



Manhattan Beach Rotary Club



SERVICE ABOVE SELF

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 goodwill and peace in the world. 1.2 million Rotarians belong to more than 31,000 Rotary clubs in more than 166 countries worldwide.

Rotary club membership represents a cross-section of the community's business and professional men and women. The world's Rotary clubs meet weekly and are nonpolitical, nonreligious, and open to all cultures, races, and creeds.



THE MAIN OBJECTIVE OF ROTARY IS SERVICE — in the community, in the workplace, and throughout the world. Rotarians develop community service projects that address many of today's most critical issues, such as children at risk, poverty and hunger, the environment, illiteracy, and violence. They also support programs for youth, educational opportunities and international exchanges for students, teachers, and other professionals, and vocational and career development. The Rotary motto is Service Above Self.

Although Rotary clubs develop autonomous service programs, all Rotarians worldwide are united in a campaign for the global eradication of polio. In the 1980s, Rotarians raised US\$240 million to immunize the children of the world; by 2005, Rotary's centenary year and the target date for the certification of a polio-free world, the PoliPlus program will have contributed US\$500 million to this cause. In addition, Rotary has provided an army of volunteers to promote and assist at national immunization days in polio-endemic countries around the world.



The Rotary Club

The original Rotary Club, and the world's first service club, was organized by Paul P. Harris, a Chicago lawyer in 1905. The name "Rotary" was chosen because the club met in rotation at each member's place of business.

The Manhattan Beach Rotary Club was chartered in 1951. Our meetings are held every Monday at 7:15am at the Marriott Hotel, 1400 Parkview, Manhattan Beach, California 90266

In Manhattan Beach, Club Members and Club Officers devote time and money to activities that benefit young people, senior citizens, and those in need. The club undertakes projects independently or in collaboration with other organizations in the community. We support the students at Mira Cost High School and Notre Dame Academy through the Interact clubs that are part of Rotary International's Youth Service projects.

The Rotary Foundation

The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International is a not-for-profit corporation that promotes world understanding through international humanitarian service programs and educational and cultural exchanges. It is supported solely by voluntary contributions from Rotarians and others who share its vision of a better world. Since 1947, the Foundation has awarded more than US\$1.1 billion in humanitarian and educational grants, which are initiated and administered by local Rotary clubs and districts.

Our Focus Activities

In addition to a full schedule of educational programs and social activities, Manhattan Beach Rotary Club is committed to the highest levels of community service.

International Service

PROJECT CORAZON

Annual trip to Tijuana to build a home in conjunction with a local charitable group.

POLIO ERADICATION

We contribute to Rotary International's Polio Plus program each year.

SISTER CLUB PROGRAM

We have joined with the Santa Rosalia, Mexico Rotary Club to address educational and health issues. We will be helping to develop computer workstations at the Santa Rosalia public library.

CANCER SCREENING IN INDIA

We are in discussions about starting a cervical cancer screening program in India in conjunction with the Rotary Club of Nagpur Ishanya, India and Rotary International.

Vocational Service

CRAFT AWARDS

Recognition for Mira Costa High School students in industrial and fine arts.

TEACHER/PRINCIPAL AWARDS

Manhattan Beach Unified School District

POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENT RECOGNITION

Recipients chosen by Manhattan Beach Fire Fighters and Police Officers.

COMPUTER RECYCLING

We are developing a program that will recycle used computers and components to students and programs that cannot afford computer equipment.

LITERACY

Donation of books to local elementary schools through district literacy program. Rotarians read to children in Manhattan Beach elementary schools.

SPEECH, MUSIC, ART AWARDS

Mira Costa High School and Manhattan Beach Middle School.

Community Service

SCHOLARSHIPS

Mira Costa High School

MIDDLE SCHOOL SWIM MEET

Manhattan Beach Middle School

MEALS ON WHEELS

Twice weekly participation in this needed Salvation Army food program.

MANHATTAN BEACH BOTANICAL GARDEN

Support through financial aid and donated labor.

MIRA COSTA GRAD NIGHT

Mira Costa High School

INTERACT

Support and guidance for student clubs at Mira Costa High School and Notre Dame Academy

ROTARY CARES

Local South Bay construction/repair projects in conjunction with other Rotary Clubs and organizations such as Habitat for Humanity.

MODEL U.N.

Mira Costa High School

LEND-A-HAND

Financial assistance for special situations throughout the year.

DISASTER AID

When disasters occur, our club steps forward to help those in need.

Membership

Rotary International is one of the world's largest service organizations, with some 29,500 clubs in more than 160 countries. Annually, Rotary clubs worldwide invite a select number of men and women to become members. These prospective members represent various businesses and professional activities in their communities. As a progressive-minded business or professional person, you will see that belonging to a Rotary club, where outstanding representatives of the different vocations in your community come together, has its benefits.

To be invited, you must be:

- A leading representative of your business or professional activity
- Willing to help and participate in projects that enhance your community
- Willing to work on projects that help people in developing countries and promote international understanding and goodwill

Rotary clubs provide:

- Projects to enhance your community
- Help for communities in countries around the world
- Friendships with other managerial and professional leaders in your community
- Prestige of membership in a worldwide organization
- Ongoing practical education
- A network of people who can help you become more successful
- Promotion of higher ethical standards in your business or profession

For more information on the Rotary Club of Manhattan Beach, please visit our website: mbrotary.org.





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