

POINT WEST ROTARY - AREAS OF SERVICE



Welcome to Point West Rotary! We have many opportunities for you to get involved in our events and committees. Please review this list with your sponsor or mentor to learn more about what the club has to offer. We support a variety of causes in the community and recommend finding one or more that best fits you. We also welcome new ideas for community service projects.

CLUB SERVICE

California's Brewers' Festival (Brewfest) <http://calbrewfest.com/>

Brewfest, held the third Saturday in September, is the Club's largest one-day event, with over 85 brewers and several food vendors participating. Regional bands provide the entertainment. Proceeds of the event support children's charities in the community.

How Can You Participate?

- Volunteer to be part of the planning committee or a sub-committee
 - Volunteer to work the day of the event
 - All PWR members sell tickets to the event
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Lunar Lunacy - A Moonlit Ride to Change Children's Lives <http://lunarlunacyride.org/>

Lunar Lunacy is a bike ride held in the summer during a full or almost-full moon. The event brings the community together for a "moonlit ride to change children's lives." A great course, decorated bikes, costumes, food trucks and a festival make the event a "must attend" for the community. Proceeds of the event support children's charities in the community.

How Can You Participate?

- Volunteer to be part of the planning committee or a sub-committee
 - Volunteer to work the day of the event
 - Participate in the ride
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Golf Tournament

Held in the spring, the annual PWR golf tournament brings out duffers and scratch golfers alike in a fun day on the links followed by a social hour and dinner. The tournament is a scramble format and is open to PWR members, friends, and family.

How Can You Participate?

- Volunteer to be part of the planning committee or a sub-committee
 - Work the day of the event
 - Play in the tournament
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Demotion Party

It is a celebratory party to honor the outgoing Club President held the last week of June just prior to the end of the Rotary year. All members are encouraged to attend to honor the President and enjoy a lively social event.

How Can You Participate?

- Volunteer to be a member of the demotion party planning committee
 - Attend the party
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Cocktail Party

PWR members and spouses or significant others attend a cocktail party at the home of one of our members for an evening of fun, food, and friendship. The party is a great opportunity for members and guests to meet and get to know one another on a more personal basis.

How Can You Participate?

- Volunteer to host the cocktail party in your home (at no cost to you)
 - Attend the party
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Bowling Bash

The PWR annual Bowling Bash is held in the spring and brings out friendly competition among club members and guests. Enjoy another opportunity to get to know other members better while enjoying a fun evening.

How Can You Participate?

- Volunteer to be a member of the planning committee
 - Join in the fun and bowl
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Club Website

The PWR website is used to provide information to prospective members about the club as well as instructions on how to join. It also provides members with information about current and upcoming events. Club documents (bylaws, constitution, insurance coverage, etc.) as well as pictures and past newsletters are also found on the website.

How Can You Participate?

- Volunteer to assist in the design and maintenance of the website
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Public Image

PWR and Rotary International provide tremendous support not only to our community but worldwide. It is important to share what we do to help get support for our community efforts and build our membership. Whether our members are tutoring kids in our local schools or helping to eradicate polio in the world, we want to get the word out as to how we are making a difference.

How Can You Participate?

- Volunteer if you have expertise in the areas of social media, print, radio or television
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Grant Review Committee

The Grant Review Committee meets monthly to review and develop recommendations on grant applications submitted by local community organizations for funding. Applications are vetted and due diligence is done by at least two committee members before a recommendation is made. Final approval of the grant applications is made by the Point West Rotary Club Foundation board.

How Can You Participate?

Volunteer to be a member of the committee

Membership Committee

The Membership Committee focuses on three areas - attraction of new members, new member engagement and member retention. To continue our many projects, fundraisers and community service activities, we need to build and retain our membership.

How Can You Participate?

Volunteer to be a member of the committee

Softball Team

The softball team is comprised of PWR members in fun competition with teams from other Rotary clubs in the District. Games are scheduled from June through August. Members are encouraged to play or attend the games and support our team. The team usually heads to a local pizza parlor to celebrate (or commiserate) after each game.

How Can You Participate?

- Join the team
 - Attend the games to support the team and enjoy the social time afterwards
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Newsletter Writers

The writers assist the newsletter editor by writing about details of each of our weekly meetings for inclusion in the newsletter that is distributed to all club members.

How Can You Participate?

- Volunteer to be one of the newsletter writers who, on a rotational basis, takes notes during a weekly meeting and provides a summary to the newsletter editor
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COMMUNITY SERVICE

Salvation Army Bell Ringing

PWR members volunteer to ring the bell to collect donations in the traditional red kettles for the Salvation Army, usually the week before Christmas. Teams of two Point West Rotarians work one hour shifts at a designated location for one full business day. It's a great way to get into the holiday spirit, greet shoppers, and spread holiday cheer all while raising money for the Salvation Army.

How Can You Participate?

- At least 40 Rotarians are needed to volunteer for one hour each on the designated day
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Salvation Army Food Distribution

During the Christmas season, PWR members volunteer their time to assist the Salvation Army with their annual food and toy distribution to qualified families in the community. The Salvation Army organizes the event which is usually held at Cal Expo in mid-December.

How Can You Participate?

- Approximately 70 – 80 Rotarians are needed to volunteer a block of at least two hours to distribute food on the designated day
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Rotarians at Work Day

On the last Saturday in April each year, Rotarians around the world participate in a community beautification project. Rotarians, spouses, significant others, children, and friends of PWR spend the day making a difference in the local area. This is one of our most worthwhile “hands on” projects.

How Can You Participate?

- Volunteer to work the day of the event
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Encina High Thanksgiving Feast

PWR provides a full Thanksgiving dinner for students and their families at Encina High, usually held the third week in November.

How Can You Participate?

- Volunteer to carve turkeys or serve food
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California Eagles Golf Program

California Eagles Golf is a golfing program for those with special needs that is supported by Haggin Oaks Golf Course, Morton Golf, and the First Tee of Sacramento. Volunteers support the athletes on the golf course, at the driving range and on the putting green. Golf experience is not necessary to be a volunteer. The group meets every Tuesday evening (5:30 - 7:00 pm) from May through September. Donating time to this project is a fulfilling and worthwhile experience and makes a difference in the lives of these golfers.

How Can You Participate?

- Volunteer to be a “coach” to support the special needs golfers
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Community Service Awards

These awards were created to recognize the dedication and efforts of local citizens to make life better for others in our community. The selected awardees are honored at one of our weekly breakfast meetings. Their families and friends are invited to attend this event to honor the recipients. A donation is also made to the charity of choice in the recipient’s name, and they receive a plaque to commemorate their award.

How Can You Participate?

- Volunteer to be a member of the Community Service Awards committee to help develop criteria and select award recipients
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Blood Donation

Members are encouraged to donate blood during the annual blood drive at and other times throughout the year. The blood is credited to the Point West Rotary account and is available to club members and their families as well as the community.

How Can You Participate?

- Donate blood to the PWR account
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VOCATIONAL SERVICE

Tours of Businesses

This is an opportunity for club members to tour different local businesses to learn more about what really goes on “behind the scenes.” It is a chance to enhance club fellowship and learn more about those who are making a difference in our community. Past businesses that club members have visited are: Folsom Prison, Shriner’s Hospital, and KMAX-TV.

How Can You Participate?

- Identify or recommend an interesting business or service to visit
 - Participate in one or more of the tours
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YOUTH SERVICES

Scholarship Awards

PWR members select students from Encina High to receive scholarship awards from the club. The chairperson of the committee first selects a topic for the students to write about, then panel members review the essays and select the students with the best essays to receive monetary awards to assist them in their educational pursuits.

How Can You Participate?

- Volunteer to be one of the panel members to review the essays, interview the students, and select the students to receive a scholarship award
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Youth Leadership Conference - "Partners in Leadership"

“Partners in Leadership” is a one-day conference, held at Sac State in the fall, that brings business leaders/mentors together with juniors and seniors from Encina High School. The purpose is to pair students from Encina with local business leaders in interactive group settings to discuss leadership and ethics, and the how to make good choices when faced with ethical situations.

How Can You Participate?

- Volunteer to be part of the conference planning committee
 - Participate as a business leader/mentor for the conference
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Speech Contest

This is a district-wide competition for high school students. Each year, the district announces the topic for the contest. The initial competition is held at the club level with students from Encina High School competing in our club. The contestants present their speeches at a club meeting and are judged by a panel of PWR members. The

winner of the PWR speech contest receives a monetary award from the club and moves on to compete at the district level.

How Can You Participate?

- Volunteer to be one of the panel members to select the student with the best speech at the club level
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Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA)

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards is a week-long leadership training camp conducted by Rotarians for approximately 100 local high school students. Each year, Point West Rotary selects, sponsors, and coordinates transportation for at least four students to the Lake Tahoe area for the conference. PWR members have also participated by being counselors for the week at the camp.

How Can You Participate?

- Volunteer to be part of the club's RYLA committee which reviews student applications and selects the students to participate
 - Organize transportation for the students to the camp
 - Participate as a counselor for the week
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INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

Rotary Youth Exchange

Rotary Youth Exchange students from different countries spend up to a year living with host families and attending school in our area. During the year, students learn more about themselves, a new way of living, and a new language. The students are also ambassadors for their country through sharing their culture and ideas.

Each year PWR sends a high school student from the area to another country and hosts an inbound student from another country.

How Can You Participate?

- Volunteer to host the club's inbound student
 - Volunteer to be a counselor to one of the students
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International Projects Committee

PWR's International Projects Committee reviews and recommends funding from the club's benevolence budget for projects outside of the U.S. to meet needs in disadvantaged areas of the world. The projects address one or more of Rotary's six areas of focus (peace and conflict prevention/resolution, disease prevention and treatment, water and sanitation, maternal and child health, basic education and literacy, and economic and community development). The committee also works with other Rotary Clubs to identify needs, develop, and fund projects.

How Can You Participate?

- Volunteer to be a member of the committee
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