

## NEW MEMBER CHECKLIST

Belonging to one of the world's largest Rotary clubs can be overwhelming, and it is important that no one gets "lost in the crowd." The club strives to integrate new members as quickly and completely as possible, and to offer them a variety of choices for fellowship and service. This document provides a handy checklist of great first steps for getting involved with the club and getting the most out of your membership.

### ATTEND THE WEEKLY LUNCHEON

There are many ways to get involved with Seattle 4 Rotary beginning with regular attendance. While the club no longer has a required minimum attendance level, regular attendance habits allow better participation and commitment, and enable the club to generate the best possible programs – local, national, and internationally-known speakers.

### STAY UP TO DATE

The club bulletin, the **Totem**, is emailed each Friday, indicating our upcoming meeting location and speaker, details on committee and club events, and other club highlights. Reading the **Totem** is one of the key ways to stay up to date on activities and other important information about your club.

Information on upcoming meetings and events is also always available on our **website** at [seattlerotary.org](http://seattlerotary.org).

You can also opt-in for **weekly text reminders** sent every Wednesday at 9:00 am with information on that day's meeting location and topic. Simply text **Seattle4** to **313131** to sign up.

### ATTEND A SEATTLE ROTARY HAPPY HOUR EVENT

Seattle 4 Rotary holds a monthly **Happy Hour** at the Rainier Club. The objective of these events is to give members, especially our newest members, the opportunity to connect in a more casual and one-on-one environment than our weekly luncheon. These events typically include a short presentation highlighting a featured club member or committee, plus plenty of time for socializing. Look for details on upcoming events in the Totem newsletter.

### JOIN A COMMITTEE

One important way to get involved is through participation in Seattle 4's committees which organize our philanthropic, social, club, and special-interest activities. Whether you're interested in contributing to the community, networking, or boating with fellow Rotarians, you'll find a group to fit your interests. A complete listing of committees can be found on the club website [www.seattlerotary.org/page/committees](http://www.seattlerotary.org/page/committees). Feel free to reach out to committee leaders or the club staff if you have a particular interest so we can help you find a good fit. Note that the work of the service committees is funded by the Seattle Rotary Service Foundation (SRSF).

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### PARTICIPATE IN A COMMUNITY SERVICE ACTIVITY

Seattle 4 Rotary's service committees work actively to plan a variety of service opportunities for club members throughout the year. Keep an eye on the [Totem](#) newsletter for information upcoming events.

To get started, volunteer at one of the following opportunities that happen every month:

#### **Harvest Against Hunger Work Party**

**Second Saturday of the month, 8:30 am at the Northwest Harvest warehouse in Kent**

Rotarians from across the district gather to sort large donations of fresh produce direct from our region's farms and distributors into family-sized portions to be given out at local food banks. This event is open to all Rotarians, friends, and family, including children ages eight and above.

#### **Wellspring Family Services Work Party**

**Fourth Saturday of the month, 9:15 am at Wellspring Family Services on Rainier Avenue South**

Spend a Saturday morning with your fellow Rotarians helping homeless families at Wellspring Family Services. Volunteers sort donations for Wellspring's Baby Boutique, a free clothing store for children facing homelessness. This event is open to all Rotarians, friends, and family, including children.

### ATTEND A FELLOWSHIP OR NETWORKING NIGHT

Opportunities abound! In addition to the [After Hours](#) events there are "extras" like Rotary Mariners outings, ethnic dinners, sporting and arts events, networking nights, and vocational tours. These are offered at various times throughout the year and can be your ticket to an enjoyable and rewarding Rotary experience.

### ENGAGE WITH THE WIDER WORLD OF ROTARY

One of the benefits of being a part of Seattle 4 Rotary is that you are joining not just our club, but a network of over 1.2 million Rotarians world-wide. Getting involved in the larger world of Rotary gives you the opportunity to attend activities like the annual District Assembly, District Conference, and Rotary International Convention – all great opportunities to learn more about the organization and make great connections.

Rotary meetings around the corner and around the world are open to you as a visiting Rotarian and are a great way to connect with the local community when traveling for business or pleasure. Use the [Club Finder](#) search tool at [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org) to find meeting times and locations for clubs around the world, or visit the [Where Clubs Meet](#) page at [rotarydistrict5030.org](http://rotarydistrict5030.org) to learn more about clubs in the King County area.