

Origins of Rotary International:

Rotary is an International organization. The first Rotary Club was organized in Chicago in 1905 by Paul P. Harris. This club met in rotation at the offices of the members, thus the name Rotary. There are now more than 32,000 Rotary Clubs with a total Rotary membership of over 1.2 million men and women in over 200 countries worldwide. The Rotary world is divided into territories within which a group of clubs are associated. These territories include 32 Zones and 532 Districts worldwide. Our club is in district 5060 which is comprised of 57 clubs with approximately 2760 members from Prosser, WA to Clearwater, BC.



Yakima Rotary Trust:

The Trust Board is comprised of the three Yakima Rotary Clubs (Downtown Rotary, Southwest Rotary, Sunrise Rotary). The mission of the Yakima Rotary Trust is to serve as a vehicle to receive memorials, bequests, and gifts from Rotarians and non-Rotarians. These funds will be used to enhance the quality of life for the citizens of the Yakima area. The funds accumulated in this Trust will be used for long-term projects and projects of a larger capital nature. The ball fields at Kiwanis Park were developed by the Trust. The Yakima Rotary Trust administers the Mary Monroe Davis Scholarships program which has awarded over 5.4 million dollars in scholarships to over 301 students. These scholarships are open to any Yakima County residents planning to attend accredited two or four year colleges or universities per the application guidelines.



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MAKING A
DIFFERENCE**

Rotary Foundation:

The mission of the Rotary Foundation is to enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education and the alleviation of poverty. Paul Harris Fellows: A contribution to the Rotary Foundation of \$1000 permits a member or someone outside of the club to be honored as a Paul Harris Fellow. Rotary Foundation Sustaining Members (Paul Harris Sustaining Member) is someone who makes a minimum gift of \$100 per year to the Rotary Foundation. When \$1000 is reached, the person is named a Paul Harris Fellow. Humanitarian Grants for community and world community service projects:

- District Simplified Grants
- Volunteer Service Grants
- Matching grants
- 3-H (Health, Hunger and Humanity) Grants
- Ambassadorial Scholarships
- Group Study Exchange
- Rotary Grants for University Teachers
- Rotary Center for International Studies Peace and Conflict resolution
- Rotary World Peace Fellows



MAKING A DIFFERENCE ...



Since 1960, Yakima Southwest Rotary Club has pursued a mission to support youth, serve people in need and organizations who serve the less fortunate and to make our community a better place to live.

Southwest Rotarians support our wonderful community with a spirit of friendship and fun. Yakima Southwest Rotary members are devoted to enriching lives in our community and beyond!

WE MEET TUESDAYS AT 4:15 PM
ZESTA CUCINA 5110 TIETON DRIVE MEETING ROOM
YAKIMA, WA 98908

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Yakima
Southwest
Rotary

Devoted to enriching lives in our community





Welcome to Yakima Southwest Rotary Club!

We hope that this brochure will help answer any questions you might have about our club and Rotary International. Please feel free to contact any club member if you require additional information. We're only too glad to help!

Our Rotary Club:

Yakima Southwest Rotary Club was chartered in January, 1969. Our first President was Gary Carter who presided over a membership of 31 Rotarians on Charter night. Today we have approximately 70 club members. We are proud members of the Rotary movement and are devoted to enriching lives in our community and beyond.

Club Activities & Organizations we have supported:

*Involvement in international youth exchange program
Service projects: Playground Equipment at Chesterly Park, Basketball Court at Randall Park, funded Wildlife Viewing Platform at Randall Park, Picnic Shelters at Franklin Park, Camp Prime Time work project, Community Clean Sweep, Operation Harvest, Yakima Southwest Centennial Pagoda at the Yakima Area Arboretum, Sports Court at Kiwanis Park, Picnic Shelter at Miller Park, Christmas gifts for underprivileged Kids, Built Habitat for Humanity Houses in Yakima and El Salvador, Salvation Army Red Kettle Drive, Made Fleece Blankets for the homeless, Supported the YMCA Rotary Aquatic Center, Imagine Scholar Program in South Africa, Henry Beauchamp Community Center, First Tee, & Wellness House.*

Four Avenues of Service:

Each Rotarian is expected to participate in one of the Avenues of Service and we implement the objects of Rotary through the Four Avenues of Service.

- *Club Service*
- *Vocational Service*
- *Community Service*
- *International Service*



Object of Rotary:

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*



Four-Way Test:

The Four-Way Test of the things we think, say or do is an integral part of the Rotarian way of life:

- *Is it the TRUTH?*
- *Is it FAIR to all concerned?*
- *Will it build GOODWILL & BETTER FRIENDSHIP?*
- *Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?*

Privileges in Rotary:

Privilege of Friendship with business and professional leaders in our community in neighboring cities, all over the USA, Canada and even the world. Giving service to our community. Developing international goodwill, peace and understanding. Helping to build higher ethical standards in our vocations.

Financial Commitment:

Fees: Entrance Fee - \$120, 4 Quarterly Payments of \$235, includes club dues, meals and Paul Harris Sustaining membership, Annual Fund-raising Southwest Rotary Auction (approx.) \$200-250, Weekly Sergeant at Arms - \$2-\$3, Social Events-(approx.) \$50

Attendance:

100% attendance recognition. Requirement: maintain 50% attendance level 50% of meetings attended within own club. Making up a meeting is a great opportunity for fellowship, 14 days before and 14 days after, board meetings, committee meetings, club projects, District or R.I. function. Make up online by visiting an E-Club. You can also make up at one of two other clubs in our community (Sunrise Rotary & Downtown Rotary) as well as any club in our District 5060 (British Columbia and Washington State). You can also make up a meeting at any Rotary Club around the world.