**What is Rotary?**

The Rotary Club of Summit County is a service organization that, through the work of our members, provides significant benefits to our community and beyond. Rotary International is a worldwide network of 1.2 million members in nearly 35,000 clubs who believe in the commitment to “Service Above Self.” Rotary’s purpose is to bring together business and professional leaders to provide humanitarian services, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and to advance goodwill and peace around the world. It is a non-political and non-sectarian organization open to all people.

The Rotary Club of Summit County, with more than 120 members, meets every Tuesday at 7:10 a.m. for a catered breakfast at the Summit County Community/Senior Center in Frisco. Visit SummitRotary.com for more information. We’d love to have you join our team!

**What we do**

Some of the benefits and services from the Rotary Club of Summit County are:

**Health** — 9 Health Fair • Community Care Clinic • Polio eradication • clean water

* disaster relief • troop support

**Hunger** — Free weekly community dinner • free Thanksgiving dinner

**Education** — Literacy (grade-school students) • Integrity (middle school students)

* Leadership (middle and high school students) • scholarships (Summit County High School and Colorado Mountain College) • International Youth Exchange

**Fellowship** — Meet and mingle with other inspired individuals and business professionals in Summit County through weekly meetings, monthly happy hours and service projects.

**How we do it**

Our members contribute hands-on work as well as financial resources. The club raises additional money through events like our Ice Melt Contest, Car Raffle and Breckenridge Oktoberfest, and through the generosity of our corporate partners and event sponsors.

**Why we do it**

Rotarians are asked to apply the Four-Way Test as a moral code for personal and business relationships. The test can be applied to nearly every aspect of life. Ask yourself “Is it the truth? Is it fair to all concerned? Will it build goodwill and better friendships? Is it beneficial to all concerned?”

**Join Team Rotary!**

To learn more, or for an application packet, contact membership committee chair David Guignard at [davidguignard@mac.com](mailto:davidguignard@mac.com) or 973-219-8384.

**NEW MEMBER INFORMATION SHEET**

This information will be reviewed with you and a sponsor by one of the following Membership Committee members:

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| David Guignard, Chair | 973-219-8384 | Sandy Mortensen | 970-390-0178 |
| Stephanie Katz | 970-468-1317 | Mike Spry | 303-842-9829 |
| Julieanne Gilchrist | 970-485-9272 | “Woody” Woodland | 518-637-7162 |
| Susan Juergensmeier | 970-513-1557 | Ann Clement | 970-389-0031 |
| Tom Marmins | 970-390-6393 |  |  |
| **What is Rotary?** |  |  |  |

* A volunteer organization of more than 1.2 million business and professional leaders worldwide who provide humanitarian service and help build goodwill and peace.
* There are 34,000 Rotary clubs around the world that address the challenges of illiteracy, disease, hunger, poverty, and lack of clean water, among other needs.
* There is a focus on high ethical standards in all vocations following the 4 Way Test. **(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?)**
* Scholarships are provided at the community level for college, vocational school, foreign exchange students, young adult exchange programs, Peace, and Conflict Resolution scholarships.
* In 1982, Rotary International took on the challenge of eradicating polio in the world. Only 4 countries still have polio. The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation donated

$355 million for a matching grant to complete the Polio Plus project of eradicating polio.

* Rotary was founded in 1905 by Paul Harris in Chicago as the world’s first volunteer service organization.
* Clubs are non-political, non-religious, non-governmental, and open to every race, culture and creed.

**Who may become a Rotarian?**

A qualified potential member is either:

* Currently working in a professional, proprietary, executive or managerial position or is retired from such a position.
* And/or a community leader who has demonstrated a commitment to service through personal involvement in community affairs.

**What do we do?**

* We have community service projects and international service projects.
* We fundraise to support our projects, giving away about $85,000 each year.
* We have administrative positions to help run the club and club service projects.
* We have committees and committee chairs to carry out a wide variety of functions of the club.
* Camaraderie, fellowship and friendships grow by participating in the service projects, fundraising projects, joining a committee, attending the meetings and WE HAVE FUN!
* Rotary provides you an opportunity to develop your leadership skills as well as grow a business network. Breakfast, and participating in projects provides time for camaraderie with like-minded individuals. Being an active member in Rotary provides the opportunity to give back to our local and world communities.

**What are the expectations or commitments of a Rotarian?**

**Participation commitment**

* Attend the weekly meeting, currently via a Zoom call, Tuesday 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. When breakfast meetings return – Tuesday 7:10 to 8:30am
* Make up meetings missed (attend another club meeting, attend a Committee Meeting, work on a project, attend a District or International Rotary meeting or On- line e-club,
* Assist in some aspect with the 9 Health Fair, Community Dinner, Thanksgiving dinner, literacy projects or 4 Way Test in the schools. Sell Ice Melt Contest and/or Car Raffle.
* Attend Rotary dinner meetings and parties with spouse/significant other.
* Join a committee. **What are your interests for service?**

**Financial commitment**

Currently there are two available options:

**Active-Plus membership** is billed at $235 per quarter. This membership level includes the costs assessed by Rotary International and District 5450 and the costs associated with hosting a breakfast meeting. Please note that on weeks where a breakfast meeting is not held, the excess funds are donated to Gilchrist Catering to prepare meals for the Senior Center and other organizations in need, as determined by the board.

**Active membership** is billed at $115 per quarter. This membership level can be used if you are going to be out of town for an extended period of time or are unable to attend live meetings due to health or work commitments. The dues for a virtual membership cover the costs assessed by Rotary International and District 5450. If you attend a breakfast meeting during this time, you will need to pay the daily breakfast fee ($16.00 per meeting).

Additional membership categories include Active-Plus Family, Active Family, and Corporate. Please reach out to Membership Committee chair, David Guignard, for further information about these membership categories.

Dues are billed quarterly and include District and Rotary International dues, weekly breakfast (if selected), three dinners a year, Christmas party, administrative costs, conference costs, and humanitarian requests. An additional $60/quarter adds a voluntary contribution of $30 to our local Charitable Fund and $30 to the Rotary International Fund. These appear on each quarterly statement. You are encouraged to make these tax-deductible contributions as well.

*The financial commitment needs to be met by the due date on your bill.*

**Becoming a member of the Rotary Club of Summit County**

If you decide to become a member, two Rotarians who have been a member for at least one year must sponsor you. It is recommended that you have lived in the county or owned a business for at least one year.

You are requested to attend three meetings as a guest (including paying for the $15 breakfast when it returns) to get a “feel” for the club, its fellowship, activities and commitments prior to turning in your application. A Membership Committee member or a seasoned Rotarian would also be happy to schedule a meeting for coffee or lunch to go into more detail about Rotary and our club.

When you are certain you want to be a member you will hand in the application, including the signed application, the sponsor form, a short bio and a $100 application fee to a Membership Committee member. The application is reviewed by the membership committee and the Board of Directors for approval. Once approved, your name and bio is published for three weeks in the club bulletin for acceptance by our club members. If there are concerns or objections during the publication time, a Membership Committee will contact you.

You are encouraged to go the websites of the Rotary Club of Summit County (www.clubrunner.ca/summit ), District 5450 ( www.rotary5450.org ) and Rotary International (www.rotary.org). Once you are inducted into the club you will receive a log- in and you can obtain additional information such as the Club Directory.

**Red Badge Program**

We have a “Red Badge” program for new members. The following will assist you in becoming acquainted with the club and assist in getting involved. When the Red Badge requirements are met you will be responsible for letting the Membership Committee chairperson know and your Red Badge sticker will be removed at one of the breakfast meetings.

* 80% attendance minimum in the first year
* Attend an orientation meeting (held 1-2 times a year as needed)
* Join a committee
* Participate in a service project
* Serve as a meeting greeter 2-3 times (Giving the inspiration also counts toward this expectation.)
* Present a classification, or a get-to-know you, talk to the club for 2-3 minutes
* Complete your profile on the Club Runner website, including a photo of yourself
* Like the club on Facebook

*By completing the Rotary application, I am stating that I have reviewed this New Member Information Sheet with a committee member, that I have two sponsors who have filled out the form, and I have provided my $50 application fee (refundable if the application is denied) and I commit to the members of the Rotary Club of Summit County that I will participate by joining a committee, support the club goals and objectives, and pay my quarterly dues in a timely manner.*

Signature Date

**HOW TO BECOME A MEMBER**

**OF ROTARY CLUB OF SUMMIT COUNTY**

* You will need two Rotarians from our club to sponsor you. It should be someone who knows you and is willing to testify on your behalf that you would be an asset to the club and who has been a member for at least one year.
* Attend 3 weekly meetings – virtual or face-to-face breakfast meetings (either you or your sponsor pays $16 for a breakfast meeting until you become a member).
* Meet with a Membership Committee member and a sponsor for more details about club membership.
* Complete a membership application, sponsor form, a short bio and submit the application, sponsor form and bio to the Membership Committee chair with a processing fee of $50.
* The Membership Committee chair will present all forms to the Membership Committee and Board of Directors for approval.
* When approved by the Board of Directors, your name and bio will be placed in our weekly bulletin for three weeks.
* If no member formally objects, you will be Inducted as a member at a following Zoom meeting. Once the weekly breakfast meetings return you will receive your Rotary pin, name badge and Rotary certificate.
* You will be billed quarterly for dues. Your first bill may be prorated for that quarter, and you will no longer pay each week for breakfast.
* To introduce yourself, you will give a short classification talk at one of the meetings. You’ll be asked to join a committee and get involved with our projects as soon as possible. You will soon feel right at home and begin enjoying the benefits of being a **ROTARIAN**.

**SPONSOR STATEMENTS**

Prospect name: Date:

*We, active members with the Rotary Club of Summit County for at least one year and in good standing, recommend the following individual for membership into our Rotary Club. (Sponsors, please arrange to meet with a membership committee member and your prospective member for coffee or lunch prior to handing in this application.)*

Sponsors, how long have you known the proposed member? In what capacity? What are your reasons for believing this individual would make a good Rotarian?

**Primary Sponsor Statement:**

*Primary Sponsor Name - print Primary Sponsor Name - signature*

**Secondary Sponsor Statement:**

*Secondary Sponsor Name - print Secondary Sponsor Name - signature*

**NEW MEMBER APPLICATION**

Name: Date:

$50 application fee must be submitted with application for consideration. Please meet with a Membership Committee member and one of your sponsors prior to submitting your application. (Personal information for club database - please print neatly or type)

Name to be printed on your name badge:

Occupation (Classification) for the badge:

Date of birth: Gender: M F

Residential Address:

Mailing Address:

City, State, Zip:

How long have you lived in Summit County?

Email Address:

Employer /Business Name:

Job Title:

Work Phone: ( ) Home: ( ) Cell: ( )

*\* Please indicate preferred mailing address and preferred phone number*

Prior Rotary Club Member: Y N If yes, name of club:

Membership # Participation in previous club:

Professional Achievements:

Proposed member statement — history of volunteer activities and recognitions. If you need more space, you may attach another sheet.

Why would you like to be a Rotarian? Use another sheet, if necessary.

Marital Status: Name of Partner:

Anniversary Date: Number of Children:

Hobbies and Interests:

*Please email a short bio that can be printed in the club bulletin to Membership Committee chair David Guignard at* [davidguignard@mac.com](mailto:davidguignard@mac.com).

**RED BADGE PROGRAM**

Name: Date:

The Rotary Club of Summit County uses the Red Badge program to encourage new Rotarians to learn about the functions of our Club #1186, our Rotary District #5450, Rotary International and about Rotary clubs around the world. It is a means to help you learn about and get involved with club projects and committees quickly and to get to know your fellow Rotarians. Your sponsors will act as your mentors for as long as you need. Please review the following requirements with them.

Please update this form while you are in the Red Badge stage of your membership. When complete, show it to one of your sponsors, the Membership Chair or someone on the committee. Your Red Sticker will be removed at one of our regular meetings.

Required:

1. 80% attendance record (includes make-ups)

2. Participate in at least one Service Project

3. Attend an Orientation Session

4. Give one Classification Talk at a regular meeting

5. Join a Committee

6. Be a “Greeter” at least three times during a breakfast meeting

*Offering the meeting Inspiration can count toward this requirement.*

7. Complete your profile on ClubRunner, including adding your photo

Other opportunities to get involved in your Red Badge term are: Optional:

1. Recommend a speaker for a meeting to the President-Elect

2. Share ideas for community or international projects

3. Attend a Board of Director’s Meeting

4. Bring a guest to a breakfast meeting ($16)

5. Visit our club’s website (www.summitrotary.com), the district 5450’s site ([www.rotary5450.org](http://www.rotary5450.org/) ) and Rotary International’s website ([www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org/) )

6. Visit Rotary on Facebook and/or rotaryeclubone.org

We look forward to assisting you in accomplishing the above requirements and hope you enjoy your experiences with our club’s many activities and with the fellowship.

*The 2020/2021 Membership Committee Chair: David Guignard at* [davidguignard@mac.com](mailto:davidguignard@mac.com) *or* *973-219-8384.*