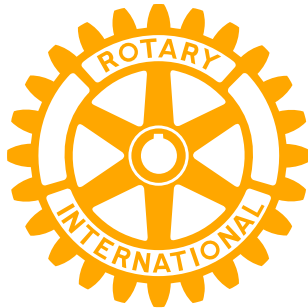




Rotary



Club of
Bellingham

Getting To Know Us!

The Rotary Club of Bellingham was chartered September 17th in 1917 and was the 331st Club to be founded. Today there are 46,000 Rotary Clubs worldwide in over 200 countries



We know there is a lot to take into consideration as a potential Rotarian. Will the Club members be a good fit for my personality? Does the Club take on the important issues that I care about? Can I make the time commitment that Rotary requires? What monetary commitment can I expect?

We are glad you are asking these questions and we have laid out the answers to those and more on the following pages. Really, if you have a desire to serve and have a heart for your community, we can figure the rest out because you have the most important issues covered.



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ROTARY CLUB

BECOME PART OF THE LEGACY! OF BELLINGHAM

Why should I join Rotary?

There are a lot of reasons to join Rotary, reasons that are unique as our many members. Here are just a few of those reasons and the benefits!:

COMMUNITY SERVICE -

Whether we are doing a service project, building a community asset, or raising money for our local non-profits, Rotarians are dedicated to making their community better.

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE -

Our Club participates in several larger Rotary initiatives that help underserved parts of the world - both from a monetary contribution and boots-on-the-ground approach.

YOUTH SERVICE -

From international youth exchange, our robust scholarship programs, and our student awards, Rotary Club of Bellingham is committed to supporting the youth in our community...and beyond!

CONNECTING WITH MOVERS AND SHAKERS -

Our Club attracts business owners and community leaders. When you join, you will be rubbing shoulders with familiar names and faces in the Bellingham community.

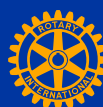
AN INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY -

When you join Rotary, you become part of an international community with Clubs in over 200 countries throughout the world. Imagine going to a Club meeting in Germany or exchanging club flags with a Club in Japan!



Colleen Baldwin
Member Since 2013

"I enjoy the opportunity to learn more about the members in RCOB and information about their personal and professional interests. Rotary provides a magnitude of different opportunities to support our local community as well as internationally. I joined because I am very blessed and hope to make a difference in any way I can!"



CLUB HISTORY

The Rotary Club of Bellingham was founded September 17, 1917. It was the 331st club in the world, with over 46,000 clubs to follow! In its long history of service, the RCOB has included many of this area's most notable personages. In fact, the Club has a significant list of cherished older members; several have been in Rotary for over 50 years!

If you join our Club, you are joining an organization who has given millions back to the community and has been instrumental in developing many parks and attractions that are utilized in Whatcom County as well as helping those in need. We hope you will join us and be a part of that tradition!

Throughout the years RCOB has carried out an impressive number of community and international projects. The long list includes playgrounds, soccer fields, parks (including Boulevard Park), YMCA's and YWCA's, Scouts, the city pool; environmental projects, and more. To support these efforts, the Club has had many fund-raising projects including raffles, circuses, and more.

How much money have we given? Well, one study shows over \$4,000,000 donated in recent years since the Club starting keeping careful, annual track. This money went to over 250 separate charities!

Major gifts through 2022 of around \$100,000 each include the Bellingham Food Bank, Bellingham Swimming Pool, Bellingham Technical College, Bellingham Theatre Guild, Boys & Girls Club, Brigid Collins House, Hospice House, Lighthouse Mission, Rotary International Foundation, Rotary Polio Plus Campaign, Remodeling the Sun House, The Whatcom Museum, the YWCA, Lydia Place, the parking lot at Galbraith Mountain, the Recovery House by the Opportunity Council, the Max Higbee Center, the Community Boating Center, and then, during our 2017-18 100th anniversary year, over \$400,000 was added to our scholarship endowment which provides more than \$80,000 per year to deserving young scholars.

The long history of the Club stands as testimony to the hard work of the hundreds of Members and officers who, through the years, have never forgotten the Rotary motto, "Service Above Self".





EXPECTATIONS OF ROTARIANS

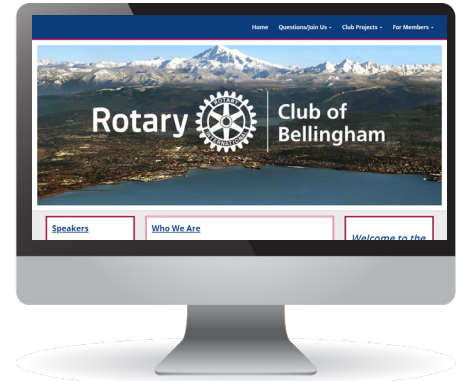
Rotary has changed a lot over the years! When times were simpler, regular attendance at our Monday meetings was required, and we would have close to 200 members in attendance. These days, we realize there are members who are ready to be active, attending meetings regularly as well as attending service projects and social events, but there are also members who want to take a more-passive role, contributing to our major project fundraising efforts and paying dues. Either of these approaches are fine ways to be a Rotarian!

IN SHORT:

- Don't base your decision on weekly meeting attendance.
- Don't worry about committing to projects taking your whole weekend
- Don't worry about a requirement to recruit other people
- Don't worry if you are not in upper management

SO WHAT WE DO NEED FROM YOU?

- A Rotarian spirit, with you finding avenues for service that resonate with you
- A commitment to building our Rotarian community by engaging with other Rotarians and the community about your Rotary experience
- An appreciation for our Club's history, legacy, and a desire to leave your own positive mark
- A commitment to paying your dues and being a financially-contributing member to the best of your ability



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Del VandeKerk
Member Since 1998

"When I first joined Rotary, I was impressed by all the local charitable activities it supported. There were projects and fundraising efforts that went directly to the stated causes. I saw it as a chance to give back to the community. Since that time, I've learned that Rotary is much more than just local projects. Through Rotary, we have a real impact throughout the world, and as it true locally. The vast majority of our contributions go directly to those who need it. So Rotary is a means by which all members can have a tremendous impact on whatever cause is important to them."

THE RCOB CALENDAR

- WEEKLY EVENTS -

Weekly meeting: Mondays 12:15-1:30 pm
except holidays

- MONTHLY & QUARTERLY EVENTS -

Board Meetings - 2nd Thursday of each
month at 4:30 pm

Social Outings

Quarterly Student
Award Presentations

Community Service Projects

- ANNUAL EVENTS -

January	February	March	April
	Ski Trip	Rotation Day	District Conference
May	June	July	August
Sunnyland Memorial Park Clean-Up Memorial Day Parade	Annual Youth Awards RI Convention Rotary Cruise	Changing of the Guard	District Golfun
September	October	November	December
	Blood Drive		Salvation Army Bell Ringing





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THINK YOU MIGHT BE A GOOD ROTARIAN?

The next step is to either connect with your Rotary Club of Bellingham contact or, if you don't have one, connect with our Club Secretary at: rcob@comcast.net and she will help you with what happens next!



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