

# Rotary

## Club of Carpinteria



# MEMBERSHIP GUIDE

SERVING THE CARPINTERIA VALLEY SINCE 1973

*Meeting Place and Time*

**Lions Community Building**

**6197 Casitas Pass Road, Carpinteria**

**Thursday 11:45 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.**

**2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the Month**

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# Welcome to the Rotary Club of Carpinteria

*Whether you are a new member or a prospective member, The Rotary Club of Carpinteria wants to make your experience with our club an enjoyable one. The following information is offered to help you understand what Rotary is about, what our local club is doing in the community and the world, and how sharing in the Rotarian experience can enhance your own development as well as your ability to help others.*

*I am happy to answer any questions you may have, and look forward to seeing you at future Rotary meetings.*

*Yours in Rotary Service,*

*Paul Wright,*

*President, Rotary Club of Carpinteria*

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# What Is Rotary?

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

**Rotary's Motto:** "Service Above Self"

**Rotary's Symbol:** The gearwheel, designed to represent both civilization and movement

**Rotary's 4-Way Test** of 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?

## How It All Began

The concept of Rotary was born in 1905, when four Chicago businessmen met at the office of Paul Harris, a local attorney. The purpose of the meeting was to develop friendships and promote their businesses. Each week, the meetings would "rotate" among the members' offices.

By 1907, Rotary began to emphasize goals of service, spurring growth of other clubs. Clubs were formed in California in 1909. By 1910, Rotary had moved into Canada, and by 1911, Europe had its first Rotary Clubs.

Rotary has since grown to over 30,000 clubs in 163 countries involving 1.2 million members in nearly every corner of the world!

The Rotary Club of Carpinteria began in 1973, when it became clear that the growing city of Carpinteria was big enough to have a club of its own. Dr. Bill Carty was the first president of the new group. Through the decades it has grown, reaching a high of 65 business leaders in 2001, allowing The Rotary Club of Carpinteria to sponsor a second club, The Rotary Club of Carpinteria Morning.

Members are admitted by invitation after being sponsored by a current member. Each member receives a classification relative to his/her vocation. It is our goal to represent as wide a range of vocations as possible within our communities.

# How Our Club Serves the Community

The Rotary Club of Carpinteria is active in a wide range of community programs and events. A sampling of these includes:

- **AVOCADO FESTIVAL**, Carpinteria's annual autumn street party, held the first full weekend in October, gives Rotary a chance to raise money for local charities while supporting the community in general. The club also seizes this opportunity to educate the public on the mission and scope of Rotary.
- **AID TO SENIORS**, through participation in the Brown Bag Program, a program of the Foodbank of Santa Barbara County, we distribute food to needy senior citizens. We have also occasionally joined the Interact Club in producing and staffing a free dinner party for needy seniors, creating fellowship across generations.
- **INTERACT CLUB**, a program at Carpinteria High School that helps high school students develop leadership skills and provides services to the community, is supported by Rotary with both funds and member involvement.
- **COMMUNITY BEAUTIFICATION**, through projects such as the installation of a garden at the corner of Casitas Pass and Hwy 101, and through participation in beach clean-up, graffiti removal, and hazardous waste removal days.
- **CARPINTERIA TRIATHLON WATERHOLE**, Carpinteria City's annual community fundraiser, held in September, gives Rotary another chance to assist in raising funds for local charities while supporting the community in general. Funds raised from this event are used to fund scholarships for youth recreation programs.
- **ELEMENTARY SCHOOL READERS**, in coordination with the staff of elementary schools, Rotarians spend an hour once a week working with and listening to elementary school children reading various books. The goal of this program is to help children who have fallen behind in their class work.
- **CONTRIBUTIONS** of money and/or volunteer time to a great variety of local non-profits that support youth, education, senior citizens, health and help make our city a safer, more beautiful place in which to live.
- **TALENT SHOWCASE**, in conjunction with the Carpinteria Rotary Charitable Foundation, this annual event plays to sold out audiences year after year. Over \$100,000 has been raised in the show's first ten years to support music and the arts in our School district and to provide scholarships.
- **FESTIVAL OF TREES**, in conjunction with the Lion's Club, our club adopts a tree by decorating and providing gifts under that tree. These trees are then raffled and proceeds go to the Carpinteria schools.

# How Our Rotary Club Serves the World

In keeping with the worldwide focus of the Rotary International network, the Rotary Club of Carpinteria has been directly involved with many projects throughout the world. A sampling includes:

- **TIJUANA DENTAL CLINIC**, Mexico – In 1995, we sent Rotarian Larry Siegel to Tijuana for a Direct Relief International two-day dental project to aid needy children.
- **NENET INDIAN PROJECT**, Siberia – In 1997, in conjunction with Benton Oil, we sent Rotarian Dorothy Steinert to this remote area to help provide dental care for children in this nomadic tribe.
- **NOVOSIBIRSK DENTAL PROJECT**, Siberia – In 1999, we helped send Rotarian Dorothy Steinert and a team of dentists to Novosibirsk, Siberia, to provide dental service for the children in the Children's Home #4 orphanage.
- **"LUCY" PROJECT**, Siberia – In November 2001, we brought Ludmilia Kharlamova, an English teacher at the Novosibirsk Children's Home #4, to Carpinteria for restorative dental work. Rotarian Dr. Robert Berkenmeier performed the dental work, and other Rotarians helped out with food, lodging and companionship.
- **HEIFER PROJECT**, – In 2003 we participated in the Heifer Project, which operates under the principal of "Teach a man to fish". We donated funds to purchase breeding animals for needy individuals in Third World countries
- **ZIMBABWE ORPHANAGE PROJECT**, Hatere, Zimbabwe. – In early 2004 we assisted the Bezer Ministries Orphanage, a home for abandoned children of people fleeing Zimbabwe. We contributed funds to purchase a washer and dryer plus additional items. Our Interact Club contributed a like amount and sent care packages and letters to the orphans. Rotarian Stella Anderson has visited the orphanage and additional projects may follow. We donated an additional \$14,000 to this orphanage in 2006 to start a new orphanage in Ft. Victoria, Zimbabwe.
- **POLIO PLUS**, funded through our contributions to The Rotary Foundation, has immunized more than 1 billion children against polio through Rotary's volunteer network. The program seeks to eradicate polio worldwide. The foundation also supports programs such as Group Study Exchanges, Rotary Centers for International Studies in peace and conflict resolution, Rotary Foundation Scholarships, Student Exchanges, Village Bank and anti-hunger projects.
- **PATZCUARO, MEXICO CLEAN DRINKING WATER PROJECT**, a project started in 2006-2007 in conjunction with the Carpinteria Morning Rotary Club. The project will extend over two years with the objective of installing potable water systems to 10 Purepecha Indian villages. These villages are generally the poorest villages in the region and have the highest levels of child mortality & disease. A source of potable drinking water will offer almost an immediate public health impact, especially with respect to childhood intestinal diseases.
- **PANAMA PUBLIC LIBRARIES**, a project started in 2010 with the opening of Panama's first free public library in the rural village of Manglarito. After completion in 2012, a second library project was started in 2013 in the rural village of Soro. We have provided books, necessary supplies for building shelves, and inspiration.

# 10 Reasons to Join Rotary

- 1. OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE.** Rotary is a service club. Its business is mankind. Its product is service. Rotarians provide community service to both local and international communities. This is perhaps the best reason for becoming a Rotarian: the chance to do something for someone else and to sense the self-fulfillment that comes in the process. It is richly rewarding!
- 2. LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT.** Rotary is an organization of leaders and successful people. Serving in Rotary positions is educational. Leadership is learning how to motivate, influence and lead leaders.
- 3. FRIENDSHIP.** In an increasingly complex world, Rotary satisfies one of the most basic human needs: the need for friendship and fellowship. It is one of the two reasons why Rotary began in 1905.
- 4. BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT.** The second original reason for Rotary's beginning was business development. Everyone needs to network. Rotary consists of a cross-section of every business community. Our members come from all walks of life. Rotarians help each other and collectively help others.
- 5. FUN.** Rotary is fun . . . lots of fun! Each meeting is fun. The club projects and social activities are fun. The service is fun. The people are fun. You will have fun!
- 6. CITIZENSHIP IN THE WORLD.** Every Rotarian wears a pin that says "Rotary International." There are few places on the globe that do not have a Rotary club. Every Rotarian is welcomed -- even encouraged - - to attend any of the 30,000 clubs worldwide. This means instant friends in both a member's own community and in the world community.
- 7. ENTERTAINMENT.** Every Rotary club has parties and activities that provide diversion in one's business life. Rotary holds conferences, conventions, assemblies and institutes that provide entertainment in addition to Rotary information, education and service. Add the entertainment provided by weekly meeting speakers, and you can't beat what Rotary has to offer!
- 8. FAMILY PROGRAMS.** Rotary provides one of the world's largest youth exchange programs, high school and college clubs for future Rotarians, and a host of activities designed to help family members in the development and growth of family values.
- 9. CULTURAL AWARENESS.** Around the world, nearly every religion, country, culture, race, creed, political persuasion, language, color and ethnic identity is found in Rotary. It is a cross-section of the world's most prominent citizens from every background. Rotarians become aware of their cultures and learn to live and work with people everywhere. They become better citizens of their countries in the process.
- 10. PRESTIGE.** Rotary members are prominent people: leaders of business, the professions, art, government, sports, military, religion and all disciplines. Rotary is the largest and most prestigious service club in the world. Its ranks include executives, managers, professionals --people who make decisions and influence policy.

# How Can I Become a Member?

Membership in Rotary is by invitation only. You must be sponsored by a current member, and approved by the entire membership. Members hold leadership positions in their chosen line of work, and, since Rotary strives to represent a cross-section of a community, there are restrictions on the number of members who can be in any business classification.

Business leaders who would like to be considered for membership are asked to attend at least two Rotary meetings so members can meet and get to know you better. Any Rotarian can sponsor you to attend a meeting. The club president or membership chair, listed on the front of this booklet and on the [www.carpinteriarotary.org](http://www.carpinteriarotary.org) web site, would be happy to hear from you if you want to learn more about the Rotary Club of Carpinteria or wish to attend a meeting. Additional general information about Rotary International is available at [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org).

The Rotary Club of Carpinteria also offers Family and Corporate Memberships. Ask us how these membership categories may benefit you!

# What is Required of Members?

## • ATTENDANCE

Rotary emphasizes regular attendance to maximize each member's benefit. Members are asked to attend at least 60% of the regular meetings and are encouraged to participate in social events and community service opportunities as much as possible. Although there is no longer a minimum mandatory threshold, members are encouraged to contribute and attend Rotary functions throughout the year. In special circumstances, a member may request a leave of absence, not to exceed a period of six months.

## • FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES

Members are billed quarterly, in advance, for Rotary Club dues (includes Rotary International and District 5240 dues), fines, luncheon charges and any mandatory special events (such as the Step-Down dinner and Governor's Visit). Bills are payable upon receipt. Approximate annual costs are listed below, but are subject to change. Optional special events, such as club parties, or charges for occasional required fund-raising ticket sales or optional "pass the hat" causes are not included.

Rotary International/District Dues	\$120
Paul Harris Sustaining Member Charge*	\$100
Approximate Lunch Charge**	\$400 (Includes facility rent)
Mandatory Special Events	\$50
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Estimated Yearly Total for "Basics"	\$ 710

\* This is a mandatory contribution to the Rotary Foundation Annual Fund. When \$1000 has been donated, the member earns a Paul Harris Award to keep or bestow on an individual he or she wishes to honor.

\*\* Credit for a missed luncheon is given only if you attend a make-up meeting or approved club event anywhere in the world.

Note: If a leave of absence is granted, members are not required to pay for meals during the leave period, but all other charges still apply.

# Tips for Getting a Good Start in Rotary

Periodically, the club holds Fireside Chats for all new members to introduce them to the leadership, committee heads and various Rotary programs and projects. But, no matter when you join, it is easy to jump right in and receive maximum benefit from Rotary. Here are some tips to help you get started:

- **ATTEND MEETINGS AND PARTIES.** Make a point of sitting with different people at each meeting so you get to know the entire membership.
- **VOLUNTEER.** Each Rotary club has four Avenues of Service (listed below). Choose something you'd like to work on, then speak to the Committee Chair (see How We Are Organized, Page 8) and simply offer to help. An extra pair of hands is always appreciated, and working with people is the best way to get to know them well.

**Club Service** – Involves everything that makes the club run smoothly: booking high quality programs, planning parties, assuring a proper meeting place, and publicizing club activities.

**Vocational Service** – Promotes high ethical standards in business and the professions, and fosters the ideal of service in the pursuit of all vocations. The major area of responsibility is working on service projects with our youth through the local Interact club.

**Community Service** – Improves the quality of life for those in our community. Major functions include fund-raisers (Avocado Festival, Talent Show), and local projects (community clean-ups, Brown Bag Program, Red Ribbon and local parades).

**International Service** – Advances international understanding and goodwill. Major areas include working on the International and Foundation committees, GSE program and Ambassadorial Scholarship program.

- **ASK QUESTIONS.** There's a wealth of knowledge sitting around the tables at each meeting. If you have questions about the club, the community or even a particular business problem, this is the best place in town to ask them. Tap into Rotary's expertise.

- **MEET THE CLUB LEADERSHIP.** Once a month, the club's board gathers for a meeting to handle the "nuts and bolts" of the club. Most of these meetings are open to all club members. Ask the club President if you can attend the next meeting; it will give you instant insight into how the club works.

- **PICK A MENTOR.** If there is an official mentoring program in the club when you join, use it. If not, remember that this is an extraordinarily helpful group of people who share your interest in serving others. So don't be shy. Feel free to pick your own mentor or ask the club President to recommend someone who can ease your transition into the club.

- **GRADUATING FROM "NEW KID IN TOWN."** Each member has a name button that is worn at each meeting. The "new member" designation on your button is there to encourage members to reach out to you so you will immediately feel at home in your new club. To speed up that process, check with the membership chair to see what tasks must be accomplished before the "new member" sign is removed. It usually includes such things as being a greeter at several meetings, attending a service project and a social event, etc. Tackle the list early.



## How We Are Organized

Club decisions are made by a ten-member Board of Directors, which meets monthly. The ten members are the President, President Elect, Immediate Past President, Secretary, Treasurer, Foundation Chair, Club Service Chair, Club Administration Chair, Membership Chair/Public Relations Chair.

Most board meetings are open to all Rotarians. If you wish to attend, please contact the President.

### **ROTARY CLUB OF CARPINTERIA Club Directors 2019-2020**

<b>President</b>	<b>Paul Wright</b>
<b>President Elect</b>	<b>Alec Hardy</b>
<b>Immediate Past President</b>	<b>Lin Graf</b>
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Alec Hardy</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Rob Godfrey</b>
<b>Foundation Chair</b>	<b>Barry Enticknap</b>
<b>Community Service Chair</b>	<b>Jon Everett</b>
<b>Club Administration Chair</b>	<b>Roland Rotz</b>
<b>Membership/PR Chair</b>	<b>Craig Murray</b>
<b>Vocational Chair</b>	<b>Marianne Rauch</b>
<b>International Service Co-Chairs</b>	<b>Doralee Jacobsen / Harry Harper</b>

There are five club committees that operate under the direction of the Club Service Chair and are generally comprised of several Rotarians. These include:

- International Service Committee
- Community Service Committee
- Vocational Service Committee
- New Generations Committee (Youth Service)
- Avocado Festival Committee

# Frequently Asked Questions

## **1. How am I billed and when are payments due?**

You are billed quarterly in advance. The bill should be paid as soon as possible after receipt and definitely must be paid by the end of the quarter. A reminder billing will be sent to you if you haven't paid within 45 days of the start of the quarter. You should notify the Treasurer immediately if you anticipate a delay in the payment of your bill.

## **2. Why do I have fines on my bill? Did I do something wrong?**

No, you didn't do anything wrong. Our club used to keep track of fines levied for "fun infractions" during the quarter, and each individual was then billed for their total. In the interest of simplicity and fairness, we have moved to a system where each member is billed a set amount each quarter for fines or acknowledgements. That way we can "pick on" people without bankrupting them. These funds are used to augment community donations and cover club administrative costs.

## **3. What is the Paul Harris Sustaining Member charge?**

The quarterly charge of \$25 supports the Rotary Foundation, and each member is allowed to designate his or her contribution to the Rotary program they prefer. Our club suggests the contribution go toward the eradication of polio worldwide. However, the choice is up to you. An additional benefit of this donation is that, once you have donated \$1000, you have earned a Paul Harris Award that you can keep or bestow on someone you wish to honor.

## **4. What are my personal responsibilities as a member?**

Your responsibilities are to conduct yourself in a manner consistent with Rotary's 4-Way Test (see Page 2), to attend club meetings (see Attendance, Page 6), to participate in Rotary activities to the greatest extent possible, to do your fair share of club governance, and to pay your bills on time.

## **5. What is my minimum involvement?**

The very minimum expected of a Rotarian is that he or she attend 60% of all meetings (at least 30% at their home club) and pay their bills.

## **6. What is my maximum involvement?**

This is pretty much left up to you. In addition to attending weekly meetings and social events as scheduled, there are lots of opportunities to serve on committees supporting our Rotary club's Four Avenues of Service (Club, International, Community and Vocational). You can also serve on the club's board of directors as a chair of one of the Avenues of Service, or as Treasurer, Secretary or President. Down the road, there will be opportunities to serve at the district and international levels. And then there's President of Rotary International!

## **7. Is there a dress code, assigned seating or other meeting rules?**

Dress is business casual and members are encouraged to sit with different people each week so they get to know everybody. Our meeting rules include:

- turn off cell phones and pagers as soon as you enter the building;
- arrive promptly at 11:45 a.m. so the meal service can be concluded before the speaker begins;
- show respect to both the speaker and other members by listening quietly while others speak;
- no "scooting" (ducking out before the speaker begins). If you must leave early, please let the speaker know at the beginning of the meeting.

**8. Should I inform someone (who?) if I must miss one or more meetings?**

You don't have to tell anyone if you will miss one or two meetings. If you need to miss more than that, though, you should tell the club Secretary or President in advance. If you are on vacation, you should try to make up at other clubs. If you are ill, you can sign up for a temporary leave of absence, which means that you are not charged for meals while you are away.

**9. Explain about make-up meetings. Are they a requirement?**

Make-up meetings are defined as attendance at another Rotary club's weekly meeting within a two-week period either before or after the "missed" meeting. They are not required, but if you bring your receipt from the make-up meeting to the club Secretary, you will earn credit on your monthly bill.

**10. Does my Rotary club get a benefit if I make up somewhere else?**

There isn't a monetary benefit. The more you learn about Rotary, the more Rotarians you meet in the District and throughout the world, the more you are exposed to other clubs, the more committed you will become to the Rotary experience. That will benefit our club.

**11. How do I find Rotary clubs when I travel?**

There is a directory of clubs and meeting information on the Rotary International web site ([www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org)). Click on the Membership page, then on Where Clubs Meet. Or, check with the Chamber of Commerce when you arrive in a new town for information on the local Rotary club. Note: If you plan to travel outside the District, ask the club Secretary for Rotary of Carpinteria flags to give to clubs you visit. We display the colorful flags from other clubs at our meetings.

**12. Can I invite anyone I wish to a Rotary meeting? Or must a guest be eligible for membership?**

All members are encouraged to invite their friends and family to share in the Rotary experience. Guests need not be eligible for membership. But you will be billed for each guest in the following quarter. So invite as many people as your pocketbook allows.

**13. Are social functions mandatory?**

You are charged for certain functions, such as the Governor's Visit and President's Step-Down dinner, whether or not you attend. No social event is mandatory, but why in the world would you want to miss any of them?