



Rotary Club of Jackson Hole

District 5440

The Mission of Rotary is to provide service to others, promote integrity, and advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through its fellowship of business, professional, and community leaders.

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Rotarian Responsibilities: Financial, Time & Behavior

We are delighted to welcome you to the Rotary family. We work to share the responsibility in keeping the Club strong. Here are some of your obligations:

Quarterly Dues:

\$275 and invoiced at the end of each quarter. Each Rotarian is expected to pay dues regardless of your attendance.

Attendance:

We encourage attendance to all our meetings. A goal of 75% or better is set for all Rotarians.

Volunteer Service:

Rotary is a service club. 15-25 hours per year is expected.

Support the JH Rotary Foundation:

A contribution of \$100 will be automatically billed to your account annually. We don't require our members to contribute the \$100, but is highly encouraged.

Sustaining Member:

Enroll as a sustaining member by donating \$25 per quarter to the Rotary International Foundation.

4 Way Test:

Of the things we think, say or do....

- Is it the TRUTH?
- Is it FAIR to all concerned?
- Will it bring GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
- Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

The Rotary Club of Jackson Hole Foundation

This is our local Club's non-profit Foundation and the grant and scholarship making arm of our Club. The Foundation distributes an average of \$60,000 per year in scholarships. Gifts to the foundation are tax deductible. The Foundation's mission is as follows:

To execute the Foundation primary goal of supporting the advancement of education by providing scholarship to students and educators in our community while aiding other charitable needs of individuals and organizations as deemed appropriate by the Foundation Priorities.

The Foundation is led by a separate and independent board. Members are elected by the Club. Eligible candidates must first have served on the Club Board.

Questions and/or request for funding should be directed to the current Foundation Board chairperson.

Frequently Asked Questions:

Q. How long do I wear the new member red ribbon?

A. Until completion of the "Red Badge Checklist". This should take no more than 90 days.

Q. Why do I get fined by the Sergeant at Arms? How much are the fines? Where does the money go?

A. Fines are assessed by the Sergeant at Arms and are in good humor. You are fined \$5 for Rotary community and/or personal announcements during our meetings and \$5 for your Rotary badge. The money raised goes to the local Rotary Foundation.

Q. How do I sign up for a committee?

A. There are a number of committee opportunities for you to participate on. Please contact the committee chair for more information. Additionally any board member can help make the introduction. A list of committees is attached.

Q. What is the birthday table?

A. The first meeting of the month one table is selected as the birthday table. If your birthday falls in the month, that table is reserved for you. If you choose not to sit there expect to be fined by the Sergeant at Arms. We will sing happy birthday and recite Homer's Poem.

Q. Where do I get more information on our club?

A. Our club website is loaded with information. www.Rotaryclubofjacksonhole.com or visit www.rotary.org for information on Rotary International. To maximize your access to the local information, sign into the website using the login information provided in the welcome letter you received from the club secretary. Please note that use of the Rotary membership list should ONLY be used for Rotary related activities. To utilize the list for business and/or political activities is inappropriate and could result in a fine assessed by the Sergeant at Arms.

Q. Who is Homer and what is his poem?

A. Homer Richards was a founding member of our club and someone who exemplified "Service Above Self." He and his wife Eliza owned and operated the Ideal Motel in the early days of tourism in Jackson. They had three sons: John, Jack and James (Jimmy). Jimmy an Air Force pilot was killed when his plane went down during WWII. In memory of his son and all the local veterans, he established the veterans monument found in the center of the Town Square. The recorded names listed on the monument are the result of Homer's search. Known for his warmth and generosity, Homer regularly carried tootsie rolls and gave them to everyone with whom he spoke. While he was never President of our club, Homer had 100% attendance for 50 years. We recite his poem each month when recognizing the birthday table. This gesture keeps Homer's memory and spirit alive and fresh.

Q. How do weekly programs work?

A. Weekly programs are coordinated by the Program Director. Popular topics address matters relevant to our community and neighbors. Some meetings are reserved for specific topics; the first meeting of the month is reserved for programs such as Students of the Month, Rotarian and Citizen of the Month.

Q. How do I propose a candidate for membership?

A. Prospective members must attend a minimum of 3 meetings and be accompanied by a Rotarian. Once that requirement is met an application for membership can be submitted to the club secretary for review. Applications will be reviewed by the board and acceptance to our club will be announced by the club Secretary. For more details contact the Membership Committee Chair.

Q. What are raffle tickets sold for and what does the money go to?

A. Raffle tickets are sold weekly for \$1 each or 3 for \$2 and the money goes to purchasing books for kids. If you purchase a ticket you have a chance to win a percentage of the pot. The pot carries over from week to week if a winner is not selected.

Programs and Committees

Greeters and Inspirations (Weekly)

Serving as a greeter is a great opportunity for new members to meet and greet fellow Rotarians at our weekly meetings. This small time commitment is an excellent first step toward volunteering at club related events. Greeters arrive to the venue at 11:45am and wear a blue "Greeter" badge in addition to your personal Rotary badge. Inspirations (or Invocations) are delivered at the start of our meeting after the pledge of allegiance and one great way for members to share a brief prayer, message or thought for the day to our entire club.

Contact: Amy Madera 773-206-6277 amadera@cw.edu

Raffle Ticket Sales (Weekly)

The Rotary raffle program was developed to fund the purchase of books for children in the second grade. This is also a great opportunity for members to interact with each other. Raffle ticket sellers need to arrive at 11:45am and are positioned at the entrance to our meeting room.

Contact: Amy Madera 773-206-6277 amadera@cw.edu

Rotary Readers (September—June)

This program pairs Rotarians with elementary school teachers to come in and read to their classes each week. At the end of each school year, our club gives a book to every second grade student in our school district. Books are funded by raffle ticket sales.

Contact: Deidre Ashley 307-690-5627 dashley@bresnan.net

Jackson Hole Spring Clean Up (Second Saturday in May)

A community volunteer event coordinated by the Rotary lunch club. Volunteers are assigned areas to clean up trash that has accumulated along our highways, roads, pathways, neighborhoods and waterways. The event is also paired with a BBQ upon completion. Planning and coordination begins in February.

Contact: Bob Norton 307-733-2087 Norton@nelsonengineering.net

Bell Ringers (Fridays and Saturdays from Thanksgiving to Christmas)

The Salvation Army Bell Ringers has become one of the best civic events based on the number of people it helps. ALL of the contributions stay in our valley to help our neighbors in need. Sign up begins in October

Contact: Steve Kallen 307-733-9212 steve_kallen@fws.gov

Website and Public Relations

This committee is responsible for maintaining content on our website and social media platforms and communicating to our community about Rotary programs that will drive interest in membership and raise awareness of all the contributions and service our Club contributes to the wider community.

Contact: Kim Billimoria 307-201-5101 kbillimoria@silverstar.net

Programs and Committees Cont....

Elk Fest Booth (Elk Fest)

Held in conjunction with the Boy Scouts Elk Antler Auction, Rotary provides vendors with booth space on Deloney Ave to sell antlers to the public. This event raises money that is donated to the Save the Arches campaign.

Contact: JR Berezay

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Wine Fest (Friday of Memorial Day weekend)

Our Club's largest fundraiser. A wine tasting event with over 400 varieties. Each year the event raises anywhere from \$40,000 to \$80,000. Proceeds go towards the Rotary Foundation and help support the Rotary Scholarships that are distributed annually. Wine Fest needs volunteers to chair committees and day of the event.

Contact: VACANT

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Youth Exchange Students

A Rotary Youth Exchange student spends up to a school year living with a host(s) family and attending school locally. Host families are always needed and a great way to introduce a new culture into your household.

Contact: Hailey Morton

307-690-4620

Sustaining Member / Paul Harris Fellow

The Rotary Foundation is the non-profit arm of Rotary International. Funds are used for international projects in health, education, peace and goodwill and poverty alleviation. Sustaining members of the Rotary Foundation can contribute \$100/ year via the internet, automatic billing of \$25/qtr or by cash/check contribution submitted to Bruce Bollinger. An accumulated contribution of \$1000 results in a Paul Harris Fellowship award. Members can earn multiple Paul Harris Fellowship awards.

Contact: Bruce Bollinger

bmbollinger@yahoo.com

International Projects

This committee works towards the establishment and follow through of international projects. Primary area of focus is sustainable water sources and sanitation for impoverished nations/communities.

Contact: Mike Blazek

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Membership Committee

The membership committee's purpose is to welcome and engage new members. In addition, this committee will work with club leadership in developing new member orientations, sponsor training, growing membership, increasing retention and ensuring that new members complete the Red Badge program. Changes to existing members profiles and need for new badges are also handled through the membership committee.

Contact: Joe Madera

307-413-3300

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Help Save the Arches

This is a partnership among the three local Rotary Clubs (breakfast, lunch, supper) and the Town of Jackson to rebuild the four Elk Antler Arches around the Town Square. Rotary is working to raise \$400,000 (total) to purchase new antlers and rebuild the existing arches.

Contact: Pete Karns

307-733-4994

TBD

Homer's Poem:

*It isn't the years we count today
as we think of our love for you;
It's how you've lived them, your
cheery way
And the kindly things you do.*

Club Operations:

Programs:	Sarah Cavallaro & John Goettler
Sergeant at Arms:	Ed Bushnell
Membership:	Joe Madera
Public Relations:	Kim Billimoria
Rotary International:	Bruce Bollinger
Raffle Tickets:	Amy Madera