

"Service Above Self"

2005-2006 International Theme

Welcome!

The Bellaire/Southwest Houston Rotary Club meets each week at 12:00 noon at Braeburn Country Club. Membership is limited to owners or managerial staff of local businesses and professions. Rotary Clubs strive to seek members that best represent a particular business in their community.

Members are urged to attend all meetings and to participate as much as possible. It is hoped that members will demonstrate their leadership skills and in time elevate to helping direct the activities of the club.

Each year we hold a spring Gala/Raffle. This is our major fund raiser and all members of the club are expected to support and promote the affair. Each year we raise between 20 and 25 thousand dollars at the Gala and all of the funds raised at this major event are used to fund service projects and programs. None of the money raised in our major fund raiser is spent on operation of the club. (Operation of the club is primarily supported by member dues.) Some of the charities that have been aided by our club include: The Boys and Girls club of Houston, Westland YMCA, Braes Interfaith Ministries, Boys and Girls Harbor, The Drug Essay Program, Veritas-Gang Prevention, Habitat for Humanity, Lou Gehrigs Disease Research, Chamber of Commerce Scholarship Fund, Homeless Pet Placement, Youth Leadership Awards, International Vocational Exchanges, Lovett Elementary School, Gordon Elementary School, Bellaire High School, Westbury Christian School, International College Scholarships, Vocational Service Recognition, Boy Scouts of America. International Humanitarian Projects and others.

The 4-Way Test

of the things we think say or do.

First Is it the TRUTH?

Second Is it FAIR to all concerned?

Third Will it build
GOODWILL and
BETTER
FRIENDSHIPS?

Fourth Will it be
BENEFICIAL
to all concerned?



Bellaire/ SW Houston Rotary Club



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*They Profit Most
'Who Serve The Best!'*

Information for New and Prospective Rotary members.

Answers to questions frequently asked by proposed and new members of Bellaire/Southwest Houston Rotary?

- How will being a Rotarian effect my business?
- What is the expected yearly costs to be a member?
- What is expected of me as a member?
- How might my life be changed by joining Rotary?
- What's in it for me?
- Why are Rotarians so committed and proud?

a.) About The Organization:
Rotary International President, Carl Wilhelm Stenhammar said, "Our Motto, Service Above Self, has served as the underlying motif of our efforts to carry out humanitarian service, promote high ethical standards, and work for international understanding and peace."

Rotary is of great value. It changes the course of human life.

It changes the life of every Rotary beneficiary, as well as the life of each Rotarian. It (Rotary) is worthy of our time, effort, energy, means and commitment.

It is a great privilege to be a member of the world's oldest and most distinguished service club.

Rotary members are part of a local Rotary Club. Each Rotary Club is part of

Rotary International through a district structure. There are more than 1.2 millions Rotarians worldwide, in 31,600 clubs in 166 countries.

b.) How being a Rotarian will affect your business.

First what will you get? New and interesting business acquaintance, warm and sincere friendship, activities of fellowship, opportunities for service both in your community and internationally, and many opportunities to pay back to humanity some of the many blessings you have received.

Secondly, You have the opportunity to represent, exclusively, Rotary in your vocation. You will have the opportunity to share Rotary with other deserving business and professional acquaintances. And you have the opportunity to represent your business in Rotary.

c.) What does it costs to be a member of The Bellaire/SW Houston Rotary Club.

There is an initiation fee of \$35.00. Rotary Club dues are \$212.50 semiannually, which includes a Rotary Foundation contribution and our support of our Gala/Raffle Fund Raiser. Lunches are \$15.00 each meeting. If you miss a meeting but "make-up" the meeting in one of a number of easy ways, you will be credited the \$15.00 that had been billed to you for that luncheon. It costs about \$1200.00/year to belong to Rotary but of course that includes your weekly luncheons.

d.) What is expected of me as a member?

*Rotarians are encouraged to share their Rotary membership with others by wearing their Rotary Pin at daily business ac-

tivities. *Members must pay their dues and stay current on financial obligations to the club. *Members are encouraged to attend all meetings or to "make-up a missed meeting. We are required to attend 60% of all meetings. *All members are expected to serve on at least one service committee and are expected to support all club activities and fund-raisers. *Rotary International has a foundation which funds and promotes International cultural, humanitarian and educational programs. Fifty dollars of each of our semiannual dues payments is applied as a Rotary Foundation Contribution.

e.) How might my life be changed by joining Rotary?

We are a Service Organization. Our motto is "Service above self". A unique thing happens to an individual when they help someone who has no ability to repay them. It is said that "Real Happiness comes from helping others", not the happiness that comes from possessions or having things, but the happiness that comes deep inside when you have served. When that happiness feeling happens it is recognized immediately.

f.) What's in it for me?

We have never known a truly committed Rotarian who practiced their business by the tenets of Rotary that was not blessed with more of all of what life has to offer, better business, more friends, and greater personal fulfillment.

g.) Why are Rotarians so committed and proud?

Rotary is unusual in that, among other things, it promotes peace and conflict resolution. In the light of current world conflicts these are worthy and exemplary goals.