

WHITEHALL ROTARY CLUB



Rotary and Membership Information

What is Rotary?

Rotary is the world's first service club. There are five possible avenues of service.

1. CLUB: Providing service to the local Club to enable it to run efficiently in the spirit of fellowship.
2. VOCATIONAL: Putting high standards of conduct into practice in the business and professional lives of Rotarians and showing young people the type of work and activities involved in various occupations.
3. COMMUNITY: Identifying community needs and addressing these needs with service projects; and,
4. INTERNATIONAL: Working for international understanding and peace by promoting goodwill between all people.
5. YOUTH: Providing support and development for youth.

What are My Obligations?

- A. **Productive Involvement.** Meetings are held each first & third Monday evening (except holidays) at 6:15 PM. Dinner is optional but encouraged. Regular attendance is important to the core of the Club. When programs are brought in, and especially from out of town, it is important to have a good reception for these people. Each member is asked to arrange for at least one and probably two programs during the year. This can be given by the member or by a guest of the member. The member is responsible for covering the cost of the speaker's dinner, tip, and wheel chips. **Speakers must be given a time limit of 20 to no more than 30 minutes. Special programs can be longer if arrangements are made in advance with the club.** The club president usually determines the program schedule. If you are unable to provide a program on your scheduled day, it is your responsibility to change dates with another member. Controversial or solicitation programs are not recommended. Members are asked to consider being a sustaining member or an "Every Member Every Year" of the RI Foundation, if possible, which is a \$100 contribution per year to the Foundation or at any contribution level each year.
- B. **Membership:** Membership is by invitation only and typically for our club is one representative of each business, profession, or institution in a community. The intent of the membership policy is to ensure a cross section of the community's business and professional life is represented.
- C. **Attendance:** Requirements set by Rotary International (RI) are as follows: RI promotes 100% attendance. If a person fails to attend at least 50% of the club meetings, membership could be discontinued unless the member is specifically excused by the club. Meetings can be "made-up" by attending meetings at other clubs, by e-meetings on line, and by participating in club service projects.
- D. **Meet the Dues Requirement.** As of January 1, 2018, \$137.00 per year or the total of the RI and District dues they are to be paid Jan 1, or semi-annually on Jan 1, & July 1; dues are prorated from the time a Rotarian is inducted. The current annual dues are \$_____. Members are encouraged to participate in the weekly Wheel pot which is the purchase of 2 chips for \$1; the money from this 50-50 activity helps to cover various designated expenses. Every 3 years members are asked to pay \$20.00 for a background check for risk management. Lack of a current background check will restrict participation in some club programs.

E. **Contribute Innovative Ideas** Related to SERVICE ABOVE SELF.

F. **New Members:** Ask other leaders in our community to join the Whitehall Rotary Club we would like every member to sponsor a member. When inviting someone to join, the club pays for their meal during the first visit. A prospective member may visit several times and should be told that after the first meeting, they will be responsible for their dinner expense unless they are invited to give a program by a member.

G. **Enjoy the Experience of Community Service and Fellowship by Participating in Rotary Activities:** These include club service projects, the District Assembly, the District Conference, the annual Peace Park Celebration and other Rotary functions.

Club Socials

- ❖ Annual BBQ Picnic. Friends & family of members are invited. Members and spouses from Twin Bridges, Dillon and Butte are also invited to attend.
- ❖ When we have special programs at Valentines Day and Christmas; spouses/partners are invited.

Club Fundraising

- ❖ Whitehall Community Calendar
- ❖ Fish Walk & Wall tiles and sale of fish food at the Pond during the summer
- ❖ Sale of dish clothes
- ❖ Aluminum can recycling
- ❖ American Heritage Dinner
- ❖ Harvest Dance

Local Projects

- ❖ Highway clean-up of 2-mile stretch of I-90 from exit ramps and east. Clean-up is done in the spring and fall.
- ❖ Operate and maintain the Historic Fish Pond during the summer.
- ❖ Sponsor the safe driving program for people over 55.
- ❖ Provide two \$500 scholarships to graduating Whitehall seniors in memory of member Stewart Way "The Stewart Way Memorial Rotary Scholarship".
- ❖ Information booth for Frontier Days.
- ❖ Support the local Food Bank through contribution and/or preparing family meal boxes.
- ❖ Sponsor students to attend Girls and Boys State.
- ❖ Provide dictionaries and a bicycle safety class for local third grade students.
- ❖ Sponsor students to attend the Rotary Youth Leadership camp, RYLA.
- ❖ Sponsor high school Interact Club.
- ❖ Recognize local businesses and people for their contributions to Rotary and/or the community by donating a wheelchair in their honor through the Wheelchair Foundation. Money is raised through a donation jar at the KFC/A&W.
- ❖ Contribute to the Rotary Foundation which sponsors humanitarian efforts throughout the world.
- ❖ Past participation in Rotary's Group Study Exchange (GSE). This was a program in which young business professionals from foreign countries visit Rotary clubs in another country and learn about culture and similar professions. The Whitehall club has hosted GSE teams from Japan, Germany, Pakistan, South East Africa, Brazil, and Tasmania, Australia.
- ❖ Christmas Stroll fundraiser with dish cloth sale.
- ❖ We sell the Community Calendar as a fundraiser and community service project.

A Sampling of Other Community Projects:

Painted the outside of a house for a needy family.

Constructed and maintained a community ice skating rink near the school.

1994-Helped construct the Whitehall Playground

1995 – Donated labor to the Habitat for Humanity project.

1998/99 – helped buy Christmas decorations for the community.

2001 – Put reflective tape on all fire hydrants in town to make them more visible at night.

2003-Large garage sale to raise money for polio eradication.

2008-Sponsor Polio Plus-Purple Pinky Day to raise money for worldwide polio eradication.

Expectations of Whitehall Rotary Club Members:

A. ATTENDANCE:

1. Attend at least 50% of all meetings each half of the year
2. Make up meetings
 - a. Attend other club meetings and bring make up slip (like RJ)
 - b. Do an E-Club make up meeting online.
 - c. Club Projects & Service count as meetings-(Rotary Booth, Work on Fish Pond, etc.)

B. DUES:

1. Pay Dues either annually, semi-annually on Jan.1 & July 1

C. SERVICE PROJECTS AND FUNDRAISERS:

1. Each member is expected to participate in at least 1 project and 1 fundraiser.
2. Each member is expected to be an active member on at least one committee.
3. Each Member is expected to be in charge of at least 2 meals per year.

D. PROGRAMS:

1. Each member is expected to sponsor at least 1 or 2 programs per year as needed by giving a program themselves or by having another party present the program.
2. Program sponsor shall:
 - a. Pay for the meal of the party giving the program whether that party is a club member or not.
 - b. Pay for the Spin the Wheel chips and tip for the party giving the program whether that party is a club member or not.
 - c. If a program requires 2 presenters, the Club will pay for 1 party and the sponsor for the other party.
 - d. If program requires more than 3 participants, the Club will assist with the above on a case by case basis discussed beforehand.
 - e. Spouses, family members and friends of program party are welcome but their meals are not furnished - member needs to pay for them.

E: FOUNDATION

1. We encourage each member to become a sustaining member of \$100 per year or at least contribute something to the TRF each year with Every Rotarian Every Year.

Whitehall Rotary Club Member's 5-Avenues of Service Activities:
Our Members Serve as More than Just Rotarians in the community.

Millie Baycroft: Past Assistant Governor District 5390 2012/2015, Board Member of the Jefferson Valley Community Foundation, Treasurer of the Waterton- Glacier International Peace Park Association, Active member St. Teresa's Parish.

Paul Buckley: Butte Rescue Mission

Karen Burtch: Liturgical Church Musician St. Teresa's., Past Junior Leader for 4-H

Ed Handl: Board Member of the Jefferson County Industrial Finance Tax Increment District and the CTAC –STI representative for JDLC, Administration Council Chairman for the Trinity United Methodist Church

Erv Hedegaard: Past District Governor of Rotary District 5390 1999-2000, Butte Rescue Mission, Board of Directors of Jefferson Valley Community Foundation, Lay Leader of the Zion Lutheran Church, and Member of Copper City Bridge Club.

Joan Jones: Bridge Master, Accordion player, First Woman Rotarian in Jefferson County, Active Member of St. Teresa's Catholic Church, Past Assistant Governor District 5390 2009-12, and past Whitehall school board member.

Terry Ross: Jefferson County EMT, Member of Jefferson County Solid Waste Board

Marlene Sanborn: Past President for Rotary Club of Whitehall and Treasurer.

Judy Schwab: 7th Day Adventist Church Board Member & Treasurer and Board Member of Morning Glory Ministries.

Arlene Weber: Past District Governor of District 5390 Rotary International 2011-2012, High Country PETS Administrator 2012-2019, Rotary District 5390 Website Administrator 2005-present, District Newsletter Editor 2003-2015, Rotary District 5390 RYLA Director 2014-2018, volunteer at the Jefferson County Museum.

Hank King: former CASA representative