

## Rotary Club of Santa Monica

The Rotary Club of Santa Monica, chartered in 1922, is one of the largest and most active Rotary Clubs in the Los Angeles area. With over 160 business and professional leaders who live or work in the community, the Club has long enjoyed a reputation as being the hub for Westside men and women dedicated to improving their local and worldwide communities.

The operations of the club are focused across four avenues of service.

Club Service focuses on strengthening fund and friendship, while ensuring the effective functioning of the club.

Community & Youth Service addresses projects and activities that improve life in the community.

Vocational Service encourages Rotarians to serve others through their vocations and to practice high ethical standards.

International Service encompasses actions taken to expand Rotary's humanitarian reach around the globe and promote world understanding and peace.

The Santa Monica Rotary Foundation is a separate 501(c) (3) not-for-profit corporation. Donations to the Foundation are professionally managed, with the earnings of the corpus providing capital funds for worthwhile charitable projects in our community.

### Meeting Time & Place: Friday, 12:00 noon

Riviera Country Club  
1250 Capri Drive  
Pacific Palisades, CA

Want more information? Visit our web site at:  
<http://www.rotaryclubofsantamonica.org>

## Making A Difference

As Rotarians, we believe we can change the world, one positive act at a time. We will **Lead the way**, making a real difference in our local and global communities. Recent activities include:

- Creating a youth center at John Adams middle school for after school programs in conjunction with the Boys and Girls Club of Santa Monica.
- Purchasing more than 150 wheelchairs for disabled people worldwide within a Rotary International project.
- Developing [www.helpguide.org](http://www.helpguide.org), a joint project of the Rotary Club of Santa Monica and Center for Healthy Aging that contains over 110 articles on topics of mental health and aging well.
- Conducting reading and literacy projects, including reading in local classrooms and donating over 1 million books to schools.
- Sponsoring public service recognition day to honor local police, fire and school teachers.
- Awarding high school and community college scholarships.
- Major sponsor of the Santa Monica Historical Society.
- Contribution over \$20,000 and leading the collection of musical instruments for donation to post-Katrina region relief and restoration.
- Joining with Bahamas Rotary Clubs to build an emergency clean water facility.
- Co-founder of Earth Angel providing local transportation for Angel Flight patients and their families.

## Responsibilities of Membership

Rotary is unique among service clubs in that our members are expected to be active in the community and the club.

- Weekly meetings allow members to enjoy their club's fellowship and enrich their professional and personal knowledge. Meeting attendance is required with a 60% target. One of the enjoyable alternatives is to "make up" at other clubs when you can't attend at home, a practice that guarantees Rotarians a warm welcome in communities around the globe.
- The yearly cost for meals and dues is around \$2,000 - \$2,500. Members are also expected to participate in and help fund local and global projects. Contributions are voluntary, with members recognized for achievements through "fines" at the amounts they commit yearly.
- By participating in club service projects, members learn about their club's involvement in local and international projects and can volunteer their time and talents where they are most needed.
- The growth and vitality of the club is dependent on the active promotion and recruitment of new members. Even new members can bring guests to meetings or invite them to participate in a service project. The value of Rotary speaks for itself, and the best way to spark the interest of potential members is by letting them experience fellowship and service firsthand.

## Rotary's Guiding Principles

The purpose 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. The practice of 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 people united in the ideal of service.

**The Four-Way Test** followed by Rotarians worldwide in their business and professional lives:

- 1) Is it the TRUTH?
- 2) Is it FAIR to all concerned?
- 3) Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
- 4) Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

## What is Rotary?

Rotary International, the world's oldest service club organization, is made up of more than 32,000 clubs in over 200 countries and geographical areas. Its members form a global network of business and professional leaders who volunteer their time and talents to serve their communities and the world. Rotary's motto, "Service Above Self", exemplifies the humanitarian spirit of the organization's more than 1.2 million members.

Rotary was formed on 23 February 1905 in Chicago, Illinois by Paul Harris, an attorney who wished to recapture in a professional club the same friendly spirit he had felt in the small towns of his youth. The name "Rotary" is derived from the early practice of rotating meetings among members' offices.

Rotary is the largest NGO (non governmental organization) in the world. Through more than \$100 million in Rotary Foundation grants each year, Rotary clubs support community projects at home and abroad. Recognized as the world's largest provider of international education scholarships, The Rotary Foundation funds more than 1,000 students annually to study overseas and act as cultural ambassadors.

Working in partnership with nongovernmental organizations and national governments through its flagship PolioPlus program, Rotary is the largest private-sector contributor to the global polio eradication campaign. Rotary club members will contribute \$600 million and countless volunteer hours to help immunize over two billion children against polio by Rotary's centennial in 2005.

Rotary is a global network of community volunteers.



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