

Rotary — A Global Network

Why is it called Rotary International?

Rotary is a worldwide organization of business and professional men and women that provides humanitarian service, encourages high ethical standards in all vocations, and helps build goodwill and peace in the world

Founded in 1905 by Paul Harris, a Chicago attorney, the first meetings were “rotated” among members’ offices in an effort to expand professional contacts and enjoy the camaraderie of other business people—hence, the name Rotary. The club started with three members. By 1921, Rotary clubs existed on six continents and the name Rotary International was adopted a year later. Today over 1.2 million Rotarians belong to more than 34,000 clubs in more than 200 countries and geographical areas.

Rotaract Clubs serve young men and women between 18-30 and Interact Clubs serve students 12-18.

Rotarians take an active role in their communities while greatly enriching their personal and professional lives. Business and political leaders throughout the world are members of Rotary. East Jefferson Rotary, like most other clubs throughout the world, contains a diverse group of professional men and women from all parts of East Jefferson County.

The Object of Rotary:

“Service Above Self”

The object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the idea of service to the community and the world. Rotarians provide time, resources, and support to projects throughout the local community and the world — all furthering understanding, fostering cooperation, and enabling activities and friendships which will serve as the basis for peace throughout the world.



The Four Way Test

Rotarians throughout the world adhere to a Four Way Test in both personal and professional decisions and actions:

Of the things we think, say or do:

1. Is it the **TRUTH**?
2. Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
3. Will it build **GOOD WILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
4. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

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East Jefferson Rotary Club Port Hadlock, WA



Part of a Global Network of Community Volunteers



Construction of replacement bookmobile barn



Interact Club and ShelterBox



Rotary Pavilion, HJ Carroll Park





East Jefferson Rotary Club — A Vital Part of Our Community and Our World

Rotary Promotes World Peace and Understanding Through Local and Global Service Projects

What Our Club Does in the Community . . .

East Jefferson Rotary members have provided both financial and hands-on assistance to our community. Projects over the past few years have included:

- ◆ Construction of the new Jefferson County library Bookmobile Barn
- ◆ Scholarships to high school seniors, vocational and college students totaling over \$15,000 yearly
- ◆ Sponsorship of Chimacum High School Interact Club
- ◆ Construction of the Rotary Pavilion at H.J. Carroll Park
- ◆ Partnered in the construction of the Chimacum School Playground
- ◆ Adopted Highway 116 near Port Hadlock for regular clean-up
- ◆ Sponsorship of both inbound and outbound Rotary International Exchange Students
- ◆ Sponsorship of the Chimacum High School Student of the Month Program
- ◆ *And a lot more: See our website at www.ejrotary.club.*



Internationally . . .

East Jefferson purchased computers, lunches and uniforms for Nang Ma Saew School in Thailand and became the catalyst to procure and install a water purification system in 2005-2006.



We received a global grant of \$53,000 in 2008 to put in dental units (chairs, equipment, cabinetry) in the Massai Dental Clinic in Kenya. This clinic has been serving the Massai people since January of 2009.

In 2010 East Jefferson teamed with Port Townsend Sunrise Club to procure a \$49,000 global grant to build bathrooms with septic systems, drain fields and hand wash stations for community schools high in the Ecuadorian Andes.

In 2012 we partnered with Rotary clubs in San Antonio and World Vision to dig water wells in the southern Honduran mountains for 23 communities. Approximately 11,000 people will be helped by this project. In addition, throughout the world, Rotary International has been at the heart of the eradication of polio.

What We Do at Meetings . . .

Regular meeting attendance is encouraged at the weekly Thursday noon lunch at the Tri-Area Community Center. We start the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance, and a collection of “Happy Bucks” — a “buck for good news” from each of the members. Announcements of club business are made. This is followed by a short program, usually given by a guest speaker from local government, civic organizations, local business leaders, etc. We conclude the meeting with a friendly lottery event we call “the scam”. Meetings adjourn at 1:00 p.m.

Becoming a Rotarian

How do you become a Rotarian? A member of our club “sponsors” you. After attending three meetings as a guest, your name is presented to the Board for potential membership

How much time is required? Aside from our weekly meetings, we have various projects that benefit the community. While your participation is not expected in all of these, we encourage your effort in activities which hold a special interest for you.

How do we raise funds? We have several ways to raise money to support our local and international activities. We hold an annual Rose Sale in the spring. We conduct a Pot O’ Gold raffle with a grand prize of \$10,000 each fall. Our flag project installs an American flag in front of your home on five major holidays. We have also accepted donations towards various projects in the community. We partner with Rotary International for matching grants for our major projects. The money we raise goes right back to community use.



What are my financial obligations? The financial obligations for belonging to East Jefferson Rotary include an initiation fee and annual dues. All members are encouraged to support the club’s local fund raising efforts and the Rotary Foundation and their programs. There is also a cost for lunch at the weekly meetings.