

El Dorado Hills
Rotary
Club



Member Information Kit

Meeting Information

Wednesday Mornings
Starting at 7:15 a.m.

El Dorado Hills Community Services District
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What is Rotary?

Rotary is an organization of business and professional leaders united worldwide who provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations and help build good will and peace in the world.

History of Rotary

- Rotary was organized in Chicago in 1905 by Paul P. Harris and started with three members.
- This first group met in rotation, in a charter member's office, thus the name "Rotary". This group provided a public toilet outside of City Hall, which was Rotary's first community service project.
- Today, Rotary is an international organization – with the Free World divided into territories within which a group of Rotary Clubs are associated; these territories are known as Rotary districts.
- There are 30,000 Rotary Clubs in more than 160 countries with a total of 1.2 million members.
- Rotary's largest and most successful project is the Polio Plus Program. Because of this project, all of the children in the entire world will soon be vaccinated against the polio disease.
- Rotary supports a foundation that spends \$60 million annually on worldwide humanitarian and educational programs.
- Rotary's greatest strength will always be the individual Rotarian. No other organization has such powerful human resources.

El Dorado Hills Rotary Club History – 1990 - 2016

The El Dorado Hills Rotary Club, sponsored by the Cameron Park Club, was chartered on October 24, 1990. The test of time has proven that is indeed a unique group of public-spirited citizens who have comprised the membership of the El Dorado Hills Rotary Club.

The El Dorado Hills Rotary has a rich history of service to our community and to the rest of the world. The most notable international service project involved in securing approximately \$500,000 worth of used dental equipment, which was packaged and loaded on a Mexican Navy ship at the Port of Sacramento. The dental equipment continues to benefit underprivileged citizens in Mexico.

The club has hosted foreign exchange students from Brazil, Spain, Germany, Australia, Argentina and Sweden for twelve month periods, as well as hosted Group Study Exchange Teams from Peru, England, India Portugal and Argentina. The club had a very successfully clothing drive headed by Past President Troy Vukovich to assist citizens in the war zone of Bosnia. A subsequent clothing drive assisted underprivileged citizens of Mexico.

Members continue to take a very active role in the Polio Plus program to eradicate polio worldwide. We also provide ongoing support to Rotary International through our Paul Harris and Paul Harris Sustaining Memberships.

Several years ago, the Rotary Club of El Dorado Hills along with three Rotary Clubs from the North Lake Tahoe area, co-sponsored a new Rotary Club in Ulan Ude, Russia. Past President Laurie Edwards went to Ulan Ude to assist members with the formation of their club, and has since served their club in the capacity of Special Area Representative for District 5010 (District covers Alaska, parts of Canada, and Russia East of the Ural mountains). When that club suffered great hardship during the great recession in 1998, our club provided financial support for service projects to aid their citizens in the surviving the harsh winter. Our club also raised money to help pay for medication for children in Ulan Ude suffering from cancer.

Club members were involved in the District wide community service project of building Mather Lake Rotary Regional Park in Rancho Cordova. When completed, this 1,443 acre park will be larger than even the Golden Gate Park in San Francisco. The exciting plans for this giant park include building a festival meadow, 500 seat picnic pavilion, an amphitheater, nine-hole golf course, sports complex, urban forest, a fishing pier and an aircraft monument to honor the military who served at Mather Air Force Base. We also supported the district project of helping hurricane victims with the construction of new housing in Central America.

On a local level, the club has donated to the Regional Veterans Memorial Park Project, Sheriff's Star Program, the Senior Citizen's Nutrition Center, The Women's Center, local school programs and a number of youth groups. We have supported the Ride and Shine Program, which benefits handicapped children. We also assisted the Marble Valley Center for the Arts with their fundraiser events. The club sponsors essay and poster contests for local junior high students and a speech contest for high school students. Once monthly, an outstanding student is honored and provided with a savings bond. We also support the Youth in Government Program at Oak Ridge High School, participate in Career Day at Oak Ridge High School and established a Career Day at Juvenile Hall. Each year the Club provides scholarships to graduating Oak Ridge High School students.

In conjunction with the El Dorado Hills Fire Department, members conduct smoke and carbon monoxide detectors during Fire Prevention month. There have thus far been two families "saved" as a direct result of this notable annual program. We are also a major sponsor of the "Every 15 Minutes" program, a

drunk driver awareness program for high school students. Additionally, we have purchased automated external defibrillators for the community.

For the last several years, the club has partnered with the Community Service District in sponsoring four special senior events during the year (Christmas, Valentine's Day, Easter and Oktoberfest) and help sponsor the Red Ribbon (Say No to Drugs) Youth Dance, as well as the Easter Egg Hunt and the Christmas Tree Lighting Program. We also participate in the Community Service District annual clean-up day where members pick up garbage along roadways and collect large waste products not normally picked up by garbage service.

We have teamed up with our neighboring Rotary Clubs, Cameron Park and Placerville, to sponsor free Parenting classes for parents in the entire west slope of El Dorado County. Our three Rotary clubs also paid for the printing of gang awareness brochures for parents and educators.

Our largest and most successful fund raisers are the annual crab feed, the Blues and Brews and the Wine at Town Center, which is a joint fund raiser with the Cameron Park Rotary Club and have been very successful.

Other community projects of the El Dorado Hills Rotary Club have included:

- Support of Shelter Box USA, a Rotary International Commitment
- Major financial support for the Deputy Jeff Mitchell Little League Field
- Major financial support for the construction of the EDH CSD Teen Center
- Founding sponsors and financial support of the Veterans Memorial Park, which will be constructed at Promontory Park in the near future
- Financial supporters of Wheelers for the Wounded (Rubicon Trail)
- Financial support and Sponsors to Boys and Girls Clubs (Brownies)
- Basketball backboard for juvenile hall
- Sponsor Special Olympics Swim Meet BBQ
- Financial support to American Sewing Guide
- Financial support to Reid White Memorial park renovation
- Kings basketball night for at risk students
- Support of El Dorado County Food Bank
- Support of our Firemen and Sheriff's Department programs.
- Financial support for Senior Center Programs
- Donated funds for the construction of a helicopter landing pad (to evacuate injured parties in the Sierras)

District 5180: A Brief History

District 5180, emerged in 1995 as an inevitable step in the orderly progression of Rotary International. It brought with it the basic philosophy, the social dignity, and the lasting traditions of its illustrious predecessors, Districts 13, 23, 2, 105, 109, 164 and 519 (5190).

Recognizing a directive from Chicago as a mandate, a small group of Rotarians from nine clubs in California met at Fresno and organized District 13, the first district of which our present 5180 was a part. The original mother district, including clubs of San Francisco, Oakland, Los Angeles, San Diego, Sacramento, Stockton, Fresno, San Jose and Berkeley, in California; Reno in Nevada; Phoenix in Arizona; Honolulu in Hawaii; and Albuquerque in New Mexico, formed the nucleus from which the present 5180 was found its origin.

Rotary District 13 was divided in 1918 and all of California became District 23. In 1922, District 23 became District 2 and remained District 2 until 1937.

With the continued growth of Rotary, the District number designation continued to change. In 1937 District 105 was split from District 2. Between the years of 1937 and 1947, the District recognized California clubs in an area extending north to Susanville and also added three new clubs in Nevada.

By 1947 District 109 had split from 105, but the number of the new district was destined for a short life. In 1949 Rotary International again felt the need to change the identity of the District and District 109 now became known as District 164.

From its origins in 1957, District 519 grew from club strength of 51 with a membership of 3,315 to strength of 79 clubs with a membership over 4,500.

In 1991, a redistricting proposal dividing District 5190 (renumbered) by RI from 519 along the Sierra-Nevada ridge was offered. The proposal was not approved. In September of 1992, another proposal to split District 5190 into two districts was offered. The split received the requisite approval and lead the way to the formation of District 5180 effective on July 1, 1995. The new District was made up of clubs in the Sacramento Valley. On July 1, 1997 District 5180 was restructured again with the transfer of Penn Valley to District 5190.

District 5180 has just over 2,200 members in 34 clubs ranging from Gridley in the north, Walnut Grove in the south, El Dorado Hills in the east and West Sacramento in the west.

PAUL P. HARRIS - FOUNDER of ROTARY 1868-1947

Paul P. Harris, a lawyer, was the founder of Rotary. Born in Racine, Wisconsin, on April 19, 1868, Paul was the second of six children. Married to Jean Thompson Harris they had no children. He received a LL.B degree from the University of Iowa and an honorary LL.D from the University of Vermont.

Paul Harris worked as a newspaper reporter, a business teacher, an actor, a Cowboy and traveled extensively in the U.S. and Europe selling marble and granite. In 1896, he went to Chicago to practice law.

On February 23, 1906, Paul Harris and three businessmen founded the first club. The name Rotary was selected because members met in rotation at their various places of business. Paul Harris became president of the club in its third year.

The second Rotary club was founded in San Francisco in 1908. Oakland was the third followed by Seattle, Los Angeles, New York City and Boston. In 1910, when there were 16 clubs, the National Association of Rotary Clubs was organized. When clubs were formed in Canada and Great Britain, the name was changed to International Association of Rotary Clubs in 1912 and was later shortened to Rotary International in 1922. Paul Harris was the first president of both the National Association and the International Association.

In 1911 "Service Above Self" and "He Profits Most Who Serves Best" were adopted as Rotary mottos. The Four-Way Test was created in 1932. Two world wars changed the face of Rotary. Eastern Europe was closed to Rotary until 1989 when clubs were re-established in Poland and Hungary. In 1990, the first club was opened in the former Soviet Union.

Paul was prominent in other civic and professional organizations. He served as the first chairman of the board of the National Easter Seal Society of Crippled Children and Adults in the United States and of the International Society for Crippled Children. He was a member of managers of the Chicago Bar Association and its representative at the International Congress of Law at the Hague and a committee member of the American Bar Association. He received the Silver Buffalo Award from the Boy Scouts of American for distinguished service to youth and was decorated by the governments of Brazil, Chile, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, France and Peru.

When Paul Harris died on January 27, 1947, his dream had grown from an informal meeting of four business associates to some 6,000 clubs brought together through the service and fellowship of Rotary.

Object of Rotary

The object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise.

- First:* The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service.
- Second:* High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupation; and the dignifying by each Rotarian of his or her occupation as an opportunity to serve society.
- Third:* The application of the ideal of service by all Rotarians to their personal, business and community life.
- Fourth:* The advancement of international understanding, good will and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons, united in the ideal of service.

The four-way test in the things we think, say, or do

- 1 Is it the truth?
- 2 Is it fair to all concerned?
- 3 Will it build goodwill and better friendships?
- 4 Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

The Rotary Platform

The Rotary Club demands fair dealings, honest methods and high standards in business. No obligation, actual or implied, to influence business exists in Rotary. Election to membership therein is an expression of confidence of the Club in the member elected, and of its good will toward that member.

Membership in the Rotary Club is a privilege and an opportunity and its responsibility demands honest and efficient service and thoughtfulness for one's fellow members.

Obligations

- To attend meeting weekly. Note: attendance requirements are exempted if you meet the criteria for "Rule of 85" (age plus # of years in Rotary equals or exceeds 85);
- To pay your dues promptly;
- To do your part when called upon;
- To be a big-hearted, broad-minded person – a person with energy and action – a real person – ROTARIAN!

What it is to be a Rotarian?

To be young is to swim in pools you did not dig.
To be a Rotarian is to dig pools in which you did not swim.

To be young is to dance to music you did not write.
To be a Rotarian is to write music to which you will not dance.

To be young is to sit under trees you did not plant.
To be a Rotarian is to plant trees under which you will not sit.

To be young is to seek benefits from a city you did not build.
To be a Rotarian is to build a city and community from which you will not benefit.

WHY JOIN ROTARY?

Friendship

Business Development

Personal Growth

Leadership Development

Citizenship in the Community

Continuing Education

Fun

Public Speaking Skills

Citizenship in the World

Assistance in Traveling

Entertainment

Development of Social Skills

Family Programs

Vocational Skills

Development of Ethics

Cultural Awareness

Prestige

Nice People

Absence of “Official Creed”

Opportunity to serve

R. G. Bittner, P.D.G.

Types of Rotary Membership

Active Member

A member of a club who has been elected to membership under a classification of business or profession and who has all the obligations, responsibilities, and privileges of membership as provided in the Constitution and Bylaws of RI. The guidelines state that a Rotary Club should have no more than 10% of its Active Membership from one classification. Members who are retired are not included in the classification total.

Honorary Member

A person who distinguishes him or herself in the furtherance of Rotary ideals may be elected to honorary membership of a club. The honorary member is exempt from paying fees and dues and cannot vote or hold office. Honorary members are appointed for life. Currently El Dorado Hills Rotary Club has no Honorary members.

Four Avenues of Service

The term "Four Avenues of Service" is frequently used in Rotary literature and information. The "Avenues" refer to the four elements of the Object of Rotary: Club Service, Vocational Service, Community Service and International Service.

Although the Avenues of Service are not found in any formal part of the Constitutional documents of Rotary, the concept has been accepted as a means to describe the primary areas of Rotary activity.

"Club Service" involves all of the activities necessary for Rotarians to perform to make their function successfully.

"Vocational Service" is a description of the opportunity each Rotarian has to represent the dignity and utility of one's vocation to the other members of the club.

"Community Service" pertains to those activities which Rotarians undertake to improve the quality of life in their community. It frequently involves assistance to youth, the aged, handicapped and others who look to Rotary as a source of hope for a better life.

"International Service" describes the many programs and activities which Rotarians undertake to advance international understanding, goodwill and peace. International Service Projects are designed to meet humanitarian needs of people in many lands. When a Rotarian understands and travels down the "Four Avenues of Service", the Object of Rotary takes on even a greater meaning.

Your Part in Rotary

Your Participation Obligations

“Service Above Self”

“A Member Profits Most Who Serves Best”

As a Rotarian you must give of your time and your talents in:

- Committee Assignments
- Club Social Functions
- District Activities

Attendance

1. There is flexibility in meeting frequency, format and attendance. Members may attend a regular meeting in person, online or alternate between the two. Members are encouraged to attend weekly meetings but must attend meetings at least twice a month. Service projects and social events can be counted as meetings.
2. If for business or health reasons you cannot attend the regular meeting of the El Dorado Hills Rotary Club, you may make up at any club in the area, or the world, and receive attendance credit at the El Dorado Hills Rotary Club. It is a great experience to make up at other Rotary Clubs and you will keep your attendance record.
 - Make-up meetings can be made either two weeks prior to or two weeks after our regular Wednesday meeting. For the most up-to-date list or area meetings, please check the district web page at www.rotary5180.org
 - For additional “make-up” locations please refer to the international rotary website at www.rotary.org

El Dorado Hills Rotary Financial Information

Fine Program

The purpose of the Club's Fine Program is to (a) raise funds for operational costs such as meals, office supplies, postage and other miscellaneous expenses and (b) promote camaraderie in the spirit of fun and purposeful giving.

No annual fine amount is established. Rather, fines shall be small, reasonable charges set by the Fine Master for minor miscreant activities of Club members such as arriving late to or leaving early from a regular meeting, missing a club event or activity, failure to wear the Rotary lapel pin to a Rotary function, celebrating an event such as a birthday or anniversary or simply having a bad hair day.

Fines may or may not be tax deductible donations and members should consult with their accountant or tax advisor before claiming fines on their tax returns.

Community Service Donations

The purpose of the Club's Community Service Donations is to raise funds to benefit projects and programs outside the club and within the community. "Community" can include local, county, state, national or world-wide projects or programs.

The annual Community Service Donation amount is \$120 per member billed with the monthly dues at the rate of \$12. Any unpaid balance is due in June of each year.

Exceeding the \$120 annual limit is voluntary.

Community Service Donations are tax deductible.

Any member may become a "Bell Ringer" at any time for that fiscal year by volunteering to contribute the full annual Community Service Donation (or balance due) at one time. A Bell Ringer is exempt from further fines for the balance of the year.

Late Payment Service Charge Proposal

Dues, fines, Paul Harris contributions, and event fees are billed monthly and bills will be distributed at the first meeting of each month. The Club Board reviews the dues structure annually and authorizes any dues increase or decrease. Members are responsible for picking up their bills at meetings.

Dues

Monthly dues are \$75 per member including breakfast. Members who elect to not have breakfast on a regular basis will pay monthly dues of \$60.

Dues include the following: (Contact Treasurer Scott Draper for questions)

<u>Description</u>	<u>Monthly Amount</u>	<u>Annual Amount</u>
Community Service Donation	\$ 10.00	\$ 120
Rotary International Semi-Annual Dues	\$ 4.00	\$ 48
District Annual Dues	\$ 3.00	\$ 36
Club Dues (breakfast/no breakfast)	<u>\$ 45.00/30.00</u>	<u>\$ 540/360</u>
	\$ 62.00/47.00	\$ 744/564

Service Fee

A Service Fee will be imposed for any member not keeping his/her dues balance current.

Any dues balance over 30 days would be assessed at the rate of \$5.00 per month. All member payments will be applied to the oldest outstanding balance amounts on account which may not necessarily be the dues balance since the Paul Harris Foundation and Community Service Donations may also appear on the monthly invoice.

Any charges entered within 30 days of the previous billing will not include a Service Fee.

Any retroactive charges (fines for event over 30 days prior to fining, omissions or errors in bookkeeping) will not be assessed the Service Fee until they become 30 days past due based on entry date.

Any balance forward from the prior fiscal year over 30 days will be assessed the Service Fee.

New Member Fee

New members who transfer from another Rotary Club and are in good standing with the previous Club including full payment of all outstanding dues (club, district, and RI) shall pay a new member fee of \$100.

New members who either have not previously been a Rotarian or are re-initiating their Rotary membership shall pay \$160.

New members who join ninety (90) days prior to the calendar or fiscal year end shall not be required to pay annual/semi-annual district or Rotary International dues until the next payment period.