

EAGLE RIVER AREA ROTARY CLUB ORIENTATION



Eagle River Area
Rotary
Club



History of Rotary International

- The 1st Service Club
- Feb 23, 1905 Founded in Chicago by Paul Harris
- 1917 Arch Klumph founds Rotary Foundation
- 1921 Clubs on 6 continents
- 1922 became Rotary International
- 1985 PolioPlus launched to eradicate Polio
- 1987 First Women Admitted
- 1990 First Russian Club
- Today: 1.4 million Rotarians, 35k Clubs, 200+ Countries



Rotary's Core Essence



Mission of Rotary

The mission of Rotary International, a worldwide association of Rotary clubs, is to provide service to others, to promote high ethical standards, and to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through its fellowship of business, professional, and community leaders.



Eagle River Rotary Mission & Vision

- Mission Statement

To provide business, professional, and local leaders opportunities to serve others in ways that benefit our community and to promote high ethical standards, fellowship and goodwill in our community and worldwide.

- Vision

The Rotary Club of Eagle River Area will continue to be the premier Service Club for our community's civic minded leaders of all ages who enjoy each other's company, have fun working together on projects that focus on youth, and are committed to the Rotary motto "Service Above Self."

5 Avenues of Service

- **Club Service** focuses on strengthening fellowship and ensuring the effective functioning of the club.
- **Vocational Service** encourages Rotarians to serve others through their vocations and to practice high ethical standards.
- **Community Service** covers the projects and activities the club undertakes to improve life in its community.
- **International Service** encompasses actions taken to expand Rotary's humanitarian reach around the globe and to promote world understanding and peace.
- **Youth Service** recognizes the importance of empowering youth and young professionals through leadership development programs such as [Rotaract](#), [Interact](#), [Rotary Youth Leadership Awards](#), and [Rotary Youth Exchange](#).

Object of Rotary

The object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of Service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

- 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 occupations, and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;
- THIRD.** The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;
- FOURTH.** The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

Eagle River Area Club Projects

(Youth Programs)

- **Choices**
 - 2 day class providing kids life lessons and the importance of staying in school
 - Conducted in local Middle schools
 - Free to the schools
- **Interact Club**
 - Involves local high school students in service projects
 - Students lead the club, elect officers and run the club similar to a Rotary club
 - Eagle River Rotary provides guidance and monitors club activities

Eagle River Area Club Projects

(Still More Youth Programs)

- **Student Recognition Lunches**
 - A vocational program started in 2002 for the 2 local high schools and 2 local middle schools
 - Recognizes students who make significant improvements in their performance. Students nominated by a teacher or counselor using criteria the nominator deems appropriate. Recognizes students who generally fall below the radar that spotlights the high performers. The students receive certificates suitable for framing
 - Recognizes about 100 students a quarter; 300 students per school year.

Eagle River Area Club Projects

(More Youth Programs)



- **International Student Exchange**
 - We host foreign HS student
 - We sponsor a local student to spend a year abroad to attend HS
- **Scholarships:** Competitive process supporting local HS Seniors promoting college and vocational study
- **Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA):** Emphasizes leadership, citizenship and personal growth, as participants learn about their own qualities/skills as a leader and the qualities of effective leaders and effective teams

Eagle River Area Club Projects

(Supporting Education and Literacy)

- **Elementary School Annual Donation**
 - Financial support to 8 elementary schools in the Chugiak/Eagle River area
- **Teachers in Excellence**
 - Financial support to the Teacher's in Excellence program in conjunction with the CER Chamber and CER Foundation.

Eagle River Area Club Projects

(Local Service Projects)

- Road Clean Up: Semiannually, we clean up the in-bound Glenn from Eagle River exit, to Highland
- Nature Center Clean Up: After break-up, we help the Center get ready for the summer
- Food Drives
 - Provide holiday food baskets to local families
 - Drives to support local Food Bank
- Local Philanthropy: Supporting local Charities



Eagle River Area Club Projects

(Local Service Projects: Eagle River Area Rotary Park)

The Rotary Club of Eagle River Area built the park with the help of local volunteer construction companies in the late 1980s.



Most recently, we turned Town Square playground into Alaska's first fully inclusive playground providing access for children of all abilities.

Eagle River Area Club Projects

(International Projects)

- **Shelter Box:** Provides temporary emergency shelter and basic essentials for disaster stricken areas around the world.
- **Project Amigo:** March 2011: Team of Club Members travelled to Mexico to provide libraries for rural village schools.
- **Rotaplast:** Provides free procedures to correct cleft lip/cleft pallet for children in developing countries



- **Polio National Immunization Days (NID):** Here, Eagle River Rotarian Don Black gives polio vaccine to children in India

Eagle River Area Club Projects

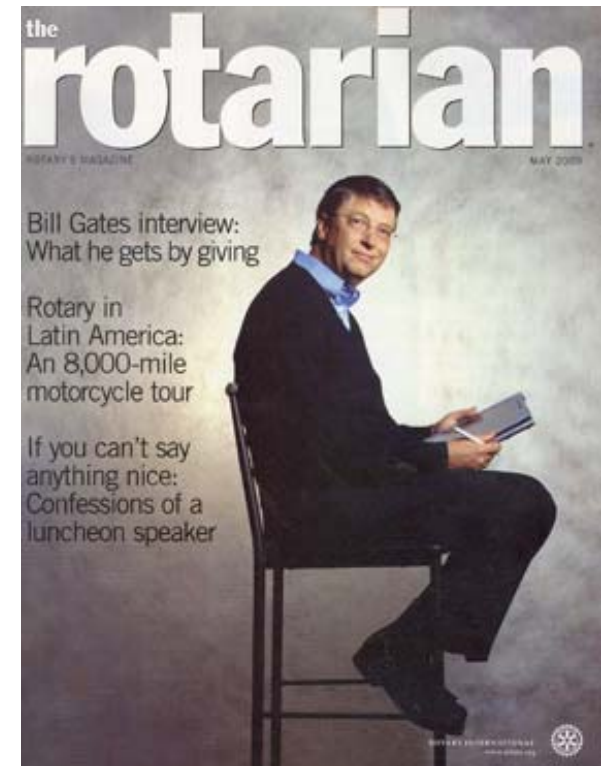
(Fun & Fund Projects)

- Holiday Tree Lighting: Community Celebration done in partnership with Chugiak Eagle River Chamber of Commerce
- IDIDADUCK: Annual FUNd Raiser
- Firesides: Fellowship events



The Rotary Foundation (TRF) Financial Support

- Areas of Focus
 - Peace and conflict prevention/resolution
 - Disease prevention and treatment
 - Water and sanitation
 - Maternal and child health
 - Basic education and literacy
 - Economic and community development
- Annual Fund
- Polio Plus
- Endowment Fund



The Rotary Foundation Programs

- Polio Plus
- Foundation Grants Program
 - District Grants – Generally smaller projects in the local community
 - Global Grants – Larger projects involving local and international clubs
- Educational Programs
 - Global Grant Scholarships
 - Rotary Peace Fellowships



RI Programs & Opportunities for Involvement

- Global Networking Groups

- Rotary Fellowships & Rotarian Action Groups (RAG)
- Vocational Training Teams (VTT)

- Rotaract

- Young adults ages 18-30.
- More than 7,000 clubs in 162 countries.

- Rotary Fellowships

- Networking for Rotarians with a common interest
- More than 100 fellowships helping make connections around the world

- Rotary Friendship Exchange

- Rotarians & families make reciprocal visits to other countries



RI Programs & Opportunities for Involvement

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- Rotary Youth Exchange
 - Students ages 15-18 travel abroad for cultural exchanges for a full academic year
 - Rotary clubs and districts sponsor and host about 9,000 Youth Exchange students a year
- Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA)
 - Seminars to encourage & recognize the leadership abilities of high school sophomores and juniors
- Interact
 - Youth ages 14-18
 - More than 10,900 clubs in 121 countries.



Club & District Structure & Current Officers

District 5010 Executives

Alaska, Yukon

District Governor	Diane Fejes
DG Elect	Andre' Layral
Immediate PDG	Harry Keiling
Secretary	Jodi Stuart
Treasurer	Dean McVey

Assistant Governors & other Special & Project/Program Staff Positions

Eagle River Club

President	Tim McLain
President Elect (PE)	Felix Montero
Secretary	Michele McLain
Treasurer	Tonya Gamble
Administration	Zach Keogh
Membership	Cody Morey
Service	Tom Wilder
Public Image (PI)	LJ Kennedy
Foundation	Brad Gamble
Past President	Don Poulton
Alternate Meeting	Mary Ann Paul
	Martin Eldred

Eagle River Rotary Facts & Bragging Rights

- Club Charter Date: October 7, 1978
 - Jake Crisafulli – Charter member
- Current members who are Past Presidents
 - Ray Holmsen, Al Bowler, Don Black, Brad Gamble (District Gov 2015/16), Martin Eldred, Tonya Gamble, Bobby Jefts, Debbie Rinckey, Ruth Armstrong, Don Poulton
- Over \$275,000 contributed to The Rotary Foundation by club members, 4 Major Donors
- First club to have a Satellite Club in the district
- Constructed first fully inclusive playground in Alaska

Benefits of Rotary Club Membership

- Networking
- Service
- Friendship
- Family
- Ethics
- Leadership

The 4-Way Test of 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?

Responsibilities of Membership

- Club meets weekly for fellowship & guest speaker
- Thursdays - Noon @ Piccolino's, or Morning meeting 7am@ Bear Mountain Grill
- 50% Attendance expected: Many ways to Make Up a meeting
 - Work on a club project
 - Attend a meeting of another Club
 - Attend another of our Club's functions
- Financial obligations
 - Annual Dues: \$270
 - Happy Bucks, Student dollars, Split the Pot
 - Every Rotarian, Every Year (The Goal is for Every Rotarian to give at least \$100 to the Foundation every year)

Have Fun
Make
Friends

Rotary Lingo

- PE, PETS – President Elect, President Elect Training Seminar
- TRF – The Rotary Foundation
- YEO – Youth Exchange Officer
- Fireside
- Classification Talk
- AG – Assistant District Governor
- DG, DGE, DGN, PDG – District Governor, DG Elect, DG Nominee, Past District Governor

Get Involved

- Coming Soon! Nov 30 Tree Lighting Ceremony
- Attend Firesides
- Sign up for Projects
- Host a Youth Exchange Student
- Participate in Area and District –Wide Events
 - Rotary Foundation Fundraiser
 - District Training Assembly
 - **District Conference**
- And of course – ATTEND MEETINGS

Keep Informed!

- Club website - Clubrunner
www.eagleriverrotary.org
- Facebook: Eagle River Area
Rotary Club
- District website:
www.rotary5010.org
- Rotary International: “My Rotary
Account” www.rotary.org

