

## ROTARY'S MOTTO

*"Service Above Self"*

### What is a Rotary Club?

The first Rotary Club was organized in Chicago, Illinois by Paul P. Harris, a lawyer. It first met on February 23, 1905.

The name "Rotary" was chosen because the Club met in rotation at each member's place of business. From the beginning, the Rotary idea of friendship, fellowship, and service to others has spread to six continents.

West Seattle Rotary Club was chartered October 27, 1947. We meet each Tuesday at Saltys on Alki from 12 Noon to 1:30 PM. A speaker usually follows lunch. This is a good time to meet new friends and enjoy existing friendships.

### Who are Rotarians?

They are persons who look beyond themselves to their community, nation and the world. They seek the truth; they let fairness govern their relationships; they endeavor to build goodwill and better friendships; they strive to benefit all in every interpersonal relationship. In short, they put service above self.

### How does one become a Rotarian?

Membership is by invitation. Members are chosen to represent their respective businesses or professions. The "Classification Principal" ensures our membership includes a qualified representative of the various businesses and professions in our community. In this way, our club becomes a cross section of the community.

### What is expected of a Rotarian?

Rotary is built upon fellowship and friendship enhanced by being at club meetings and events.

It is understood that, among busy people, an occasional problem of attendance may arise. When members miss a meeting, they are expected to "make-up" at another Rotary Club. This is easy since there are over 27,500 Rotary Clubs in 153 countries of the world. The time and place of each club's scheduled meeting is listed in the Official Rotary International Directory.

Needless to say, each make-up affords the Rotarian a splendid opportunity to broaden their acquaintance, and to bring back to their club information and ideas that can improve their club's operations and programs.

### What is Rotary Service?

The emphasis of Rotary is placed upon creating, within individuals, the Ideal of Service. Members are encouraged and supported in their personal activities in civic, youth services, and public service organizations. It is from their club that most members draw the volunteers they need for worthy service activities.

West Seattle Rotary Club undertakes a wide variety of service activities in vocational, community and international promotion of goodwill and understanding. Typical programs include:

Aid to senior citizens and to the handicapped  
West Seattle, Fauntleroy & High Point YMCA's  
Immunization of Children throughout the World  
Youth service scholarships and education  
Rotary First Harvest (Fresh food for the hungry)  
High School Interact Community Service Club  
Teen Age Parenting Pregnancy Guild  
Kiddies Parade (HiYu)  
International Youth Exchange  
Annual Clothing Shopping Spree for needy Children  
RYLA (Business week)  
West Seattle Chamber of Commerce  
Cormorant Cove Park on Beach Drive SW

### What are the benefits of membership?

You broaden your circle of friends and acquaintances.

You keep "in touch" with the mainstream of community life and the people which make it "tick".

You obtain increased knowledge of business and professions other than your own and you gain a sympathetic understanding of the problems of others. You develop your talents and capacities in roles of leadership and support.

You gain recognition for yourself and your business or profession by participating in an organization dedicated to service in the areas of vocational, community and international goodwill and understanding.

You are enabled to express, in a practical way, those nobler desires found in every person who wants to make a contribution to the betterment of society.

You find new outlets for your goods and services and you find individuals with whom to share your hobby interests.

You develop contacts in every business and profession represented in the club membership.

You increase your knowledge of world affairs and you receive a keener appreciation of the customs and culture of other people.

You will have a warm welcome and a friendly contact in almost every important city in the world.

You will have the opportunity to benefit from the business experience of others.

### What is the cost of belonging?

**Membership Dues:** The club initiation fee is \$100, and annual dues are \$175. There is also an assessment of \$100 per quarter for meeting room costs. Should you choose to eat lunch at Salty's there is a nominal additional charge.

Annual Dues include amounts paid to the District 5030 and Rotary International, and pay for your subscription to "The Rotarian," our monthly magazine. Dues also fund a variety of club activities, including an annual picnic and installation banquet.

**The Rotary Foundation:** Rotarians are asked to voluntarily contribute financial support to the Foundation's projects. They can do this by becoming a Paul Harris Fellow with a contribution of \$1,000 or by becoming a Sustaining Member of the Foundation with an annual gift of \$100. When the cumulative amount reaches \$1,000, the Rotarian becomes a Paul Harris Fellow.

Rotarians also have the opportunity to become Rotary Foundation benefactors by naming Rotary in their will, thereby, contributing to the Rotary Foundation endowment fund.

Similarly, the Rotary Club of West Seattle has also established a charitable foundation known as the West Seattle Rotary Service Foundation. Within the Foundation, a permanent endowment fund has been created to provide financial support for future local club projects.



Lend a Hand

## ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

In Service to the  
Community  
Nation  
World

### The Object of Rotary

The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

First - the development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;

Second - high ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;

Third - the application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business and community life;

Fourth - the advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional men and women united in the ideal of service.

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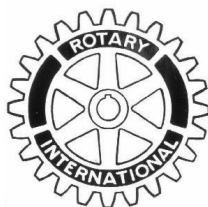
Of the things we think, say or do

Is it the **TRUTH**?

Is it **FAIR** to all  
concerned?

Will it build **GOODWILL** and  
**BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?

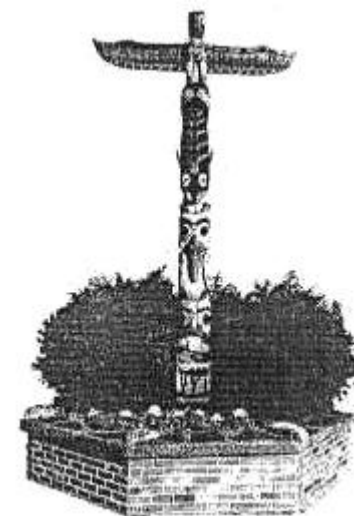
Will it be **BENEFICIAL**  
to all concerned?



## The Ideal of Rotary

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

The  
Rotary Club  
of  
West Seattle



Rotary Viewpoint  
SW Alaska Street & 35th Avenue SW

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