



# *Rotary Club of Regina Eastview*

## **Membership Committee**

### **Information for Prospective Members**

#### **Rotary International**

**Rotary International (RI)** is an international service organization whose purpose is to bring together business and professional leaders in order to provide humanitarian services, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and to advance goodwill and peace around the world. It is open to all people regardless of race, color, creed, religion, gender, or political preference. There are 34,282 member clubs worldwide, 1.2 million members in over 200 countries and territories. The motto of Rotary is 'Service above Self.'

#### **Formation of Rotary**

The first Rotary Club was formed when attorney Paul P. Harris called together a meeting of three business acquaintances in downtown Chicago, at Harris's friend Gustave E. Loehr's office in the Unity Building on Dearborn Street on February 23, 1905. In addition to Harris and Loehr (a mining engineer and freemason), Silvester Schiele (a coal merchant), and Hiram E. Shorey (a tailor) were the other two who attended this first meeting. The members chose the name Rotary because initially they rotated subsequent weekly club meetings to each other's offices, although within a year, the Chicago club became so large it became necessary to adopt the now-common practice of a regular meeting place.

On November 3, 1910, a Rotary club began meeting in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada. In April 1912, Rotary chartered the Winnipeg club marking the first establishment of an American-style service club outside the United States. To reflect the addition of a club outside of the United States, the name was changed to the International Association of Rotary Clubs in 1912.

#### **Rotary International Structure**

Rotary is made up of three parts: at the heart of Rotary are the clubs that are supported by Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation. The RI President is elected annually, usually following service on the RI board of directors. He/she chooses a theme for their Rotary year which reflects their thoughts and desired focus of Rotary for their leadership year. Rotary International Headquarters are in Evanston, Illinois, USA.

Rotary International is governed by a board of directors composed of the international president, the president-elect, the general secretary, and 17 zone directors. The nomination and the election of each president is handled in the one- to three-year period before he/she takes office, and is based on requirements including geographical balance among Rotary zones and previous service as a district governor and board member. The international board meets quarterly to establish policies and make recommendations to the overall governing bodies, the RI Convention and the RI Council on Legislation. The chief operating officer of RI is the general secretary, who heads a staff of about 600 people working at the international headquarters in Evanston and in seven international offices around the world.

Rotary clubs are organized into districts and zones:

- *District level:* A district governor, who is an officer of Rotary International and represents the RI board of directors in the field, leads his/her respective Rotary district. Each governor is nominated by the clubs of his/her district, and elected by all the clubs meeting at the annual RI District Convention held each year. The district governor appoints assistant governors from among the Rotarians of the district to assist in the management of Rotary activity and multi-club projects in the district.
- *Zone level:* Approximately 15 Rotary districts form a zone. A zone director, who serves as a member of the RI board of directors, heads two zones. The zone director is nominated by the clubs in the zone and elected by the convention for the terms of two consecutive years.

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

1. The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;
2. 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;
3. The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;
4. The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

This objective is set against the "Rotary 4-way Test," used to see if a planned action is compatible with the Rotarian spirit. The test was developed by Rotarian and entrepreneur Herbert J. Taylor during the Great Depression as a set of guidelines for restoring faltering businesses and was adopted as the standard of ethics by Rotary in 1942. It is still seen as a standard for ethics in business management.

The **4-Way Test** considers the following questions in respect to thinking, saying or doing:

- Is it the truth?
- Is it fair to all concerned?
- Will it build goodwill and better friendships?
- Will it be beneficial to all concerned

### **Areas of Focus for Rotary International**

- Peace and Conflict prevention/resolution
- Disease Prevention and Treatment
- Water and Sanitation
- Maternal and Child Health
- Basic Education and Literacy
- Economic and Community Development

### **Rotary International Projects**

There are many projects including the Polio Plus program launched in 1986 which has raised millions of dollars for the eradication of polio; youth exchange and scholarship programs; RYLA, Interact and Rotaract which are youth programs; Rotary Peace Centers; and Literacy programs to name a few. When Rotary partners with other organizations, the impact made by either group is much greater than if they acted on their own. This is "the Rotary effect." From local food banks to global humanitarian organizations, Rotary works with a wide variety of partners, including:

- Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- World Bank
- World Food Programme
- Mercy Ships
- ShelterBox
- UNESCO-IHE (Water Sanitation Institute)
- UNICEF
- United Nations
- World Health Organization and many more organizations throughout the world

### **The Rotary Foundation**

The Rotary Foundation is a not-for-profit corporation that supports the efforts of Rotary International to achieve world understanding and peace through international humanitarian, educational, and cultural exchange programs. It is supported solely by voluntary contributions from Rotarians and friends of the Foundation who share its vision of a better world. Rotary International's sixth president, Arch C. Klumph, created The Foundation in 1917 as an endowment fund for Rotary "to do good in the world."

## **The Rotary Clubs in Regina**

The first club formed in Regina was the Rotary Club of Regina which meets at noon on Mondays at the Delta Hotel. The Rotary Club of Regina sponsored the Rotary Club of Regina Eastview which in turn sponsored the Rotary Clubs of Regina Industrial Parks, Regina South and Regina Oskaya. All meet on different days of the week.

### **Rotary Club of Regina Eastview**

Chartered in 1959, the Rotary Club of Regina Eastview membership fluctuates between 55 and 65 active Rotarians and 8 honorary members.

The Club meets every Thursday at noon at the Delta Hotel.

Club Structure is as follows:

*President, Past President, President Elect, Secretary, Treasurer  
Director of Community Services Committee, Director of International Services  
Committee, Director of Membership Committee, Director of Vocational  
Services Committee,  
Director of Club Services Committee*

### **Responsibilities of membership**

One can contact a Rotary club to inquire about membership but can join a Rotary club only if invited. There is no provision to join without an invitation as each prospective Rotarian requires a sponsor who is an existing Rotarian.

- Attendance requirements and options for meeting make-ups: Members are required to attend 50% of club meetings during the Rotary year. Attendance at other Club meetings can be considered a makeup. Also attendance at Committee meetings and social events will be considered a makeup provided the Club is notified of your attendance.
- Once a member has been inducted, his/her profile on the Eastview website should be monitored and updated by the member as changes occur. A Membership Committee member/Club Secretary will advise on this process. A new member should become well acquainted with the Club/District/Rotary International websites for pertinent information. The weekly Club newsletter, the Rotor, is sent to all members by email but can also be accessed from the Club website. The websites are as follows: [www.eastviewrotary.org](http://www.eastviewrotary.org) (Rotary Club of Regina Eastview); [www.rotary5550.org](http://www.rotary5550.org) (District 5550 website) and [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org) (Rotary International) website.
- Financial obligations: The annual Club fees are currently \$285 and the weekly meal cost is \$20. A 50/50 ticket (sold at weekly meetings) is \$2. Parking in the Delta parkade is provided to Rotarians at \$2 per week. Various social events are held throughout the year. Tickets for these events range from \$35 to \$80 depending on the event. Your support at Club events is appreciated as you are able.

**Club projects**

Currently there are two major projects:

- Local – support for mental health in Regina and
- International – building schools in Guatemala

Youth related projects:

- Adventures for Agriculture program
- Youth Exchange Program
- Serving lunch at the Chili for Children Project
- Christmas Kettles project

Fundraising projects:

- Sale of Christmas hams
- Valentine Gala
- Golf Tournament and Silent Auction.

**NOTE: We value all of our members. We especially want new members to feel welcome and become involved in Rotary and enjoy Rotary! Please contact any club member you feel comfortable talking to with questions. As well, all Membership Committee members will gladly help you adjust to Eastview.**

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Membership Committee