



Rotary



THE ROTARY CLUB OF BELLINGHAM

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





A LEGACY OF SERVICE

Throughout our 100+ years in the Bellingham community, Rotary has carried out an impressive number of community and international projects. Although there are hundreds of projects we have taken on with millions of dollars contributed over the years, here are a few highlights:

- Boulevard Park
- Improvements to local YMCAs and YWCAs
- Scouts
- Arne Hanna Aquatic Center
- Environmental projects
- Fairhaven Village Green
- The Depot Market
- Bellingham Food Bank
- Bellingham Technical College
- Hospice House
- Pickford Film Center
- Boys & Girls Club
- Brigid Collins House
- Whatcom Rowing Association
- Bellingham Theatre Guild
- The Sun House
- Lydia Place
- Max Higbee Center
- Many local playgrounds, soccer fields, parks, and more
- Daycare facilities in Mexico
- Clinics in South America
- Water and sanitation facilities in Africa
- Natural disaster response



We also provide scholarship funds to deserving local students through the Club Foundation's Scholarship Endowment Fund.

The long history and success of the Club stands as a testimony to the hard work of the thousands of Members who live by the Rotary motto, "Service Above Self".

MEETINGS:

Mondays 12:15 - 1:30 pm - except holidays at Whatcom Community College

- 12:15 - 12:30 - Lunch and socialize
- 12:30 - 1:00 - Announcements, Committee Updates, Happy Bucks, and more
- 1:00 - 1:30 Guest speaker ranging from international, federal-level folks, or interesting locals, all of whom provide great information.

OUR MEMBERS:

Members range in age from late 20's to 90+! Gender, wealth, religion, race, culture are all irrelevant: what really matters is character and whether the Rotarian is a leader (or growing young leader) in his or her field. While some are at a meeting in suits and ties, others are in work clothes.

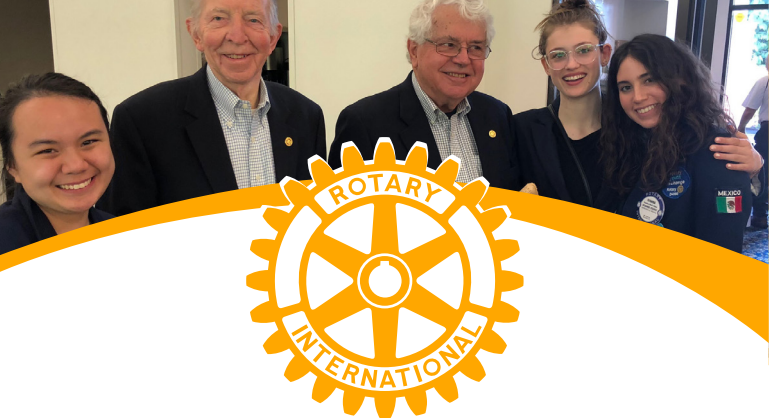
COMMITTEES:

Most Club work is done by committees to which each Member is assigned (Members can request assignment). Committees are in each Rotary "Avenue of Service", including Club Service, Community Service, International Service, and Vocational Service.

NETWORKING AND SOCIALIZING:

There are lots of opportunities to get to know folks from all over the range of interests, ages, and businesses. "Rotation" among businesses is how the organization got its name. Many younger Rotarians have found a lifetime mentor among our Club's outstanding citizens! There are few Bellingham gatherings that have as much knowledge and authority as this Rotary Club!

In addition to our meetings, there are outside activities for regular socializing, an annual ski trip, potluck dinners, an annual day traveling by volunteer Members' boats for a picnic lunch, and various other events and excursions.



MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Membership in the Club follows an application process to verify that we are a good match:

- If you are not getting to know us through a current Member, our Club's Executive Secretary will connect you to one. In either case, your Club connection or the Member you are paired with will be your guide through the process.
- You will be invited to be our guest at a meeting, and be introduced by that guiding Member. Additional meetings will follow.
- You will be asked to file an application with references.
- The application will be reviewed by several committees, then it will be submitted to the Club's Board of Directors for approval. If the Board approves, your name will be published in our bulletin so Members can comment.
- If all goes as expected, you will be contacted and presented with an official badge signifying you are a new member of our Club!



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