

## Rotary FAQ's

Boise Metro  
**Rotary**



- What does Rotary do?
  - World's FIRST Service Organization
  - We are on the forefront of eradicating polio from the planet
  - We meet weekly for volunteer service work or to hear a presentation from a guest speaker about a current event, business, or non-profit
  - We connect with other Rotarians and clubs locally and globally
  - Rotarians are People of Action, pursuing ideas of club members or citizens to solve problems or create a better community
- How much does it cost?
  - Boise Metro Rotary's costs are \$750 / yr
    - \$110 of the dues goes towards Rotary International dues
    - The rest goes toward weekly lunches (However, during this pandemic there has been some savings on the weekly lunches with less in person attendees the club has been able to donate some funds to the month service projects.)
- How often do you meet?
  - Weekly for an hour at Smoky Mountain Pizza located at 415 E Parkcenter Blvd, Boise, ID 83706
- How / where / when do you meet?
  - We meet at the Smoky Mountain Pizza at 415 E. Parkcenter Blvd, Boise, ID 83706
  - Tuesdays, 12-1
- What if I can't make a meeting?
  - Feel free to join another Rotary meeting whenever you'd like to 'make up' a meeting; there are 12 clubs in the Treasure Valley!
  - Volunteer somewhere if you wish
- What obligations will I have as a Rotarian?
  - Up to date with club dues
  - Serve on a committee
  - Participate in service projects

- Why should I join?
  - Fellowship! Some of the most active, interesting, can-do people will be Rotarians!
  - Sense of service: Rotary allows you to volunteer, and participate in making the community a better place for so many
  - If you have a cause that you're passionate about, it's possible Rotary could be your outlet to pursue that dream
- What is a typical Rotary meeting like?
  - Welcome / mingling
  - Pledge of allegiance
  - Song from club member (many times members are given lyrics to join in!)
  - Guest introductions
  - Announcements
  - Happy / sad dollars (casual fundraiser for our club; members donate a dollar for announcing personal happenings they're happy or sad about). We even have a venmo account for our virtual giving.
- How many Rotary clubs are in the Treasure Valley?
  - 12 and growing!
  - Each club has a distinct personality and format. Feel free to try out a few to find a good fit! During the pandemic, many are currently being held virtually.
    - Boise Centennial (Thursdays, 7 AM)
    - Boise Downtown (Thursdays, 12-1:30)
    - Boise East (Tuesdays, 5:30 PM)
    - Boise Metro (Tuesdays, 12-1)
    - Boise Sunrise (Tuesdays, 7 AM)
    - Boise Southwest (Wednesdays, 12-1)
    - Caldwell (Wednesdays)
    - Canyon County Sunrise (Thursdays, 7 AM)
    - Eagle / Garden City (Thursdays, 12-1)
    - Meridian (Monday, 12-1)
    - Nampa (Tuesdays, 12-1)
    - Western Treasure Valley (Wednesdays, 12-1)

- How do I get information about the club and activities?
  - The Boise Metro Rotary club sends a weekly newsletter (Bulletin). Just let a Member Rotarian know that you'd like to be included on the friends list and provide your email.
- What type of service projects has your club done?
  - Completed a Pocket Park on the Greenbelt in Boise near Ling & Louie's, Garden City complete with Little Library, Bike Repair Station, Benches, pollination project and Commemorative bricks!
  - Everyday Leadership Program: adopted a dedicated group of Garfield Elementary 5<sup>th</sup> graders in our neighborhood featuring a multi-year curriculum emphasizing leadership skills; participated in their science fair, and attended / participated in after-school sessions with them and their liaison teacher, Sonia Galaviz
  - Hosted a team of 6 professionals and university students from Tomsk, Siberia for a week for cultural and professional exchange of ideas, 2016
  - Greenbelt Park / Rest Area Signage & Maintenance near Garden City Library
  - Supported Guatemalan organization with Boise roots: Semilla Nueva- a high-protein corn production program helping to increase protein and zinc in the diets of Guatemalans
  - Shelter with picnic table on greenbelt near Highway 21 / Warm Springs Ave.
  - Burgers for Bikes, Bikes for Kids (morphed into Boise Bicycle Project)
    - New bike assembly by club members and gave away to kids in need...including helmets!
  - How do I join? Just let a member Rotarian know that you'd like information about joining. There is a short member proposal form to complete.
  - What types of speakers have you had at Rotary?
  - We've had a cross selection of speakers from civic leaders, to CEO's and non-profits covering varying topics. The good news is if you have

an interest in hearing from someone or on a specific subject matter, you are able to provide input to the program / speaker coordinator.

- What are Rotary's core values?
  - Fellowship
  - Integrity
  - Diversity
  - Service
  - Leadership
- **Rotary's Four-Way Test**
  - The Four-Way Test has long served as an ethical guide for members to live by in their personal and professional relationships. This is said at the close of the weekly meetings.

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?
5. And, our club has added a 5<sup>th</sup> – Is it FUN!