

Mesa West Rotary Club



TRANSFORMING COMMUNITIES



CREATING OPPORTUNITIES



IMPACTING YOUTH

Rotary



THE FOUR-WAY TEST

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**
& **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?

4

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

The Mesa West Rotary Club in Mesa, Arizona, is a vibrant community of dedicated individuals fostering a culture of service, friendship, and leadership. Known as the “Ace of Clubs,” we believe that together, we make the world a better place. Our commitment to transforming communities, creating opportunities, and impacting youth drives our passion for service and excellence.

ACE OF CLUBS

Membership Handbook

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Things We Suggest You Do

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Attend club meetings as often as possible

Purposely sit at different tables to get acquainted with fellow-members

Volunteer

To serve as Greeter

To lead the Pledge of Allegiance

To offer the invocation or provide a thought for the day

If you miss a meeting, read about it in the next Messenger

Download the Clubrunner app to your smart phone

You will have current, ready-access to contact information for fellow-members

You will be able to see list of club leaders as well as coming events and speakers

Log into Rotary Website www.rotary.org and establish a MyRotary account and explore!

Participate in planned service projects

When family-friendly, include your family and friends when you sign-up

Attend Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI)

This series of 3 one-day sessions is about the larger world of Rotary

Attend a District Event

Educational Events—Club Leadership Assembly

Celebration Events—Annual District Conference

Service Events—Annual USA Mexico Friendship Conference

Visit another Rotary Club

In our area or while you are traveling for business or pleasure

Attend club social activities

Annual events like Spring Olympics or Post-Holiday Celebration, or others scheduled randomly throughout the year.

Typical Club Meeting

Greeter Station is open after 11:30 to allow socializing, going through buffet line

Call to Order Noon

Recitation of

International Theme

Rotary Vision Statement

Pledge of Allegiance

Thought for the Day or Invocation

Introduction of Guests

Ace of Clubs Raffle—Raffle tickets are sold for \$5 each prior to the meeting being called to order. 1/3 of the proceeds goes to club operations account, a third is given to the daily winner, and a third goes into an accumulating pot. The daily winner is allowed to shuffle the cards remaining in the deck before selecting a card. If they select the joker, they win an additional \$20. If they select the Ace of Clubs, they win the large accumulating pot.

Happy Bucks—Sgt at Arms—Members and guests are free to donate cash or make pledges to verbally celebrate happy (or sad) events in their lives. There is no minimum amount, and no pressure to participate. The funds will go into the club operating account unless the donor documents their desire for them to be used for a specific purpose. Should they make that choice, it is urged that the donation be \$10 or more. Forms are provided to document any specific uses of cash or non-cash pledges.

Announcements regarding upcoming events and activities

Recognition of reaching giving or other achievement goals or new member induction.

Auction—Occasionally members who have enjoyed destination travel will bring back one or a collection of items to be auctioned. The proceeds benefit the club operating account

Program—At most meetings our Program Committee has arranged for an informative speaker to make a presentation to our members. Most programs are about 20-minutes long. Occasionally, there is club training, or business to conduct. The goal is to end the meeting by 1:00 PM.

Five Avenues of Service

CLUB SERVICE

- Serve in a Club officer, director, or committee chair position**
- Provide logistical support for club meetings**
 - Room Setup**
 - AV support**
- Host or support club social event(s)**

COMMUNITY SERVICE

- Contribute ideas for service projects**
- Participate in service projects**
- Programs—Our Program Committee arranges weekly informative speakers to make presentations to our club members. If you have heard good and interesting speakers while at other meetings and events, please pass their name and contact information to our Program Chair. By working with our Program Chair and Committee, we can better educate our membership and learn about potential new activities and community needs.**

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

- We participate in Microcredit project in Mexico**
- We continue to champion our long-time hearing project in Guaymas, Mexico**
- We support project(s) presented at annual USA/Mexico Friendship Conference**

VOCATIONAL SERVICE

- Working with The Rotary Vocational Fund of Arizona, we interview and sponsor applicants for grants to fund vocational education**

Youth Service

- We sponsor Interact Club at Westwood High School**
- We sponsor students to attend Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) weekends**
- We sponsor Interact ambassadors to travel to**
 - Crutches 4 Africa**
 - Mobility Mission in Mexico**
- We sponsor Rotaract Club at Benedictine University**
- Through Rotary Builds Bridges, we mentor homeless, unaccompanied seniors in Mesa Schools through graduation from high school and beyond.**

Be a Participant—Not an Observer

Your membership dues cover your share of the cost of operating our club. The charitable endeavors of our club are financed through charitable giving. It is our goal to have each member support all four areas to the extent they are able

1—THE ROTARY FOUNDATION ANNUAL FUND

TRF is one of the world's most highly-respected public charities. Donations are tax-deductible. Funds donated to the foundation support projects throughout the world in the seven areas of focus. The funds donated each year are invested for two years. The third year, district designated funds are shared back to the local districts so they have a say in how their share is used. The easiest way to give is to establish a monthly donation through your MyRotary account to be taken automatically through a debit or credit card account. Our club's annual goal would be met if each member gave \$20/month. We know that some members will not be able to make that large of a commitment, and others may wish to donate much more!



Be a Participant—Not an Observer—*Continued*

2—THE ROTARY FOUNDATION POLIO PLUS



Rotary's commitment to eradicate polio is so well known and respected that the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation matches donations \$2 for \$1. To take advantage of this opportunity to multiply the effect of your giving, you are again encouraged to donate through your MyRotary account. To meet our club's giving goal, a monthly recurring donation of \$10/month per member would be suggested. We know some members might not be able to make that commitment, so we encourage them to at least make a single donation each year through their MyRotary account. Those who have a passion for this endeavor and the means to give more are certainly encouraged to do so.

3—THE ROTARY VOCATIONAL FUND OF ARIZONA (TRVFA)



TRVFA provides vocational education grants for adults in Arizona who are at or below 150% of the poverty level to obtain vocational certifications which will enable them to lift themselves out of poverty and contribute to the Arizona economy.

The Rotary Vocational Fund of Arizona is a Qualifying Charitable Organization meaning donations to TRVFA qualify for Arizona Income Tax Credit. Single filers can offset their Arizona State Income Tax obligation up to \$470 , and joint filers up to \$938. Go to www.trvfa.org and click on the red "donate now" button at the top of the home screen.

One of the giving options is to set up a regular recurring donation. Join several Mesa West Rotary members to have selected this convenient method of giving to help others help themselves.

Be a Participant—Not an Observer—*Continued*

4—MESA WEST ROTARY FOUNDATION (MWRF)



Mesa West Rotary Club has its own 501(c)(3) public charity enabling our members and those in our circle of influence to give tax-deductible donations to support the charitable work of our club.

MWRF is a separate legal entity and has its own board of Trustees managing its operation. The immediate Past President of the club automatically becomes the Vice President of the foundation the year following their year of service as Club President. The following year, they move up to preside as President of the foundation.

The club board recommends an annual budget for charitable giving, and the foundation board will review and either amend or approve the budget to ensure consistent integrity and viability of the fund.

Since 2018-19, the club has held an annual sponsorship drive to bring in funds to support our charitable endeavors. These drives have resulted in averages exceeding \$50,000 per year. There are several advantages to this approach:

- A. It eliminates “cost of fundraising” involved in hosting public events.**
- B. It eliminates the time commitment of planning and carrying out public fundraising events.**
- C. Members are encouraged to tell their Rotary stories to friends, family and associates, and encourage them to donate to support things the member is passionate about being involved with.**



At Mesa West Rotary Club, we embrace the transformative vision of:

- **Transforming Communities**—Through service projects and outreach programs, we strive to uplift and enhance the quality of life in our local and global communities.
- **Creating Opportunities**—We believe in empowering individuals by providing resources, skills, and knowledge that lead to personal and professional growth.
- **Impacting Youth**—Investing in youth is investing in the future. Our programs support education, mentorship, and leadership development for the next generation.

Ace of Clubs Spirit—Our members embody the spirit of camaraderie and excellence. We are united in our mission to make a difference and uphold the Rotary value of Service Above Self. Our culture encourages collaboration, innovation, and a shared commitment to fostering positive change.

Community Engagement—With a genuine passion for community engagement, members actively participate in various service projects, fundraisers, and local initiatives. Our focus on collaboration ensures that the efforts of our members lead to positive results.

Fellowship and Friendship—Through regular meetings, service projects, fellowship and social events, we cultivate lasting friendships among our members. The supportive atmosphere we create fosters open communication, allowing us to celebrate achievements and support one another during challenges.

Leadership Development—We encourage members to take on active roles within the club, our district, and our community. This commitment to growth not only benefits individual members, but also strengthens the club as a whole. We do this through support of all of our training programs such as Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI), Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA), Rotary Leadership Academy (RLA) and through accepting leadership positions in our club, district, and beyond.

CONCLUSION—The culture of excellence at Mesa West Rotary Club is built on the principles of integrity, service, and friendship. Together, we embody the values of Rotary International, making a significant impact in Mesa Arizona and beyond. As we continue to transform communities, create opportunities and impact youth, we proudly stand as the Ace of Clubs in the Rotary community.

THE OBJECT OF ROTARY

The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

First. The development of **acquaintance as an opportunity for service;**

Second. **High ethical standards** in business and professions, the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations, and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;

Third. The application of the **ideal of service** in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;

Fourth. The advancement of **international understanding, goodwill, and peace** through a **world fellowship** of business and professional persons **united in the ideal of service.**



TOGETHER

We see a world where

PEOPLE UNITE

and TAKE ACTION to

CREATE lasting CHANGE

Across the globe,

In our communities

And in ourselves