**Things to think about when deciding to seek membership in the Rotary Club of Boise Sunrise**

Thank you for considering becoming a member of Rotary International, an international service organization founded in 1905 with clubs in all parts of the world! Rotarians are owners, managers, or professionals in businesses, educational or non-profit organizations, or government agencies. Members contribute generously of their time, talent, and financial resources to help make our community and our world a better place. Our shared values are embodied in the Four-Way Test. We encourage you to come as a guest and visit with a variety of club members. Ask them why they are involved in Rotary.

**Financial commitment**. While it will vary among members, $1,200 is the approximate annual financial commitment to be a member of Rotary. This includes:

* The quarterly club dues of approximately $215.00. This covers dues our club pays to District 5400 and Rotary International for each member as well as the cost of breakfast every Tuesday.
* Members are encouraged to give to the Rotary International (RI) Foundation and/or the Greater Boise Rotary Foundation. Many members contribute between $25 and $50 per quarter to these foundations. Our club makes the first $100 contribution for new members to the RI Foundation.
* Small weekly donations: Each month our club highlights a community organization and asks members put cash in the bowl in the “center-of-the-table.” Each week a member serves as “sergeant-at-arms” and creatively asks members to contribute to recognition of good news, birthdays, recognition, etc. These may be paid through an I.O.U. added to the quarterly statement. Total small weekly donations may be from $2 to $5.
* Fundraising events. Our club members contribute their time, funds, and auction items to our annual LobsterFest each fall. LobsterFest raises over $100,000 which goes grants the club makes to local charitable organizations. Our club helps with District 5400 fundraising activities such as the raffle for the annual district conference each May.
* Grants. Our club donates funds to organizations in many ways, including to those with which we have had a long-standing relationship (i.e., Hope House) and through an annual grant cycle (Feb./March). Some of the businesses represented by club members make additional gifts to charitable organizations prioritized by the Rotary Club of Boise-Sunrise.

**Time Commitment**. Volunteering time is important to our club’s success. Members are encouraged to attend weekly meetings when they are in town. It is the best way to keep up with all the club’s activities. Members also enjoy volunteering by serving on club committees and projects. When you are out of town, find out when the Rotary club in the town you are visiting meets. As a Rotarian, you are always welcome to attend other Rotary clubs. There are hundreds of clubs throughout the world. (*See* Club Locator app)

Sometimes a prospective member mistakenly believes that joining Rotary is a way to generate business or to obtain funding for a special project. You will meet new friends who represent the best standards of their vocation and are committed to service. These friends may turn into clients, vendors, or supporters of our favorite charity in the future. However, that is **not** the objective of joining Rotary. Rotary is about “Service Above Self.” Members are most successful when they focus on giving back to the community and living up to the Four-Way Test. We believe that what we do as Rotarians is in itself a good investment.

Please take the time to visit with club members. Ask questions and think about whether you would like to be part of Rotary. When you are ready, please fill out and submit a membership application.

****

***Thank you for visiting***

**The Rotary Club of Boise Sunrise**

**Rotary Club of Boise Sunrise Mission Statement:**

**"**We build relationships and provide services locally and globally by investing our combined time, talent, and treasure."

**Rotary Club of Boise Sunrise Vision Statement:**

“Together, we see communities where people unite to share ideas and take action to create lasting change.”

**Rotary Club of Boise Sunrise Motto**

“We seek to leave it better than we found it.”

We are energetic, welcoming, morning Rotarians who embrace ethics and service in our community and around the world. We meet every Tuesday at 7am at the Riverside Hotel in Garden City.

Take Rotary for a test ride for a couple of months and decide if it is a good fit for you. As you do, Please:

* Come back and join us for breakfast again. Each meeting is different.
* Like us on Facebook, bookmark our website ( <https://portal.clubrunner.ca/3864> ), explore the website of Rotary District 5400 and Rotary International.
* Attend another Rotary club in the Boise area – click on “Need a Makeup” on our website for a link to the location of all the clubs in southern Idaho or download Rotary’s “Club Locater” App.
* Give our club secretary your e-mail address if you would like updates.
* Join us at one of our service projects and other club events.
* When you are ready, fill out a membership application form and give it to a club member.

Rotarians across the globe are diverse and strive to live up to the Four-Way Test of the things we think, say, or do:

**Is it the truth?**

**Is it fair to all concerned?**

**Will it build good will and better friendships?**

**Will it be beneficial to all concerned?**

Rotary Club of Boise-Sunrise

PO Box 8781, Boise, ID 83807