

Why did I rejoin Rotary? Submitted by Chris Bradshaw.

Most of the reasons why someone chooses to join Rotary in the first place are equally applicable when I considered rejoining Rotary after nearly 5 years. Here are some of those reasons

1. **Friendship and Fellowship:** I have found that in an increasingly complex world, Rotary provides one of the most basic human needs: the need for friendship and fellowship.
2. **Citizenship in the Community:** I believe that membership in a Rotary club helps develop better community citizens.
3. **Fun:** Rotary is a fun and exciting place to be. I always enjoyed attending Rotary meetings, functions, fundraising events and missed those experiences. I really hope that we can return to pre-Covid days during the course of the coming year.
4. **Citizenship in the World:** Rotary is truly an international organization. There are few places on the globe that do not have a Rotary club. Every Rotarian is welcome and encouraged to attend any of the approximately 30,000 clubs in most of the world's nations and geographical regions. This encourages new friendships in both local and world communities.
5. **Entertainment:** Rotary holds conferences, conventions, assemblies, and institutes that provide entertainment in addition to Rotary information, education, and service.
6. **Youth and Family Programmes:** This was a part of Rotary that I particularly enjoyed and found the most rewarding. Rotary has one of the world's largest youth exchange programs; high school and college clubs for future Rotarians; many opportunities for spouse involvement; and a lot of activities designed to help family members in growth and development.
7. **Cultural Awareness:** Around the world, practically every religion, country, culture, race, creed, political persuasion, language, sexual orientation, colour and ethnic identity is represented among members of Rotary. Some of the world's most prominent citizens are members of Rotary. By being aware of other cultures and having a love of working with people we become better citizens of our countries in the process.
8. **Nice People:** I have found that Rotarians are the nicest people on earth!.
9. **Absence of an Official Creed:** I feel very comfortable with a Rotary that has no official creed, no secret meetings or rituals. It is an open society of men and women who simply believe in helping others.
10. **Opportunity to Serve:** As a service club, Rotary's business is "mankind" and its product is "service". This is perhaps the main reason I returned to Rotary: the chance to do some good.