadero Lake Pavilion
- Paved pathways and lighting for the Atascadero Lake
- Sponsorship of Group Study Exchange Teams
- International Service projects in Mexico, Israel, Nigeria, India and Guatemala
- Over 150 Paul Harris Fellows
- Significant Contributions to PolioPlus International Project
- Significant Contributions to the Rotary International Foundation
- Significant Contributions to the Rotary Club of Atascadero Foundation

Members Approximate*

Annual Financial Responsibility

(Based on the year 2007-2008 budget)

Annual Dues (billed quarterly)	\$200
Recognition Fines (collected at meetings)	150
Fund Raisers (ticket sales)	200
Special Theme Meetings	50
Lunch (meeting days-variable)	750
Exemption / Rotarian of the Month	12
District Conference (optional)	300
Paul Harris Fellowship (optional)	100
Social Activities (variable)	100
New Member Book Signing (optional)	30

* This is only an estimate of the annual costs of membership.
Variable and optional expense items may or may not be expended.
Lunch costs are based on attending 50 meetings.

Presidents of the Rotary Club of Atascadero

*Curretly Active Members

Ralph Witmer	1950-51	Ted McCarty	1980-81
Parke Keays	1951-52	Ardean Werner	1981-82
Jack Elfort	1952-53	Bob Brown	1982-83
Dewey Krumweide	1953-54	Don Benjamin	1983-84
Harry Austin	1954-55	Collie Kidwell	1984-85
Fred Mugler	1955-56	Scott Morlan	1985-86
Archie Poore	1956-57	Stan Cherry*	1986-87
Hans Heilmann	1957-58	Jim Porter	1987-88
Robert Wright	1958-59	Garry Brill	1988-89
Chet Rice	1959-60	Bill Carroll	1989-90
Paul Johnson	1960-61	Jack Stinchfield*	1990-91
Vic Desrosier	1961-62	Don Price*	1991-92
Len Gibault	1962-63	Bill Safarjan	1992-93
Harry Baeker	1963-64	Pete Reed*	1993-94
Gene Brendlin	1964-65	John Vial*	1994-95
Ed Anderson	1965-66	Bob Lilley	1995-96
Ed Hughell	1966-67	Doug Filipponi*	1996-97
Phil Wachtel	1967-68	Grigger Jones*	1997-98
Frank Platz*	1968-69	Jackie Lerno*	1998-99
Chris Jespersen	1969-70	Dutch Nichols*	1999-00
Jerry DeCou III*	1970-71	Tom Morlan	2000-01
Kettner Rehbock	1971-72	Ken Weathers*	2001-02
Dave Hamilton	1972-73	Dave Garretson	2002-03
Bill Wright	1973-74	Will Bateman*	2003-04
George Highland*	1974-75	Randy Krumland*	2004-05
Hal Breish	1975-76	Ray Johnson*	2005-06
Dick Hart*	1976-77	J P Patel*	2006-07
Sonny Johnston	1977-78	Joanne Main*	2007-08
Jerry Harter	1978-79	Carl Billings*	2008-09
Richard Summers*	1979-80		

District 5240 Governor -- Ray Wirth* 1987-88

**Rotary Club of Atascadero
Continuing Resolutions
2001-2002**

I. CLUB MATTERS

A. Name

Rotary Club of Atascadero.

B. Address

P. O. Box 100, Atascadero, California 93423.

C. Meetings

Wednesday, 12:00 noon at Atascadero Lake Pavilion.

D. Bulletin

The Club bulletin is published once a month and is known as *The Rotary Axle*.

E. “Early Leavers”

The Club discourages early departures from weekly meetings by members. If a member cannot stay for the entire meeting, he/she should consider making up at another club. Members who do leave early must stay for 60% of the meetings. The President may assess “early leavers” up to \$5.00 per meeting.

F. Political Issues

The Club wishes to adhere to Rotary International guidelines with respect to political issues. When political issues are presented, a concerted effort shall be made to provide all sides of the issue.

II. BOARD OF DIRECTORS ISSUES

A. Meetings

Board meetings shall be held each month on the third Thursday of the month at 1:00 P.M. Unless otherwise specified by the President. The President shall prepare agenda with input from the Board members.

B. Continuing Resolutions

The continuing resolutions shall be reviewed and revised by the incoming Board of Directors each July. The official document, ratified by the Board of Directors, shall be signed by the President and Secretary in July and maintained in the official minutes.

C. Board Members Obligation to Attend Meetings

All Board members are encouraged to attend all club meetings, the District Assembly, the District Conference, and all club assemblies.

D. President's Obligation to Attend Meetings

In order to serve, the president-elect must attend the P.E.T.S. conference and the District Assembly.

E. Chairman of the Nominating Committee

The president-elect shall serve as chairperson of the committee to nominate the next president. The committee shall comprise the ten most recent club past-presidents.

III . FINANCIAL OPERATIONS

A. Bank Accounts

The Board of Directors must approve depository for club funds. Deposits shall be maintained in interest-bearing accounts.

B. Authorized Signatures

The President, Secretary, Treasurer or others designated by the Board will have signatory power. Only one signature is required for a single check in an amount up to \$500. Two signatures are required on amounts of \$500 or more. The signatory card shall be signed and in effect on July 1 of each year. The club does not approve anticipation signing of checks. A special checking account will be established for the 2001-2002 Rotary "High School Baseball Park" project. For the 2001-2002 year John Vial is hereby designated as having signature power on all accounts.

C. Compensation of Director/Officers

No compensation shall be allowed a Director and/or Officer.

D. Fixed Assets

The Board of Directors shall approve purchases and capital assets in excess of \$1000.00. All capital assets shall be inventoried and depreciated. The Board of Directors shall authorize the disposition of any capital assets.

E. Budget

The incoming Board of Directors shall prepare a budget in cooperation with the incoming President and Treasurer for approval in July. Expenditures in excess of amounts budgeted and/or budget transfers require prior approval of the Board of Directors.

F. Payment of Club Member Obligations

Annual dues are payable quarterly. Members having financial difficulties may defer payment via a written agreement with the Treasurer. Members with unpaid dues without written approval will be subject to removal from the membership roster. Members with financial obligations to the Club other than dues must repay those obligations within 30

days from receiving an invoice unless otherwise approved by the Board to avoid losing membership privileges.

G. Fiscal Year

The club fiscal year is from July 1 to June 30.

H. Club Accounts Receivable

The Treasurer shall be responsible for collection and special charges. The Sergeant-at-Arms committee shall be responsible for collections of fines and other debts incurred during the meetings. All other accounts receivable is the responsibility of the respective committee involved with the financial event, and adequate records shall be kept.

I. Club Accounts Payable

Club bills shall be paid on a timely basis unless a delay has been approved in advance by the board. The President or Board of Directors may authorize cash advances. Members may be reimbursed for certain expenses incurred for club purposes. Reimbursement shall be made by check upon presentation of the appropriate receipts attached to the approved request form.

J. Travel to Rotary International Convention

The travel expenses of the President-elect and his/her spouse will be covered as follows:

1. Actual cost of airfare, train, automobile, etc. by the most economical means consistent with the trip.
2. Actual cost of lodging during the term of the convention at a hotel recommended by the convention or at rates comparable to those recommended by the convention.
3. Actual cost of banquets and meals during the term of the convention.
4. Cost of registration and other expenses approved by the Board of Directors. Limit: \$3,000.

K. Travel to District Assembly/Conference

The cost of registration and meals will be covered for incoming Officers and Directors. The Board may authorize the payment of van or car-pooling mileage.

L. Travel to District Leadership Training

The Board may authorize all or part of the registration for the District Leadership Training Program.

M. Audit

The Treasurer may, under the direction of the Board, have a third party audit (or third-party review) conducted on the books for the previous fiscal year.

IV . GENERAL OPERATIONS

A. Supplies

Supplies should be kept on hand to meet at least three (3) months use. The Secretary shall procure all supplies, in cooperation with the Treasurer. The Sergeant-at-Arms Committee will maintain an inventory of supplies and request them as needed.

B. Safekeeping of Records

The Secretary shall be the custodian of all club records including minutes, official records, continuing resolutions and contracts. The Treasurer is the custodian of club financial records including checks, receipts and financial records.

C. Recurring Events

District Governor's Visit: The Board meets with the District Governor regarding club matters, usually before lunch, and also has dinner with the District Governor.

Fire Department BBQ: The club hosts a BBQ for the Atascadero Fire Department usually at the firehouse in October.

Wine Country Classic: The club holds a golf tournament jointly with the Paso Robles Rotary club, usually in May.

Joint Board Meeting: The June meeting of the board is a joint meeting with the incoming board members invited, usually a dinner meeting at the President's home.

Come-Down Party: The last weekly meeting of the year is a party "honoring" the outgoing president, usually held at the home of the immediate past president.

D. Special Lunch Meetings

Thanksgiving Lunch: Joint lunch with Paso Robles Rotary club the week before Thanksgiving. Lunch is held at each club in alternating years; the other club is dark that week.

Atascadero/Paso Robles Football Team luncheon: Joint lunch with the Paso Robles Rotary club the week of the Atascadero/Paso Robles football game. All players and coaches are guests. Lunch is held at each club in alternating years; the other club is dark that week.

Holiday Lunch: Held in December. The Atascadero High School Choir usually performs.

Valentine's Lunch: Joint meeting with Paso Robles Rotary club near Valentine's Day. Lunch is held at each club in alternating years; the other club is dark that week. Persons romantically linked to members are invited.

E. Recurring Programs

Rotary Foundation: One per year.

Club Assembly: Two per year.

Vocational Service: One per year.

V. MEMBER RETENTION

New Members: A mentor program will be established whereby new members will be assigned a mentor (club Rotarian in good standing) who will be responsible for monitoring and guiding a new member through a six-step checklist, e.g. attending a board meeting, serving on a committee. The new member will be given a red badge at induction. The traditional blue and gold badge will be substituted once the checklist has been completed.

VI. MEETING CONDUCT

A. Professional Conduct

Consideration, cooperation and courtesy are expected from all members and guests during the meeting.

B. Treatment of Visiting Rotarians and Guests

All members should go out of their way to make visitors feel welcome.

VII. DUES/RECOGNITIONS

A. Recognitions

Recognition for a member will be approximately \$160 per year unless otherwise specified by the member.

B. Exemptions

The exemption will allow members to advertise and/or provide recognition for his/her favorite cause. The exemption should be brief and be presented in good taste. The President will draw names monthly for the weekly exemption recognition.

C. Authority to Fine

The President (or designee) will assess fines for failure to wear pins, misbehavior and other reasonable or unreasonable reasons at his/her sole discretion.

D. Visitor fines

No visiting Rotarian or guest will be fined without prior approval.

E. Recognition for Newborns

Members having newborns during the Rotary year will be recognized with a voluntary collection from the members present when the birth is announced. The new parent should open a trust account for the child and match the amount collected.

F. Paul Harris Fellows

The club may honor a person with a Paul Harris Fellowship. Charitable giving funds may be used by action of the board. Being a Rotarian or relative of a Rotarian is not a disqualifying factor. The individual must be a good citizen of high moral character and have made a truly substantial contribution to the arts, humanities or education. The qualifying service must be “*Service Above Self*”. This selection shall be made regardless of economic status, race, gender or religions. The award may be made in memoriam.

G. Dues/Initiation Fees

The annual club dues shall be \$200.00 due and payable \$50.00 per quarter. The dues include District 5240 and Rotary International annual assessments. New members shall pay an initiation fee of \$125 plus first quarter dues. These fees are to include a membership pin and the framed FOUR-WAY TEST and OBJECT OF ROTARY.

H. Meetings Not Made Up

Club members have 14 days prior to, or 14 days following, a missed meeting in order to make it up. In the event the meeting is not made up within this period, the club President or a designee will spin the Rotary wheel, with fines on the wheel ranging from \$10 to \$35.

Bylaws of the Rotary Club of Atascadero

Article I Election of Directors and Officers

Section I – Prior to the November board of directors meeting, the club nominating committee, made up of the ten most recent past presidents who are still club members and chaired by the immediate past-president, shall nominate to the board of directors, a nominee for president-elect. The board of directors, at the regular November board meeting, shall elect the president-elect nominee. Said president-elect nominee shall, prior to his/her term as president, appoint his/her board and committee chairpersons. The president-elect nominee shall serve as a member of the board as president-elect for the year commencing on the first day of July next following his/her election as president-elect nominee, and shall assume office as president on the first day of July immediately following his/her year of service on the board as president-elect.

Section 2 – The officers and directors, so elected, together with the immediate past president shall constitute the board of directors.

Section 3 – A vacancy in the board of directors or any office shall be filled by action of the remaining members of the board.

Section 4 – A vacancy in the position of any officer-elect or director-elect shall be filled by action of the remaining members of the board of directors-elect.

Article II Board of Directors

Section 1 – The governing body of this club shall be the board of directors consisting of eleven members of this club, namely club service, community service, vocational service, international service, membership, and at-large director, the president, the president-elect, secretary, treasurer and immediate past-president.

Article III Duties of Officers

Section 1 – *President.* It shall be the duty of the president to preside at meetings of the club and the board of directors and to perform such other duties as ordinarily pertain to this office.

Section 2 – *President-elect.* It shall be the duty of the president-elect to serve as a member of the board of directors of the club and to perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the president or the board.

Section 3 – *Secretary.* It shall be the duty of the secretary to keep the records of the membership; record the attendance at meetings; send out notices of meetings of the club, board of directors, and committees; record and preserve the minutes of such meetings; make the required reports to Rotary International, including the semiannual reports of membership, which shall be made to the General Secretary of Rotary International on January 1st and July 1st of each year, and including prorated reports to the General Secretary on October 1st and April 1st of each active member who has been elected to membership in the club since the start of the July and January semiannual reporting period, the report of changes in membership, which shall be made to the General Secretary of Rotary International, the monthly report of attendance at the club meetings, which shall be made to the District Governor immediately following the last meeting of the month; collect and remit to Rotary International subscriptions to *The Rotarian*; and perform such other duties as usually pertain to this office.

Section 4 – Treasurer. - It shall be the duty of the treasurer to have custody of all funds, accounting for same to the club annually and at any other time upon demand by the board of directors and to perform such other duties as pertain to this office. Upon retirement from office, the treasurer shall turn over to the incoming treasurer or to the president all funds, books of accounts or any other club property.

Section 5 – Sergeant-at-Arms. - The sergeant-at-arms shall be appointed by the president at each regular weekly meeting. The sergeant-at-arms will perform those duties usually prescribed for this office and any other duties as may be prescribed by the president or the board. The sergeant-at-arms is not a member of the Board of Directors.

Article IV Meetings

Section 1 – Annual Meeting. An annual meeting of the club shall be held on the first Wednesday of December in each year at which time the election of officers and directors to serve for the ensuing year shall take place.

Section 2 – Regular Meeting. The regular weekly meeting of this club shall be held on Wednesday at 12:00 noon. Due notice of any changes in or canceling of the regular meeting shall be given to all members of the club. All members, excepting an honorary member (or members excused by the board of directors of this club pursuant to Article VIII, section 2 (b) of the Standard Rotary Club Constitution) in good standing in this club, on the day of the regular meeting, must be counted as present or absent, and attendance must be evidenced by the member's being present for at least sixty (60) percent of the time devoted to the regular meeting, either at this club or at any other Rotary club, or as otherwise provided in the standard Rotary club constitution, article VIII, section I.

Section 3 – One-third of the membership shall constitute a quorum at the annual and regular meetings of this club.

Section 4 – Regular meetings of the board shall be held on the second Tuesday of each month. Special meetings of the board shall be called by the president, whenever deemed necessary, or upon the request of two (2) members of the board, due notice having been given.

Section 5 – A majority of the board of director members shall constitute a quorum of the board.

Article V Fees and Dues

Section 1 – The admission fee shall be determined by the board of directors to be paid before the applicant can qualify as a member.

Section 2 – The membership dues shall be determined by the board of directors, payable quarterly on the first day of July, October, January and April with the understanding that an amount, as determined by Rotary International, shall be applied to each member's subscription *The Rotarian* magazine, semi-annually.

Article VI Method of Voting

The business of this club shall be transacted by voice vote.

Article VII Committees

Section 1 – Standing Committees

- (a) The president shall, subject to the approval of the board of directors, appoint chairpersons for the following standing committees:
 - Club Service committee
 - Vocational Service committee
 - Community Service committee
 - International Service committee
 - Membership committee
- (b) The president shall, subject to the approval of the board of directors, also appoint such committee chairpersons on particular phases of club service, vocational service, community service, international service and membership as deemed necessary.
- (c) The club service committee, vocational service committee, community service committee, international service committee, and membership committee shall consist of a chairperson, named by the president, and as many committee members as each chairman deems necessary.
- (d) The president shall be *ex officio* a member of all committees and, as such, shall have the privileges of membership thereon.
- (e) Each committee shall transact such business as is delegated to it in the bylaws and such additional business as may be referred to it by the president or the board of directors. Except where special authority is given by the board, such committees shall not take action until a report has been made to the board and approved by the board.
- (f) The president may appoint one or more committees dealing with various aspects of youth activities, which, depending on their respective responsibilities, may be under any, or all, of the vocational service, community service or international service committees. Where feasible and practicable in the appointment of such committees, there should be provisions for continuity of membership, either by appointing one or more members for a second term or by appointing one or more members to a two-year term.

Section 2 – Club Service Committee

- (a) The chairman of the club service committee shall be responsible for all club service activities and shall supervise and coordinate the work of all committees appointed on particular phases of club service.
- (b) The club service committee shall consist of the chairman of the club service committee and the chairman of all committees appointed on a particular phases of club service.
- (c) The club service director shall, subject to the approval of the board, appoint the following committees on particular phases of club service:
 - 1. Attendance committee
 - 2. Club bulletin committee
 - 3. Fellowship committee
 - 4. Magazine committee
 - 5. Program committee
 - 6. Public relations committee
 - 7. Rotary information committee

- (d) Where feasible and practicable in the appointment of club committees, there should be provision for continuity of membership, either by appointing one or more members for a second term or by appointing one or more members to a two-year term.
- (e) The Rotary information committee shall consist of three (3) members, one member of the committee to be appointed each year for a term of three (3) years.
- (f) The magazine committee shall, wherever feasible, include the editor of the club publication and a local newspaper or advertising member of the club.

Article VIII Duties of Committees

Section 1 – Club Service Committee. This committee shall devise and carry into effect plans which will guide and assist the members of this club in discharging their responsibilities in matters relating to club service. The chairman of the club service committee shall be responsible for regular meetings of the committee and shall report to the board on all club activities.

- (1) *Attendance Committee.* This committee shall devise means for encouraging attendance at all Rotary meetings – including attendance at district conferences, inter-city meetings, regional conferences, and international conventions by all club members. This committee shall especially encourage attendance at regular meetings of this club and attendance at regular meetings of other clubs when unable to attend meetings of this club; keep all members informed on attendance requirements; promote better incentives for good attendance; and seek to ascertain and remove the conditions that contribute to unsatisfactory attendance.
- (2) *Club Bulletin Committee.* This committee shall endeavor, through the publishing of a biweekly club bulletin, to stimulate interest and improve attendance, announce the program of the forthcoming meeting, relate highlights of the previous meeting, promote fellowship, contribute to the Rotary education of all members, and report news of the club, of its members and of the worldwide Rotary program.
- (3) *Fellowship Activities Committee.* This committee shall promote acquaintance and friendship among the members, promote participation by members in organized Rotary recreational and social activities, and do such work in pursuance of the general object of the club as may be assigned by the president or the board of directors.
- (4) *Magazine Committee.* This committee shall stimulate reader interest in *The Rotarian*, sponsor a magazine month; arrange for brief monthly reviews of the magazine on regular club programs; encourage the use of the magazine in the induction of new members; provide a copy of the magazine for non-Rotarian speakers; secure international service and other special subscriptions for libraries, hospitals, schools and other reading rooms; send news items and photographs to the editor of the magazine and in other ways make the magazine of service to the club members and non-Rotarians.
- (5) *Program Committee.* This committee shall prepare and arrange the programs for the regular and special meetings of this club.

(6) *Public Relations Committee.* This committee shall devise and carry into effect, plans (1) to give the public general information about Rotary, its history, object, and scope; and (2) to secure proper publicity for the club.

(7) *Rotary Information Committee.* This committee shall devise and carry into effect plans (1) to give prospective members information about the privileges and responsibilities of membership in a Rotary club, (2) to give the members, especially the new members, adequate understanding of the privileges and responsibilities of members, (3) to give members information about Rotary, its history, object, scope, activities, and (4) to give the members information as to developments in the administrative operation of Rotary International.

Section 2 – Vocational Service Committee. This committee shall devise and carry into effect plans that will guide and assist the members of this club in discharging their responsibilities in their vocational relationships and in improving the general standards of practice in their respective vocations. The chairman of this committee shall be responsible for the vocational services activities of the club and shall supervise and coordinate the work of any committees that may be appointed on particular phases of vocational service.

Section 3 – Community Service Committee. This committee shall devise and carry into effect plans which will guide and assist the members of this club in discharging their responsibilities in their community relationships. The chairman of this committee shall be responsible for the community service activity of the club and shall supervise and coordinate the work of any committees that may be appointed on particular phases of community service.

Section 4 – International Service Committee. This committee shall devise and carry into effect plans which will guide and assist the members of this club in discharging their responsibilities in matters relating to international service. The chairman of this committee shall be responsible for the international service activity of the club and shall supervise and coordinate the work of any committees that may be appointed on particular phases of international service.

Section 5 – Membership Committee. This committee shall devise and carry into effect plans which will guide and assist the members of this club in discharging their responsibilities in matters relating to membership growth and retention. The chairman of this committee shall be responsible for the membership activities of the club and shall supervise and coordinate the work of any committees that may be appointed on particular phases of membership. This committee shall consist of three (3) members, one member to be appointed each year for a term of three (3) years.

The Membership Committee shall consist of the following sub-committees:

- Membership Development Committee
- Qualifications Committee
- Classifications Committee

- (1) *Membership Development Committee.* This committee shall review continually the club roster of filled and unfilled classifications and shall take positive action to initiate and present to the board the names of suitable persons to fill unfilled classifications.
- (2) *Qualifications Committee.* This committee shall consider all proposals for membership from the personal side and shall thoroughly investigate the character, business, social and community standing and general eligibility of all persons proposed for membership and shall report their decisions on all applications to the board.
- (3) *Classification Committee.* This committee shall compile and keep a continuous roster of filled and unfilled classifications, applying the classification principle; shall review where necessary, existing classifications represented in the club; and shall counsel with the board on all classification problems.

Article IX Leave of Absence

Upon written application to the board, setting forth good and sufficient cause, leave of absence may be granted excusing a member from attending the meetings of the club for a specified length of time.

(note: Such leave of absence does not operate to prevent a forfeiture of membership; it does not operate to give the club credit for the member's attendance. Unless the member attends a regular meeting of another club, the excused member must be recorded as absent except that absence authorized under the provisions of article VIII, section 2(b) of the standard Rotary club constitution is not computed in the attendance record of the club.)

Article X Finances

Section 1 – The treasurer shall deposit all funds of the club in a bank to be named by the board.

Section 2 – All bills shall be paid only by check signed by the treasurer. A thorough audit by a certified public accountant or other qualified person may be made once each year of all the club's financial transactions at the discretion of the board.

Section 3 – Officers having charge or control of funds shall give bond as may be required by the board for the safe custody of the funds of the club, cost of bond to be borne by the club.

Section 4 – The fiscal year of this club shall extend from July 1st to June 30th, and for the collection of members dues shall be divided into four quarterly periods extending from July 1st to September 30th, from October 1st to December 31st, from January 1st to March 31st, and from April 1st to June 30th. The payment of per capita dues and magazine subscriptions to Rotary International shall be made on July 1st and January 1st of each year on the basis of membership of the club on those dates.

(note: Magazine subscriptions for members joining during a semiannual period are payable upon invoice from the Secretariat.)

Section 5 – At the beginning of each fiscal year the board shall prepare or cause to be prepared a budget of estimated income and expenditures for the year, which, having been agreed to by the board, shall stand as the limit of expenditures for the respective purpose unless otherwise ordered by action of the board.

Article XI Method of Electing Members

Section 1 – Active Membership

- (1) The name of a prospective member, proposed by an active member of the club or by the membership development committee, shall be submitted to the board in writing, through the membership chairman. A transferring or former member of another club may be proposed to active membership by the former club. The proposal for the time being shall be kept confidential except as otherwise provided in this procedure.
- (2) The board shall request the classification committee to consider and report to the board on the eligibility of the proposed member from the standpoint of classification, and shall request the qualifications committee to investigate and report to the board on the eligibility of the proposed member from the standpoint of character, business and social standing, and general eligibility.
- (3) The board shall consider and approve or disapprove the recommendations of the classification and qualifications committees by a majority vote and shall then notify the proposer, through the membership chairperson, of its decision.
- (4) If the decision of the board is favorable, the proposer, together with one or more members of the membership committee, shall inform the prospective member of the purpose of Rotary and the privileges and responsibilities of membership in the club, following which the prospective member shall be requested to complete and submit an application for membership and to give his/her permission for his/her name and proposed classification to be published to the club.
- (5) If no written objection to the proposal, stating reasons, is received by the board from any member (other than honorary) of the club within ten (10) days following publication of the name of the prospective member, the prospective member, upon payment of the admission fee, as prescribed in these bylaws, shall be considered to be elected to membership.
- (6) If any such objection has been filed with the board, it shall consider the same at any regular or special meeting of the board and shall ballot on the proposed member. If not to exceed two (2) negative votes are cast by the members of the board in attendance at such regular or special meeting, the proposed member, upon payment of the prescribed admission fee, shall be considered to be elected to membership.
- (7) Following the member's election, the president shall arrange for the induction of the new member; the club secretary shall issue a membership card and shall report his/her name to the General Secretary of Rotary International.

Section 2 – Honorary Membership

An honorary membership may be bestowed upon a person who has distinguished themselves by meritorious service in the furtherance of Rotary ideals as prescribed in Article VI, section 6 of the standard club constitution. The term of honorary membership shall be determined by the board. Honorary members do not hold a classification, are not counted in attendance, are

exempt from paying admission fees and dues, do not have a vote and are not eligible to hold office, but enjoy the privilege of attending meetings at this club or any other Rotary club.

Article XII Resolutions

No resolution or motion, to commit this club on any matter, shall be considered by the club until it has been considered by the board. Such resolutions or motions, if offered at a club meeting, shall be referred to the board without discussion.

Article XIII Order of Business

Meeting called to order.
Pledge of Allegiance and Opening Prayer.
Introduction of visiting Rotarians.
Introduction of Guests.
Correspondence and announcements.
Committee reports, if any.
Any unfinished business.
Any new business (member recognitions).
Program.
Adjournment.

Article XIV Amendments

These bylaws may be amended at any regular meeting, a quorum being present, by a two-thirds vote of all members present, provided that notice of such proposed amendment shall have been mailed to each member at least ten (10) days before such meeting. No amendment or addition to these bylaws can be made which is not in harmony with the club constitution and with the constitutions and bylaws of Rotary International.

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Constitution of The Rotary Club of Atascadero

Article I. Definitions

As used in this constitution, unless the context otherwise clearly requires, the words in this article shall have the following meanings:

1. Board: The Board of Directors of this club.
2. Bylaws: The bylaws of this club.
3. Director: A member of this club's Board of Directors.
4. Member: A member, other than an honorary member, of this club.
5. RI: Rotary International.
6. Year: The twelve-month period which begins on 1 July.

Article II. Name

The name of this organization shall be: **The Rotary Club of Atascadero**
Atascadero, California -- U.S.A. -- District 5240 (Member of Rotary International)

Article III. Locality of the Club

The locality of this club is as follows:
The City of Atascadero and surrounding area.

Article IV. Object

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.

Article V. Meetings

Section 1 — Regular Meetings.

- (a) *Day and Time.* This club shall hold a regular meeting once each week on the day and at the time provided in the bylaws.
- (b) *Change of Meeting.* For good cause, the board may change a regular meeting to any day during the period commencing with the day following the preceding regular meeting and ending with the day preceding the next regular meeting, or to a different hour of the regular day, or to a different place.
- (c) *Cancellation.* The board may cancel a regular meeting if it falls on a legal holiday or in case of the death of a club member, or of an epidemic or of a disaster affecting the whole community, or of an armed conflict in the community which endangers the lives of the club members. The board may cancel not more than four regular meetings in a year for causes not otherwise specified herein provided that this club does not fail to meet for more than three consecutive meetings.

Section 2 — *Annual Meeting.* An annual meeting for the election of officers shall be held not later than 31 December as provided in the bylaws.

Article VI. Membership

Section 1 — *General Qualifications.* This club shall be composed of adult persons of good character and good business and professional reputation.

Section 2 — *Kinds.* This club shall have two kinds of membership, namely: active and honorary.

*** Interim Provision Relating to Section 2 ---* Notwithstanding the provisions of article VI, section 2, no one who was a member of a Rotary club as of 1 July 2001 shall lose membership by reason of enactment 01-148 adopted by the 2001 Council on Legislation.

Section 3 — *Active Membership.* A person possessing the qualifications set forth in article V, section 2 of the RI constitution may be elected to active membership in this club.

Section 4 — *Transferring or Former Rotarian.* A member may propose to active membership a transferring member or former member of a club, if the proposed member is terminating or has terminated such membership in the former club due to no longer being engaged in the formerly assigned classification of business or profession within the locality of the former club or the surrounding area. The transferring or former member of a club being proposed to active membership under this section may also be proposed by the former club.

Section 5 — *Dual Membership.* No person shall simultaneously hold active membership in this and another club. No person shall simultaneously be a member and an honorary member in this club. No person shall simultaneously hold active membership in this club and membership in a Rotaract club.

Section 6 — *Honorary Membership.*

(a) *Eligibility for Honorary Membership.* Persons who have distinguished themselves by meritorious service in the furtherance of Rotary ideals may be elected to honorary membership in this club. The term of such membership shall be as determined by the board. Persons may hold honorary membership in more than one club.

**** The 2001 Council on Legislation adopted an enactment which eliminated types of membership (senior active, past service and additional active) and revised the classification principle. However, no one who is a member of a Rotary club as of 1 July 2001 will lose membership by reason of the new provisions. All such persons will be considered active members.

(b) *Rights and Privileges.* Honorary members shall be exempt from the payment of admission fees and dues, shall have no vote and shall not be eligible to hold any office in this club. Such members shall not hold classifications, but shall be entitled to attend all meetings and enjoy all the other privileges of this club. No honorary member of this club is entitled to any rights and privileges in any other club, except for the right to visit other clubs without being the guest of a Rotarian.

Section 7 — *HOLDERS OF PUBLIC OFFICE.* Persons elected or appointed to public office for a specified time shall not be eligible to active membership in this club under the classification of

such office. This restriction shall not apply to persons holding positions or offices in schools, colleges or other institutions of learning or to persons who are elected or appointed to the judiciary. Members who are elected or appointed to public office for a specified period may continue as such members in their existing classifications during the period in which they hold such office.

Section 8 — *Rotary International Employment.* This club may retain in its membership any member employed by RI.

Article VII. Classifications

Section 1 — *General Provisions.*

(a) *Principal Activity.* Each member shall be classified in accordance with the member's business or profession. The classification shall be that which describes the principal and recognized activity of the firm, company or institution with which the member is connected or that which describes the member's principal and recognized business or professional activity.

(b) *Correction or Adjustment.* If the circumstances warrant, the board may correct or adjust the classification of any member. Notice of a proposed correction or adjustment shall be provided to the member and the member shall be allowed a hearing thereon.

Section 2 — *Limitations.* This club shall not elect a person to active membership from a classification if the club already has five or more members from that classification, unless the club has more than 50 members, in which case, the club may elect a person to active membership in a classification so long as it will not result in the classification making up more than 10% of the club's active membership. Members who are retired shall not be included in the total number of members from a classification. If a member changes classification, the club may continue the member's membership under the new classification notwithstanding these limitations.

***Interim Provision Relating to Section 2* --- Notwithstanding the provisions of article VII, section 2, no one who was a member of a Rotary club as of 1 July 2001 shall lose membership by reason of enactment 01-148 adopted by the 2001 Council on Legislation.

(See footnote for Interim Provision to Article VI, section 2 of this constitution.)

Article VIII. Attendance

Section 1 — *General Provisions.* Each member should attend this club's regular meetings. A member shall be counted as attending a regular meeting if the member is present for at least 60% of the meeting, or is present and is called away unexpectedly and subsequently produces evidence to the satisfaction of the board that such action was reasonable, or makes up for an absence in any of the following ways:

(a) ***14 Days Before or After the Meeting.*** If, within fourteen (14) days before or after the regular time for that meeting, the member

(1) attends at least 60% of the regular meeting of another club or of a provisional club; or

(2) attends a regular meeting of a Rotaract or Interact club or Rotary Community Corps or of a provisional Rotaract or Interact club or Rotary Community Corps; or

(3) attends a convention of RI, a council on legislation, an international assembly, a Rotary institute for past and present officers of RI, a Rotary institute for past, present, and incoming officers of RI, or any other meeting convened with the approval of the board of directors of RI or

the president of RI acting on behalf of the board of directors of RI, a Rotary multizone conference, a meeting of a committee of RI, a Rotary district conference, a Rotary district assembly, any district meeting held by direction of the board of directors of RI, any district committee meeting held by direction of the district governor, or a regularly announced intercity meeting of Rotary clubs; or

(4) is present at the usual time and place of a regular meeting of another club for the purpose of attending such meeting, but that club is not meeting at that time or place; or

(5) attends and participates in a club service project or a club-sponsored community event or meeting authorized by the board; or

(6) attends a board meeting or, if authorized by the board, a meeting of a service committee to which the member is assigned. When a member is outside the member's country of residence for more than fourteen (14) days, the time restriction shall not be imposed so that the member may attend meetings in another country at any time during the travel period, and each such attendance shall count as a valid make-up for any regular meeting missed during the member's time abroad.

(b) ***At the Time of the Meeting.*** If, at the time of the meeting, the member is

(1) traveling with reasonable directness to or from one of the meetings specified in subsection (a) (3) of this section; or

(2) serving as an officer or member of a committee of RI, or a trustee of The Rotary Foundation; or

(3) serving as the special representative of the district governor in the formation of a new club; or

(4) on Rotary business in the employ of RI; or

(5) directly and actively engaged in a district-sponsored or a RI or Rotary Foundation sponsored service project in a remote area where making up attendance is impossible; or

(6) engaged in Rotary business duly authorized by the board which precludes attendance at the meeting.

(c) ***Extended Absence on Outposted Assignment.*** If the member, while working within the member's own country of residence for an extended period on an outposted assignment and with the mutual agreement of the member's club and a designated club, attends meetings of the designated club. If excused, the president-elect shall send a designated club representative who shall report back to the president-elect.

Section 2 — *Excused Absences.* A member's absence shall be excused if

(a) the absence complies with the conditions and under circumstances approved by the board. The board may excuse a member's absence for reasons which it considers to be good and sufficient.

(b) the aggregate of the member's years of age and years of membership in one or more clubs is 85 years or more and the member has notified the club secretary in writing of the member's desire to be excused from attendance and the board has approved.

Section 3 — *RI Officers' Absences.* A member's absence shall be excused if the member is a current officer of RI.

Section 4 — *Attendance Records.* Any member whose absences are excused under the provisions of subsection (b) of section 2 of this article shall not be included in the membership figure used to compute this club's attendance nor shall such absences or attendances be used for that purpose.

Article IX. Directors and Officers

Section 1 — *Governing Body.* The governing body of this club shall be the board constituted as the bylaws may provide.

Section 2 — *Authority.* The board shall have general control over all officers and committees and, for good cause, may declare any office vacant.

Section 3 — *Board Action Final.* The decision of the board in all club matters is final, subject only to an appeal to the club. However, as to a decision to terminate membership, a member, pursuant to article XI, section 6, may either appeal to the club or request arbitration. If appealed, a decision of the board shall be reversed only by a two-thirds vote of the members present, at a regular meeting specified by the board, provided a quorum is present and notice of the appeal has been given by the secretary to each member at least five (5) days prior to the meeting. If an appeal is taken, the action taken by the club shall be final.

Section 4 — *Officers.* The club officers shall be a president, a president-elect and one or more vice-presidents, all of whom shall be members of the board, and a secretary, a treasurer, and a sergeant-at-arms, who may or may not be members of the board as the bylaws shall provide.

Section 5 — *Election of Officers.*

(a) *Terms of Officers other than President.* Each officer shall be elected as provided in the bylaws. Except for the president, each officer shall take office on 1 July immediately following election and shall serve for the term of office or until a successor has been duly elected and qualified.

(b) *Term of President.* The president shall be elected as provided in the bylaws, not more than two (2) years but not less than eighteen (18) months prior to the day of taking office. The president shall serve as president-elect for the year immediately preceding the year as president. The president shall take office on 1 July and shall serve for a period of one (1) year or until a successor has been duly elected and qualified.

(c) *Qualifications.* Each officer and director shall be a member in good standing of this club. The president-elect shall attend the district presidents-elect training seminar and the district assembly unless excused by the governor-elect. If excused, the president-elect shall send a representative who shall report back to the president-elect.

Article X. Admission Fees and Dues

Every member shall pay an admission fee and annual dues as prescribed in the bylaws, except that any transferring or former member of another club who is accepted into membership of this club pursuant to article VI, section 4 shall not be required to pay a second admission fee.

Article XI. Duration of Membership

Section 1 — *Period.* Membership shall continue during the existence of this club unless terminated as hereinafter provided.

Section 2 — *Automatic Termination.*

(A) *Membership Qualifications.* Membership shall automatically terminate when a member no longer meets the membership qualifications, except that:

(1) the board may grant a member moving from the locality of this club or the surrounding area a special leave of absence not to exceed one (1) year to enable the member to visit and become known to a Rotary club in the new community if the member is still active in the same classification and continues to meet all other conditions of club membership;

(2) the board may allow a member moving from the locality of this club or the surrounding area to retain membership if the member remains active in the same classification and continues to meet all other conditions of club membership; and

(3) a member whose classification is lost without default of the member may retain such classification and be granted a special leave of absence not to exceed one (1) year to enable the member to obtain new employment in the current or a new classification. Such member must continue to meet all other conditions of club membership. Termination of membership would take effect only at the end of the period of leave granted to the member.

(B) *How to Rejoin.* When the membership of a member has terminated as provided in subsection (A) of this section, such person may make new application for membership, under the same or another classification. A second admission fee shall not be required.

(C) *Termination of Honorary Membership.* Honorary membership shall automatically terminate at the end of the term for such membership as determined by the board. However, the board may extend an honorary membership for an additional period. The board may revoke an honorary membership at any time.

Section 3 — Termination — Non-Payment of Dues.

(A) *Process.* Any member failing to pay dues within thirty (30) days after the prescribed time shall be notified in writing by the secretary at the member's last known address. If the dues are not paid on or before ten (10) days of the date of notification, membership may terminate, subject to the discretion of the board.

(B) *Reinstatement.* The board may reinstate the former member to membership upon the former member's petition and payment of all indebtedness to this club. However, no former member may be reinstated to active membership if the former member's classification has been filled.

Section 4 — Termination — Non-Attendance.

(A) *Attendance Percentages.* A member must

(1) attend or make up at least 60% of club regular meetings in each half of the year;

(2) attend at least 30% of this club's regular meetings in each half of the year. If a member fails to attend as required, the member's membership shall be subject to termination unless the board consents to such non-attendance for good cause.

(B) *Consecutive Absences.* Unless otherwise excused by the board for good and sufficient reason or pursuant to article VIII, sections 2 or 3, each member who fails to attend or make up four consecutive regular meetings, shall be informed by the board that the member's non-attendance may be considered a request to terminate membership in this club. Thereafter, the board, by a majority vote, may terminate the member's membership.

Section 5 — Termination — Other Causes.

(A) *Good Cause.* The board may terminate the membership of any member who ceases to have the qualifications for membership in this club or for any good cause by a vote of not less than two-thirds of the board members, at a meeting called for that purpose.

(B) *Notice.* Prior to taking any action under subsection (a) of this section, the member shall be given at least ten (10) days' written notice of such pending action and an opportunity to submit a written answer to the board. The member shall have the right to appear before the board to state the member's case. Notice shall be by personal delivery or by registered letter to the member's last known address.

(C) *Filling Classification.* When the board has terminated the membership of a member as provided for in this section, this club shall not elect a new member under the former member's

classification until the time for hearing any appeal has expired and the decision of this club or of the arbitrators has been announced.

Section 6 — *Right to Appeal or Arbitrate Termination.*

(A) *Notice.* Within seven (7) days after the date of the board's decision to terminate membership, the secretary shall give written notice of the decision to the member. Within fourteen (14) days after the date of the notice, the member may give written notice to the secretary of the intention either to appeal to the club or to arbitrate as provided in article XV.

(B) *Date for Hearing of Appeal.* In the event of an appeal, the board shall set a date for the hearing of the appeal at a regular club meeting to be held within twenty-one (21) days after receipt of the notice of appeal. At least five (5) days' written notice of the meeting and its special business shall be given to every member. Only members shall be present when the appeal is heard.

(C) *Arbitration.* In the event of a request for arbitration, each party shall appoint an arbitrator and the arbitrators shall appoint an umpire. Only a member of a Rotary club may be appointed as umpire or as arbitrator.

(D) *Appeal.* If an appeal is taken, the action of the club shall be final and binding on all parties and shall not be subject to arbitration.

(E) *Decision of Arbitrators or Umpire.* If arbitration is requested, the decision reached by the arbitrators, or, if they disagree, by the umpire shall be final and binding on all parties and shall not be subject to appeal.

Section 7 — *Board Action Final.* Board action shall be final if no appeal to this club is taken and no arbitration is requested.

Section 8 — *Resignation.* The resignation of any member from this club shall be in writing, addressed to the president or secretary. The resignation shall be accepted by the board if the member has no indebtedness to this club.

Section 9 — *Forfeiture of Property Interest.* Any person whose club membership has been terminated in any manner shall forfeit all interest in any funds or other property belonging to this club.

Article XII. Community, National and International Affairs

Section 1 — *Proper Subjects.* The merits of any public question involving the general welfare of the community, the nation and the world are of concern to the members of this club and shall be proper subjects of fair and informed study and discussion at a club meeting for the enlightenment of its members in forming their individual opinions. However, this club shall not express an opinion on any pending controversial public measure.

Section 2 — *No Endorsements.* This club shall not endorse or recommend any candidate for public office and shall not discuss at any club meeting the merits or demerits of any such candidate.

Section 3 — *Non-Political.*

(A) *Resolutions and Opinions.* This club shall neither adopt nor circulate resolutions or opinions, and shall not take action dealing with world affairs or international policies of a political nature.

(B) *Appeals.* This club shall not direct appeals to clubs, peoples or governments, or circulate letters, speeches, or proposed plans for the solution of specific international problems of a political nature.

Section 4 — *Recognizing Rotary's Beginning.*

The week of the anniversary of Rotary's founding (23 February) shall be known as World Understanding and Peace Week. During this week, this club will celebrate Rotary service, reflect upon past achievements and focus on programs of peace, understanding and goodwill in the community and throughout the world.

Article XIII. Rotary Magazines

Section 1 — *Mandatory Subscription.* Unless, in accordance with the bylaws of RI, this club is excused by the board of directors of RI from complying with the provisions of this article, each member shall, for the duration of membership, subscribe to the official magazine or to the magazine approved and prescribed for this club by the board of directors of RI. The subscription shall be paid in six (6) month periods for the duration of membership in this club and to the end of any six (6) month period during which membership may terminate.

Section 2 — *Subscription Collection.* The subscription shall be collected by this club from each member semiannually in advance and remitted to the Secretariat of RI or to the office of such regional publications as may be determined by the board of directors of RI.

Article XIV. Acceptance of Object and Compliance with Constitution & Bylaws

By payment of an admission fee and dues, a member accepts the principles of Rotary as expressed in its object and submits to and agrees to comply with and be bound by the constitution and bylaws of this club, and on these conditions alone is entitled to the privileges of this club. Each member shall be subject to the terms of the constitution and bylaws regardless of whether such member has received copies of them.

Article XV. Arbitration

Should any dispute, other than as to a decision of the board, arise between any current or former member(s), and this club, any club officer or the board, on any account whatsoever which cannot be settled under the procedure already provided for such purpose, the dispute shall be settled, upon a request to the secretary by any of the disputants, by arbitration. The procedure utilized for such arbitration shall be as provided in article XI, section 6, subsections (c) and (e).

Article XVI. Bylaws

This club shall adopt bylaws not inconsistent with the constitution and bylaws of RI, with the rules of procedure for an administrative territorial unit where established by RI, and with this constitution, embodying additional provisions for the government of this club. Such bylaws may be amended from time to time as therein provided.

Article XVII. Interpretation

Throughout this constitution, the terminology "mail," "mailing" and "ballot-by-mail" will include utilization of electronic mail (e-mail) and internet technology to reduce costs and increase responsiveness.

Article XVIII. Amendments

Section 1 — *Manner of Amending.* Except as provided in section 2 of this article, this constitution may be amended only by the council on legislation in the same manner as is established in the bylaws of RI for the amendment of its bylaws.

Section 2 — *Amending Article II and Article III.* Article II (Name) and Article III (Locality of the Club) of the constitution shall be amended at any regular meeting of this club, a quorum being present by the affirmative vote of a majority of members present and voting, provided that notice of such proposed amendment shall have been mailed to each member at least ten (10) days before such meeting, and provided further, that such amendment shall be submitted to the board of directors of RI for its approval and shall become effective only when so approved.

-- End of Constitution --

Sources of Rotary Information

Standard Rotary Club Bylaws

Bylaws of the Rotary Club of Atascadero

Standard Club Constitution

Manual of Procedure

2001 Council on Legislation

District 5240 web site <http://www.rotarydistrict5240.org>

Rotary International web site <http://www.rotary.org>

Speeches from 92nd Annual Convention of Rotary International

Rotary News Basket

The Rotarian magazine

This is Rotary pamphlet 001-EN

Paul Harris and His Successors: Profiles in Leadership

Adventures in Service

Service is My Business

Frank Talk - How You Can Make A Difference in Rotary

Rotary Wisdom – Reflections on Service – Why I Am A Rotarian

The ABC's of Rotary 363-EN

Rotary World Magazine

Basic Rotary Library

Catalog 2001 of Rotary International

20 Answers to the Question: Why Join Rotary?

1. **Friendship:** In an increasingly complex world, Rotary provides one of the most basic human needs: the need for friendship and fellowship. It is one of two reasons why Rotary began in 1905.
2. **Business Development:** The second original reason for Rotary's beginning is business development. Everyone needs to network. Rotary consists of a cross section of every business community. Its members come from all walks of life. Rotarians help each other and collectively help others.
3. **Personal Growth and Development:** Membership in Rotary continues one's growth and education in human relations and personal development.
4. **Leadership Development:** Rotary is an organization of leaders and successful people, Serving in Rotary positions is like a college education. Leadership: - learning how to motivate, influence, and lead leaders.
5. **Citizenship in the Community:** Membership in a Rotary club makes one a better community citizen. The average Rotary club consists of the most active citizens of any community.
6. **Continuing Education:** Each week at Rotary, there is a program designed to keep one informed about what is going on in the community, nation, and world. Each meeting provides an opportunity to listen to different speakers and a variety of timely topics.
7. **Fun:** Rotary is fun, a lot of fun. Each meeting is fun. The club projects are fun. Social activities are fun. The service is fun.
8. **Public Speaking Skills:** Many individuals who join Rotary were afraid to speak in public. Rotary develops confidence and skill to public communication and the opportunity to practice and perfect these skills.
9. **Citizenship in the World:** Every Rotarian wears a pin that says "Rotary International". There are few places on the globe that do not have a Rotary club. Every Rotarian is welcome – even encouraged – to attend any of the 29,000 clubs in 194 nations and geographical regions. This means instant friends in both one's own community and in the world community.
10. **Assistance when Traveling:** Because there are Rotary clubs everywhere, many a Rotarian in need of a doctor, lawyer, hotel, dentist, advise, etc., while traveling has found assistance through Rotary.
11. **Entertainment:** Every Rotary club and district has parties and activities that provide diversion in one's business life. Rotary holds conferences, conventions, assemblies, and institutes that provide entertainment in addition to Rotary information, education, and service.
12. **The Development of Social Skills:** Every week and at various events and functions, Rotary develops one's personality, social skills and people skills. Rotary is for people who like people.

13. **Family Programs:** Rotary provides one of the world's largest youth exchange programs; high school and college clubs for future Rotarians; opportunities for spouse involvement; and a host of activities designed to help family members in growth and the development of family values.
14. **Vocational Skills:** Every Rotarian is expected to take part in the growth and development of his or her own profession or vocation; to serve on committees and to teach youth about one's job or vocation. Rotary helps to make one a better doctor, lawyer, teacher, etc.
15. **The Development of Ethics:** Rotarians practice a 4-Way Test that governs one's ethical standards. Rotarians are expected to be ethical in business and personal relationships.
16. **Cultural Awareness:** Around the world, practically every religion, country, culture, race, creed, political persuasion, language, color, and ethnic identity is found in Rotary. It is a cross section of the world's most prominent citizens from every background. Rotarians become aware of their cultures and learn to love and work with people everywhere. They become better citizens of their countries in the process.
17. **Prestige:** Rotary members are prominent people; leaders of business, the professions, art, government, sports, military, religion, and all disciplines. Rotary is the oldest and most prestigious service club in the world. Its ranks include executives, managers, professionals, - people who make decisions and influence policy.
18. **Nice People:** Rotarians above all are nice people – the nicest on the face of the earth. They are important people who follow the policy of it is nice to be important but it is important to be nice.
19. **The Absence of an “Official Creed”:** Rotary has no secret handshake, no secret policy, no official creed, no secret meeting or rituals. It is an open society of men and women who simply believe in helping others.
20. **The Opportunity to Serve:** Rotary is a service club. Its business is mankind. Its product is service. Rotarians provide community service to both local and international communities. This is perhaps the best reason for becoming a Rotarian: the chance to do something for somebody else and to sense the self-fulfillment that comes in the process and return of that satisfaction to one's own life. It is richly rewarding.

“He profits most who serves best”

Richard D. King
Rotary International President 2001-2002