**New Member Information Guide**



**2018-2019Rotary Club of Thai Town Welcomes You!**

The purpose of this booklet is to present:

* A brief history of our local, district, and international Rotary organization and membership
* An overview of responsibilities and privileges associated with Rotary membership
* Rotary’s expectations of new members

**Topics Discussed:**

* Welcome from President
* Club History
* Past Presidents
* Who’s Who in 2018-2019
* Expectations of Membership
* Attendance
* Red Badge Requirements
* Craft Talks
* Five Avenues of Service
* What is the Rotary Foundation
* How to Propose a New Member
* Sponsor Requirements
* Rotary Resources

**We present this information to you because:**

* Our Membership Committee is confident that your personal and business ethics and reputation will be a service both to our business and professional community.
* Our Officers are certain that you are an outstanding member of and/or leader in your chosen vocation.
* Our Board of Directors has approved your sponsor’s application naming you as a candidate for Rotary Club of Thai Town membership.
* The General Membership has approved your membership based on your promised commitment to participation and the ideals of Rotary and the Rotary Club of Thai Town.

Our decision to consider your proposed membership was based on your commitment to the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise. As Rotarians, we seek to encourage and foster:

* Acquaintance as an opportunity for service to others.
* High ethical standards in business and professions, through recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations, and through each Rotarian dignifying his/her own occupation as an opportunity to serve society.
* Application of the ideals of service by every Rotarian to his/her personal, business, and community life.
* Advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons, united in the ideal of service.
* Participation on a committee as assigned by the Club President.
* Participation in Rotary-sponsored community projects
* Participation in Rotary social functions
* Participation in Rotary District and International activities

 **Club President: Pensri Sornprasitti**

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Dear Thai Town Rotarian:

On behalf of the Rotary Club of Thai Town Board of Directors and members it is my honor to welcome you to our club.

In joining the Rotary Club of Thai Town, you are not only joining one of the most recognized service organizations in the world, you are also gaining new and lifelong friends. We know that you will have more positive and memorable experiences than you can imagine, as well as having so many fellowship opportunities with your fellow Rotarians and significant others.

All that we ask in return is that you get involved in the club activities. This is more than just attending the Monday dinner meetings. It is accepting that your fellow Rotarians are your trusted friends. You may do business with them, meet them on the street or attend a Rotary function with them, whatever the case, remember that they are all Rotarians that believe the “Service Above Self” mantra is something they live by in their everyday lives.

Welcome to our club and may Rotary become as rewarding and memorable portion of your life as it has for so many of our members.

Sincerely yours,

Pensri Sornprasitti

President 2018-2019

Rotary Club of Thai Town

**Rotary International Information**

Rotary International President: **President Barry Rassin**

Rotary International Theme



**District 5280 Information**

**District Governor: Joe Vasquez**



**Membership Rewards and Benefits**

A Rotary Club contains a diverse group of professional leaders from the community, and these leaders take an active role in their communities while greatly enriching their personal lives. Membership in a Rotary Club offers a number of benefits:

* Effecting change within the community
* Developing leadership skills
* Gaining an understanding of, and having an impact on, international humanitarian issues.
* Advancing business and professional networking.

Rotary Foundation programs offer opportunities to form international partnerships that help people in need worldwide. Some 1.2 million Rotarians in more than 33,000 Clubs, in over 200 countries make substantial contributions through Rotary’s service programs, to the quality of life at home and around the globe.**Our Club History**

2007-08 Club was formed. Originally met at Jitlada Restaurant on Sunset Blvd.

 Charter President Sue Kanchana. Sponsored by the Westchester Rotary Club.

 Moved our meeting place to Thailand Plaza on Hollywood Blvd.

Emphasis on Ethics – The year of the 4-Way Test at every meeting.

Sister Club established with Taksin-Pattaya Rotary Club.

1st Matching Grant with Westchester Rotary Club and Magkang Rotary Club.

2008-09 1st Thai Town 5K Run/Walk at Thai New Year’s Festival.

2009-10 2nd Thai Town 5K Run/Walk at Thai New Year’s Festival

2010-11 Fundraisers for Haiti Earthquake Relief with Thai Community

 Rotary Wheelchair Day

Thai-American Day of Thanks (Food for Homeless, Low-Income Families, Etc.)

 A Greener Thai Town, Los Angeles (Tree Planting)

2011-12 Rotary Cares Day (Thai Town Beautification Project)

 Rotary Wheelchair Day

 Booth at Thai New Year Festival and Thai Cultural Day Festival

 Art, Music, and Speech Contests

 Rotary Youth Leadership Assembly

 Booth at Lotus Festival

2012-13 Rotary Cares Day (Community Clean-up)

 Booth at Thai New Year Festival and Thai Cultural Day Festival

 Art, Music, and Speech Contests

 Rotary Youth Leadership Assembly

 Booth at Lotus Festival

 Feed the Homeless

Holiday Giving

2013-14 Booth at Thai New Year Festival and Thai Cultural Day Festival

 Art, Music, and Speech Contests

 Rotary Youth Leadership Assembly

Clean Thai Town Committee (Thai Town Visioneers)

2014-15 Booth at Thai New Year Festival and Thai Cultural Day Festival

 Art, Music, Speech, and Dance Contests

 Rotary Youth Leadership Assembly

Clean Thai Town Committee (Thai Town Visioneers)

2015-16 Booth at Thai Cultural Day Festival

 Art, Music, Speech, and Dance Contests

 Rotary Youth Leadership Assembly

Clean Thai Town Committee (Thai Town Visioneers)

Days for Girls International Service Project

Bicycle Project

Garden of Life

2016-17 Booth at Thai Cultural Day Festival

 Art, Music, Speech, and Dance Contests

 Rotary Youth Leadership Assembly

Clean Thai Town Committee (Thai Town Visioneers)

Days for Girls International Service Project

Thai Town Tree-Replanting

Garden of Life

2017-18 Rotary in Thai Cultural Parade

Art, Music, Speech, and Dance Contests

 Rotary Youth Leadership Assembly

Clean Thai Town Committee (Thai Town Visioneers)

Days for Girls International Service Project

Scholarship: Ginger Slentz

Rotary Peace Bench

A New Theory in Farming

2018-19 Rotary in Thai Cultural Parade

 Art, Music, Speech, and Dance Contests

 Rotary Youth Leadership Assembly

Clean Thai Town Committee (Thai Town Visioneers)

Days for Girls International Service Project

Thai Town Tree-Replanting

**Past Presidents**

2007-09 \*\* Sue Kanchana

2009-10 \*\* Teresa Chung

2010-11 \*\* Anne Muangmongkol

2011-12 \*\* Bruce Rymparsurat

2012-13 \*\* Sam Prompichai

2013-14 \*\* Sam Hakritsuk

2014-15 \*\* Dennis Yan

2015-16 \*\* Sam Prompichai

2016-17 \*\* Teresa Chung

2017-18 \*\* Tom Thepprasit

 \*Deceased \*\*Active in Club

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**Declaration of Rotarians in**

**Businesses and Professions**

**(From Rotary International)**

The Declaration of Rotarians in Businesses and Professions was adopted by the Rotary International Council on Legislation in 1989 to provide more specific guidelines for the high ethical standards called for in the Object of Rotary.

As a Rotarian engaged in a business or profession, you are expected to:

* Consider your vocation to be another opportunity to serve
* Be faithful to the letter and to the spirit of the ethical codes of your vocation, to the laws of our country, and to the moral standards of our community
* Do all in your power to dignify your vocation and to promote the highest ethical standards in your chosen vocation
* Be fair to your employer, employees, associated, competitors, customers, the public, and all those with whom you have a business or professional relationship
* Recognize the honor and respect due to all occupations which are useful in society
* Offer your vocational talents: to provide opportunities for young people, to work for the relief of the special needs of others, and to improve the quality of life in our community
* Adhere to honesty in your advertising and in all representations to the public concerning your business or profession
* Neither seed from, nor grant to a fellow Rotarian a privilege or advantage not normally accorded others in a business or professional relationship

**THE FOUR-WAY TEST**

(Applied by Rotarians to everything we think, say, or do.)

Is it the truth?

Is it fair to all concerned?

Will it build goodwill and better friendships?

Will it beneficial to all concerned?

**Attendance**

**Our Standard**

Rotary asks that all members commit to attend at least 60% of all regularly scheduled meetings. Your attendance is necessary to promote continuity, strengthen relationships, and allow your business classification to be properly represented

If, for business or health reasons, you cannot attend the regular meetings of the Rotary Club of Thai Town, you may “make up” at a District Function or a meeting for another Rotary Club, and receive attendance credit at the Rotary Club of Thai Town. Make-up meetings can be attended either fourteen (14) days before, or fourteen (14) days after our regular Club meetings.

When traveling on vacation or business, ask the club secretary for information regarding Rotary Clubs located in the cities you are about to visit. It is a great experience to make up meetings at other Rotary Clubs while allowing you to maintain your attendance commitment.

**Financial Obligations to the Rotary Club**

* Annual Dues - $350
* Weekly Dinner - $20 (to eat); we have 24 meetings a year = $480
* International Trip - $500
* Paul Harris Raffle - $100
* Club Foundation Donation $100
* RI Donation - $100
* Miscellaneous Expenses: Happy Dollars, Club events, District events, etc.

Financial costs are typically between $900-1,700 a year at Rotary Club of Thai Town.

* A $1,000 contribution establishes a Rotarian as a Paul Harris Fellow in The Rotary Foundation. (By tradition, 100% of Rotary Club of Thai Town members are Paul Harris or Sustaining Fellows.)

**Red Badge Requirements**

**Each new member will be asked to do the following within the first 6-12 months. Once they complete these activities they will turn in their completed sheet into the Membership Chair and their Red Badge will be presented to them.**

* Flag Salute
* Invocation/ Thought for the week
* Introduction of Visitors
* Make-up at another Club (optional but recommended)
* Attend a Board Meeting
* Craft Talk for Membership
* Attend a Fireside Chat
* Join a Committee
* Log into Clubrunner
* Be a Greeter at the meeting
* Attend district breakfast within first six months of membership

**In addition to the Red Badge Requirements it is suggested that new members also do the following during the first year.**

Attend a District Conference, the District Assembly and other Rotary events.

Have a conversation or meeting with the:

* President: Review annual focus and programs
* President-elect: Review rights and responsibilities of membership
* Secretary and Treasurer: Review club attendance and make-up policies and procedures, financial commitments and responsibilities

Find out about the current projects and potential participation from the following Directors:

* Club Service
* Community Service
* International Service
* Vocational Service
* Youth Service

**The Craft Talk**

Soon after you become a Rotarian, you will be asked to give a “craft talk.” First and foremost, allow your craft talk to reveal the essential elements of your approach to the ***craft of living***. Tell us a story—your story. What life experiences have shaped your character and how? Organize your presentation any way you please. There is no particular formula or format to follow. Everyone has a distinct and different story to tell.

Yes, networking is a feature of membership in Rotary, but networking is not the same as selling. The craft talk should ***not*** be a sales pitch. Club members want to know of any particularly significant turning points in your life, such as what led you to the occupation you now pursue, or have pursued in the past, and they would enjoy hearing some unusual or humorous experiences in your life or vocation. But they do ***not*** want you to use this as an opportunity to troll amongst them for business; please, no advertising, not even a hint of selling (those who wish to use your services will come to you). On the other hand, if you have had critical or important or funny or revealing experiences that describe the nature of your occupation, business, or profession, by all means, relate those to us as part of your life story.

The key to a successful craft talk is whether, after hearing you speak, Club members felt they know you and your family. Club members wish to know how they and you together fit into, and form a unit within, the Family of Rotary.

What you choose to talk about is completely up to you. However, you may wish to include:

* A brief history of your life and career: Your full name, marital status, significant family members, hometown/place of birth, your upbringing, other important places you have lived, education, military service, any experiences you consider important, as well as when, how, and why you came to Thai Town and the Rotary Club of Thai Town, what you do for entertainment and relaxation, and finally, a small part of the talk should be about your vocation, describing your business or profession and your duties within it. The craft talk is an excellent basis for ***networking*** with Rotarians, but please note that networking is ***not*** the same as ***selling***.
* Characteristics most needed for success in your business or profession; aspects of your vocation that you find most rewarding or most difficult.
* Technical standards of practice in your field; changes in technology, environmental factors, or government regulations, or other outside forces that impact your vocational field, and how related fields might be affected.
* Ethical standards in your field. What ethical issues do you face in your work, and how does Rotary help you deal with them?

**Sample Craft Talk Outline**

**I. Intro**

1. Funny story (How you got roped into doing the talk, something funny you did with another Rotarian, something in the news that has a tie-in to your life story.)
2. Title or Theme you would use to label what you are going to share (For example, Jim Hallet, a lawyer, said "A reasonable doubt for a reasonable price." I said,"My job is to help business owners and corporations attract and retain the very best talent." The focus is on your job or profession.)

**II. Your story**

1. You can begin with your family, childhood, how you moved here, college or other experiences that make you who you are. (For example, Joe Moyer is a stock broker and at one point he moved onto a sailboat and sailed around the world for ten years! Steve Murrillo was a fighter jock; Mike Doell, for a time, worked as an extra in the movies; etc. You can include or leave out religious, social or other involvements you may have that are meaningful and part of who you are.)
2. The Main Part is your profession or job and a description of what you do. (This is actually a great opportunity to sell your services or the value you bring to the club and community. Careful not to give too blatant a "pitch." You will be fined. Emphasis should be on your specialty, how you are different, why you are good at it or why you like it. It's a unique opportunity for the audience to peek into a day in the life of another business person. What is it like to be City Manager, or physician to the Lakers, or Superintendent of Schools? Those sound special, but every job and profession is unique, and I found myself fascinated by a guy who sells food supplements!)

**III. Close or wrap-up**

1. Here you fill in your hobbies, your wife and kids, significant other, if any, or unique things about your life-style or interests. (For example, I like to fly airplanes, I go back to Oshkosh almost every year for the big fly-in. Jay Harkenrider is a baseball player and fan. His favorite team is the pinstriped Yankees! A select number of members like to ride motorcycles, and so on. What is your free time passion?)
2. End with a funny story on yourself, or a challenge or some promise to do something. (For example, Joe told us about one time when he was boarded by pirates in the South China Sea - Wow! Or, Fred Dover challenged us to all become benefactors of the Rotary Foundation. Or, Barbara Fisher promised to have a meeting sometime on a cruise ship! She did it too.)

Anyway, have fun with it. You can really do whatever you want. Some people make it more autobiography; others focus almost exclusively on their job, while still others spend the most time on their hobby or other interest.

# Five Avenues of Service

Based on the [Object of Rotary](http://www.rotary.org/aboutrotary/object.html), the Five Avenues of Service are Rotary's philosophical cornerstone and the foundation on which club activity is based:

* **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 positive change implemented by youth and young adults through leadership development activities as [RYLA](http://www.rotary.org/en/studentsandyouth/youthprograms/rotaryyouthleadershipawards%28ryla%29/Pages/ridefault.aspx) , [Rotaract](http://www.rotary.org/en/StudentsAndYouth/YouthPrograms/Rotaract/Pages/ridefault.aspx) and [Interact](http://www.rotary.org/en/StudentsAndYouth/YouthPrograms/Interact/Pages/ridefault.aspx), service projects, and creating international understanding with [Rotary Youth Exchange](http://www.rotary.org/en/StudentsAndYouth/YouthPrograms/RotaryYouthExchange/Pages/ridefault.aspx).

**Club Service**

**Director: Sam Prompichai / Pauline McMoyler**

Club Service focuses on strengthening fellowship and ensuring the effective functioning of the club. There are many ways to become involved to support this area. You might be interested in participating in working with the Membership, Public Relations, or Program committees. There are also many special events which come up over the year which require support.

### Membership Committee

Plans, organizes membership activities that will increase club membership. Informs new members and potential members about Rotary International and the projects that the Rotary Club of Thai Town sponsors, and assures that members meet the qualifications required by RI and the club. Maintains classifications, new member materials and coordinate semi-annual fireside chats.

### Fundraising Committee

Coordinates the efforts of the Club’s major sources of revenue, Magic In Giving Fundraiser, Hometown Fair, and other events.

**Membership Directory Committee**

Develops and maintains a current listing of Club member information, including: phone numbers, addresses and family members.

### Fellowship and Family of Rotary Committee

Plans a series of events designed to draw together members and their families for pleasant social experiences and to promote fellowship. Includes group trips and *Dine Around* program.

### Special Events Committee

Promotes fellowship through sporting events at the Club and District level through, golf, bowling, game nights, etc.

**Programs Committee**

Provides topical, educational, and newsworthy speakers who will assist in making each meeting worthwhile, interesting, and entertaining.

### Club Bulletin Committee

Provides a weekly publication that keeps members advised on club activities, upcoming events and noteworthy items.

### Member Recognition Committee

Celebrates and sends cards for birthdays and Rotary anniversaries to club members. Also coordinates cards to members during time of grief or serious illness, including as appropriate visits and comfort

### Outstanding Rotarian Committee

Annually selects a member of the club as Rotarian of the Year to be announced at the Demotion Party. .

### Greeters Committee

At each meeting makes sure the speaker, special guests and visiting Rotarians feel welcomed. Coordinates Club member participation in introductions, pledge, and thought for the day

### Music Committee

Provides music to support special occasions and weekly meetings as requested. Leads the Club in Welcome Song as requested.

### Club Calendar Committee

Produces an annual calendar of club events. Coordinates advertising on calendar as fundraiser activity. Works with web-site committee to keep information current.

**Website Committee**

Maintains and updates Rotary Club of Thai Town’s web site. Post current roster list, bulletin, and special events.

**Thai Town Benefactors**

These individuals named our club's foundation in their will in the amount of $10,000 or more.

**International Service**



**Director: Sam Prompichai**

International Service encompasses actions taken to expand Rotary’s humanitarian reach around the globe and to promote world understanding and peace.”

Advancing world understanding and peace, is expressed in the fourth part of the Object of Rotary. International Services is the impetus for numerous service efforts and other cooperative ventures among Rotarians from different parts of the world through club-to-club contacts, international service projects, peace programs, and cultural and educational exchanges. IS has a long-standing, close collaboration with the United Nations and many of its member agencies. Every year the anniversary of the founding of Rotary, 23 February, is celebrated as World Understanding and Peace Day.

**International Services is involved in a variety of programs across the world.**

**Garden of Life**

Project Purpose: Provide vocational training and nutrition to at-risk young women in Ratchaburi, Thailand.

**Bicycles Project**

Project Purpose: Provide students living in rural areas may receive a loan bicycle to help them get to school ($60/bicycle).

**Days for Girls International**

Project Purpose: Provide female hygiene kits for girls to be able to stay in school and regain dignity.

**Thailand Clean Water**

Project Purpose: Provide clean and reliable source of drinking water to an identified small town in Thailand.

**International Ambassador Scholarship**

Project Purpose: Further international understanding and friendly relations among people of different countries. Since 1937 nearly 37,000 men and women from 100 countries have studied abroad under this program.

**World Peace Scholarship**

Project Purpose: Advance research, teaching, publication, and knowledge of issues of peace, goodwill, causes of conflict, and world understanding.

**Youth Exchange**

Project Purpose: Youth exchange provides thousands of children the opportunity to meet people from other lands and to experience their cultures.

**Vocational Training Teams**

Project Purpose: Provides travel grants for teams to exchange visits between paired areas in different countries for 4 to 6 weeks.

**Youth Service**



**Director: Reuben Lim**

Through word and deed, in accord with the Four Way Test, Rotary Club of Thai Town seeks to instill courage and personal integrity among youth, in our community in particular and the world in general. Exemplary behavior by Rotarians is the best way to teach ethical behavior to young people, through programs that cultivate their social awareness.

Youth Exchange, an avenue of service within this Committee, was started in 1927 by the Rotary Club of Nice, France, and in 1939 was established between California and Latin America. Now all countries participate to some extent; about 7,000 young people participate annually. Exchanges may be sponsored either by a club or by a District.

Rotary Club of Thai Town offers young people career guidance, occupational information, and assistance in making vocational choices. Projects and programs designed either to aid young persons directly, or to enhance the community’s appreciation of their value and potentialities. Involvement includes activities such as: Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, YMCA, YWCA, Boys or Girls Club, local schools, crippled or handicapped children, etc. Rotary Club of Thai Town often hosts student leaders of Interact and Rotaract Clubs in the area and provides assistance to them in carrying out the Club projects and vocational choices.

**Thai Town Youth Projects**

**RYLA… Rotary Youth Leadership Assembly** Rotary Club of Thai Town is working to be a strong supporter of RYLA.

**Goals:** To help empower students to become not only leaders, but to become better human beings. To believe in themselves and to show them how to set goals and how to achieve them. To learn to take others’ needs and desires, to reach understanding and to work as a team.

**Rotary Cares** In conjunction with other clubs, we can support the Interact club to participate in this wonderful project. To repair homes of our senior citizens, we can paint, clean, do gardening, replace broken windows and whatever else needs to be done to make their homes safe. We can do a community clean-up.

**Goals:** Even though some members may live in a very affluent area, there are many older citizens that don’t have the resources to keep their homes in proper repair. Our goal is to show the kids they need to help our senior citizens right here in our community.

**Thai New Year Festival & Thai Cultural Day Festival** We usually have an informational/game booth at the event.

**Goals:** Every year, we raise awareness of Rotary programs and services with a booth at such an event.

**Christmas Cheer** This Christmas we went to Junior Blind of America to bring some Christmas cheer to all the kids during the holidays. We took gifts and played games with the children.

**Goals:** The goal of these types of projects is to show the kids how fortunate they have it. Never to take for granted their health and family. It also shows them how by giving of their time, they can change the attitude of a sick child and put a smile on their face for a short time.

**Community Service Committee**

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**Director: Chancee Martorell / Tom Thepprasit**

Rotary Club of Thai Town seeks to restore and improve the physical and social environment in Thai Town and surrounding South Bay areas by cooperating with other organizations. We take responsible action to address problems of public safety, develop activities to benefit the aged, provide mentoring to young people, as well as scholarships to deserving high school and college students. In cooperation with other organizations such as homeowners associations, Chambers of Commerce, Community Councils, YMCA, religious organizations, etc., we undertake community projects to improve the quality of life for people of all ages and from all walks of life. Possible projects may include:

Scholarships

Interact

Support and guidance for student clubs

Rotary Cares

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

Disaster Aid

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

**Vocational Service Committee**



**Director: Dennis Yan**

The Vocational Service Committee has three major areas for service.  They are Ethics, Literacy, and Vocational Service.

Rotary membership commits one to practice high ethical standards in the conduct of one's business dealings. The Rotary Four-Way Test is the standard which we strive to achieve.

First, Is it the TRUTH?  Second, Is it FAIR to all concerned?  Third, Will it build GOOD WILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS? And fourth, Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?  We feel that the display of the Rotary Four-Way Test in the offices of our members will help promulgate the high ethical standards which Rotary members strive to achieve.

Literacy is another major concern. Seventy percent of students in the third grade in the Los Angeles Metropolitan area are deficient in reading ability, and almost 50 percent of adults are not sufficiently literate to complete an employment application.  Our literacy projects include the Rotary Reads Program which is the granting a gift certificate to each of six elementary school libraries for the purchase of books and having Rotary members volunteer their time to read a story to one or more of the 112 classes of children in pre-school through second grade categories to instill in the children a strong desire to read the books that are available to them.

To encourage excellence in vocational skills, our club is looking to offer cash prizes to high school winners in arts and crafts skills at a local high school.

We also plan events to honor and express our appreciation for those in our city working in service to the public.  This includes cash awards to teachers being honored for outstanding performance in the Los Angeles Unified School District.  Outstanding service recognition awards are made to top performers in the Police and Fire Departments.

We are looking to partner each year with a facility for their work in providing education or employment for mentally handicapped individuals.

Craft Awards

Recognition for high school students in industrial and fine arts.

Teacher/Principal Awards

Recognition for outstanding educators in the Los Angeles Unified School District

Police and Fire Department Recognition

Recipients chosen by Fire Fighters and Police Officers.

Literacy

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

Speech, Music, Dance, Art Awards

Presented to students at schools in or near Thai Town.

**Rotary International**

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The mission of Rotary International is to support member Clubs in fulfilling the Object of Rotary by:

* Fostering unity among member Clubs
* Strengthening and expanding Rotary around the world
* Communicating worldwide the work of Rotary
* Providing a system of international administration

**A Brief History of Rotary International[[1]](#footnote-1)**

The world's first service club, the Rotary Club of Chicago, Illinois, USA, was formed on 23 February 1905 by Paul P. Harris, an attorney who wished to recapture in a professional club the same friendly spirit he had felt in the small towns of his youth. The name "Rotary" derived from the early practice of rotating meetings among members' offices.

Rotary's popularity spread throughout the United States in the decade that followed; clubs were chartered from San Francisco to New York. By 1921, Rotary clubs had been formed on six continents, and the organization adopted the name Rotary International a year later.

As Rotary grew, its mission expanded beyond serving the professional and social interests of club members. Rotarians began pooling their resources and contributing their talents to help serve communities in need. The organization's dedication to this ideal is best expressed in its principal motto: Service Above Self. Rotary also later embraced a code of ethics, called The 4-Way Test that has been translated into hundreds of languages.

During and after World War II, Rotarians became increasingly involved in promoting international understanding. In 1945, 49 Rotary members served in 29 delegations to the United Nations Charter Conference. Rotary still actively participates in UN conferences by sending observers to major meetings and promoting the United Nations in Rotary publications. Rotary International's relationship with the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) dates back to a 1943 London Rotary conference that promoted international cultural and educational exchanges. Attended by ministers of education and observers from around the world, and chaired by a past president of RI, the conference was an impetus to the establishment of UNESCO in 1946.

An endowment fund, set up by Rotarians in 1917 "for doing good in the world," became a not-for-profit corporation known as The Rotary Foundation in 1928. Upon the death of Paul Harris in 1947, an outpouring of Rotarian donations made in his honor, totaling US$2 million, launched the Foundation's first program — graduate fellowships, now called Ambassadorial Scholarships. Today, contributions to The Rotary Foundation total more than US$80 million annually and support a wide range of humanitarian grants and educational programs that enable Rotarians to bring hope and promote international understanding throughout the world.

In 1985, Rotary made a historic commitment to immunize all of the world's children against polio. Working in partnership with nongovernmental organizations and national governments thorough its PolioPlus program, Rotary is the largest private-sector contributor to the global polio eradication campaign. Rotarians have mobilized hundreds of thousands of PolioPlus volunteers and have immunized more than one billion children worldwide. By the 2005 target date for certification of a polio-free world, Rotary will have contributed half a billion dollars to the cause.

As it approached the dawn of the 21st century, Rotary worked to meet the changing needs of society, expanding its service effort to address such pressing issues as environmental degradation, illiteracy, world hunger, and children at risk. The organization admitted women for the first time (worldwide) in 1989 and claims more than 145,000 women in its ranks today. Following the collapse of the Berlin Wall and the dissolution of the Soviet Union, Rotary clubs were formed or re-established throughout Central and Eastern Europe. Today, 1.2 million Rotarians belong to some 32,000 Rotary clubs in more than 200 countries and geographical areas.

**Rotary International Historical Milestones**

1905 First Rotary Club organized in Chicago, Illinois, USA

1908 Second Club formed in San Francisco, California, USA

1910 First Rotary convention held in Chicago, Illinois, USA

1912 The Rotary Club of Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, becomes the first Club outside the United States to be officially chartered. (The Club was formed in 1910.)

1917 Endowment fund, forerunner of The Rotary Foundation, established

1932 4-Way Test formulated by Chicago Rotarian Herbert J. Taylor

1945 Forty-nine Rotarians help draft United Nations Charter in San Francisco

1947 Rotary founder Paul Harris dies; first 18 Rotary Foundation scholarships granted

1962 First Interact Club formed in Melbourne, Florida, USA

1965 Rotary Foundation launches Matching Grants and Group Study Exchange programs

1985 Rotary announces PolioPlus program to immunize all the children of the world against polio

1989 Council on Legislation opens Rotary membership to women worldwide; Rotary Clubs chartered in Budapest, Hungary, and Warsaw, Poland, for first time in almost 50 years

1990 Rotary Club of Moscow chartered first club in Soviet Union

1990-91 Preserve Planet Earth program inspires some 2,000 Rotary-sponsored environmental projects

1994 Western Hemisphere declared polio-free

1999 Rotary Centers for International Studies in Peace and Conflict Resolution established

2000 Western Pacific declared polio-free

2001 30,000th Rotary Club chartered

2002 Europe declared polio-free; first class of 70 Rotary Peace Scholars begin study

2003 Rotarians raise more than $118 million to support the final stages of polio eradication

2004 Rotary International’s largest convention with 45,381 attendees, held in Osaka, Japan

2005 Rotary Celebrates centennial in Chicago, Illinois, USA

# The Rotary Foundation

The mission of The Rotary Foundation is to enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education and the alleviation of poverty. The Rotary Foundation is a not-for-profit corporation that is supported solely by voluntary [contributions](https://riweb.rotaryintl.org/donor_xml/contributionmenu.asp) from Rotarians and friends of the Foundation who share its vision of a better world.

The Foundation was created in 1917 by Rotary International's sixth president, Arch C. Klumph, as an endowment fund for Rotary "to do good in the world." It has grown from an initial contribution of US$26.50 to more than US$117.9 million contributed in 2004-05. Its event-filled [history](http://www.rotary.org/foundation/about/history.html) is a story of Rotarians learning the value of service to humanity.

The Foundation's [Humanitarian Programs](http://www.rotary.org/foundation/programs.html) fund international Rotary club and district projects to improve the quality of life, providing health care, clean water, food, education, and other essential needs primarily in the developing world. One of the major Humanitarian Programs is [PolioPlus](http://www.rotary.org/foundation/polioplus/index.html), which seeks to eradicate the poliovirus worldwide. Through its [Educational Programs](http://www.rotary.org/foundation/programs.html), the Foundation provides funding for some 1,200 students to study abroad each year. Grants are also awarded to university teachers to teach in developing countries and for exchanges of business and professional people. Former participants in the Foundation's programs have the opportunity to continue their affiliation with Rotary as [Foundation Alumni](http://www.rotary.org/foundation/alumni/index.html).

# History of the Rotary Foundation

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In 1917, Arch C. Klumph, Rotary's sixth president, proposed to the Rotary International Convention in Atlanta, Georgia, USA, the creation of an "endowment fund for Rotary . . . for the purpose of doing good in the world in charitable, educational, and other avenues of community service." A few months later, the endowment received its first contribution of $26.50 from the Rotary Club of Kansas City, Missouri, USA.

In 1928, when the endowment fund had grown to more than US$5,000, the fund was renamed The Rotary Foundation, and it became a distinct entity within Rotary International. Five Trustees, including Klumph, were appointed to "hold, invest, manage, and administer all of its property. . . as a single trust, for the furtherance of the purposes of RI."

Two years later, the Foundation made its first grant of US$500 to the International Society for Crippled Children. The ISCC — created by Rotarian Edgar F. "Daddy" Allen — later grew into the Easter Seals organization.

The Great Depression and World War II both impeded significant growth for the Foundation, but the need for promoting a lasting world peace generated great post-war interest in developing the Foundation. After Rotary founder Paul P. Harris died in 1947, contributions began pouring into Rotary International, and the Paul Harris Memorial Fund was created for the purpose of building the Foundation.

That same year**,** the first Foundation program — the forerunner of the Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarships program — was established. Then in 1965-66, three new programs were launched — Group Study Exchange, Awards for Technical Training, and Grants for Activities in Keeping with the Objective of The Rotary Foundation, which was later called Matching Grants.

The Health, Hunger and Humanity (3-H) program was launched in 1978, with the Rotary Volunteers program being created as a part of 3-H in 1980. The [PolioPlus](http://www.rotary.org/foundation/polioplus/index.html) program was announced in 1984-85, and the following year saw the introduction of Rotary Grants for University Teachers. The first Peace Forums were held in 1987-88, leading to the establishment of Rotary Peace Programs. Then in 1989, 1963-64 RI President Carl P. Miller and his wife, Ruth, donated US$1 million to establish the Discovery Grants program.

Throughout this time, support of the Foundation grew tremendously. Since that first $26.50 donation in 1917, the Foundation has received contributions totaling more than US$1 billion. More than US$70 million was contributed in 2003-04 alone. To date, some 914,792 individuals have been recognized as Paul Harris Fellows — that is, someone who has contributed US$1000 or has had that amount contributed in his or her name.

Such strong support and involvement of Rotarians worldwide ensures a secure future for The Rotary Foundation as it continues its vital work for international understanding and world peace.

# Paul Harris Fellows

The Paul Harris Fellowship is named for Paul Harris, who founded Rotary with three business associates in Chicago in 1905. The fellowship was established in his honor in 1957 to express appreciation for a contribution of $1,000 to the humanitarian and educational programs of The Rotary Foundation.

Sixty-nine members of the Rotary Club of Thai Town are Paul Harris Fellows, including all members who have been in the club longer than 5 years. New members are expected to make annual contributions to The Rotary Foundation each year of at least $200 at least until they become Paul Harris Fellows. However, nearly all club members continue annually giving to the Rotary Foundation, which has made the Rotary Club of Thai Town a leader in the district in Foundation Giving. In the 2006-2007 Rotary Year, the 96 members of our club gave in excess of $56,000 to the Foundation.

Paul Harris Fellows earn additional recognition by earning “plus” recognition for each additional $1,000 in contributions. Over half of our club are multiple Paul Harris Fellows.

Members whose lifetime contributions to the Foundation total $10,000 earn the status of “Major Donor” with appropriate recognition.

Additionally, members are encouraged to name the Rotary Foundation in their will, becoming Benefactors for amounts in excess of $1,000, or members of the Bequest society for amounts in excess of $10,000.

**RI Benefactors**

**These individuals named the Rotary Foundation in their will in the amount of $10,000 or more.**

**Paul Harris Fellow**

A Rotarian becomes a Paul Harris Fellow by donating at least $1000 to the Rotary International Foundation.

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| Carl Percival | 2013 |  |  |
| Chancee Martorell | 2013 |  |  |
| Dennis Yan | 2013 |  |  |
| Jittanund Pornsobhon | 2013 |  |  |
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\*"Plus" indicates additional $1000 donations. "Major Donor" indicates $9000 or more additional donations.

**Proposing a New Member to the Club**

 **Types of Membership**

Active: When a candidate accepts membership, he or she becomes an Active Member, filling a classification that is loaned to that individual by the Club.

Honorary: Honorary membership is a high mark of distinction granted to an individual by the Board of Directors for one year, to be revoted upon each year. An honorary member is distinguished by meritorious service in furtherance of Rotary ideals. The honorary member must reside, or be definitely associated with the territorial limits of the Club, cannot hold office in the Club, and is not required to pay dues. The term of honorary membership is the Rotary year, July 1st through June 30th.

**Description of Ideal Rotarian**

Below are characteristics of what we are looking for in new members:

* Mature men & women
* High ethical standards in occupation, civic and personal Life
* Live or work in Thai Town ( Rotary International rules allow adjacent communities)
* Commitment to community
* Business owner or management-level position
* Not necessarily a suit... can be a Blue Collar business owner, all legitimate and ethical professions are welcome
* Ability to attend weekly Rotary meetings in accordance with Club Standards (60% min)
* Ability ***and desire*** to attend and participate in Rotary functions and activities such as the District Conference, District Assembly, and Governors Meeting (This is highly encouraged within 2 years of joining.)
* Past areas of service, community, school, sport, religious
* Financial Ability to participate ***approximately*** $1800-2000 a year

**Prior to first meeting**:

* Make a preliminary evaluation of perspective Rotarians
* Tell Perspective members about Rotary and Rotary requirements.
* Sponsor advises Membership Committee of Special Guest at least **seven** days before they attend their first meeting. It can be less than 7 days but it is very important that the membership committee know if a new potential member is coming so they can prepare.
* Sponsor provides Membership with Special Guests name, address, phone number and occupation.
* Submit to the Membership Chair a Letter of Recommendation about the potential member.
* Membership canvases members with same classification for potential conflicts.

Impacted Classifications

If the potential member’s profession is within the following categories: Lawyer, CPA, Real Estate or Financial Planners the membership committee will need to explore with other members who are also within this category to ensure we do not have too many members within the same profession.

* Attend first three weekly meetings with PM

**Introduction of Potential Member at Meeting**

New guests will be referred to as “honored” guests if they are considering becoming a member,

When introducing guest to membership at large, give name, profession, and share something about how you know the individual or something of interest about them. This will enable the club members to get to know the individual.

* Introduce the member to the Club members at the meetings

The following process explains what occurs once you have identified a potential Rotarian:

* New Potential Member completes a New Member Bio From and presents to the Membership Chair.
* The Membership Development Committee will verify the proposed new member’s character, business, and general eligibility.
* The application is then directed to the Classification Committee.
* Following review and approval by the Classification Committee, the proposal is submitted to the Board of Directors for final review.
* The Membership Committee then distributes information concerning the proposed new member to the club members. A ten day waiting period allows Club members to review the proposed new member’s information and classification for possible objections.
* The average time for processing a new member proposal is approximately 30 days. If application is declined the potential applicant will be contacted.

**If membership is approved,**

* Following the ten day period, the proposed new member’s sponsor will be notified and a pre-induction meeting will be arranged by the Membership Committee to further introduce Rotary to the proposed member.
* The candidate, sponsor, club officer, and membership committee will review:

 Commitment of time, outside service, and finances, assignment to Club Activity, Red Badge Requirements

**Sponsor Requirements**

Sponsoring a new member is an important responsibility. We would like the sponsor with the support to the Membership Committee to:

* + - Make a preliminary evaluation of perspective Rotarians
		- Tell Perspective members about Rotary and Rotary requirements.
		- Submit to the Membership Chair a Letter of Recommendation about the potential member.
		- Contact the Membership Committee prior to asking the individual to attend a meeting.
		- Attend first three weekly meetings with PM
		- Introduce the member to the Club members at the meetings.
		- Attend the Orientation meeting with Membership and the new member.
		- Oversee the new member to fulfill the Red Badge Requirements.

 **Rotary Resources**

*The Rotarian* – Monthly Magazine containing domestic and international news along with interesting articles on a variety of subjects.

<http://www.rotary5280.org> 🡪 Club Directory – Website of the Rotary Club of Thai Town Member directory – A convenient and useful way to access other members of the Club

You can log on to www.rotary.org and explore what Rotary does all over the world, members in distant countries and exciting projects the organization is working on.

Here is how you do it:

1. Go to www.rotary.org

2. Click on "Member Access" which is located in the upper right-hand corner of that page

3. Click on "Register Now"

4. You will be asked for the following information:
District Number: 5280
Club Number: 76865
Membership ID: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\*You must have a valid email address for the site to send you login and password information.\*\*\*

1. “A Brief History of Rotary International” and “Rotary International Historic Milestones” are taken from the Rotary International website, [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org) [↑](#footnote-ref-1)