

# What Is Rotary?

## Who We Are

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.

## 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: \* Community Dinners (weekly) free, \* Thanksgiving Dinner (free)

Education: \* Literacy (grade school students), \* Integrity (middle school students),  
\* Leadership (middle school and high school students),  
\* Scholarships (SC High School and Colorado Mountain College)  
\* International Youth Exchange.

## How We Do It

Some of the services are “hands on” work by our members. Others require money. Where money is needed, we raise it through events like our Ice Melt Contest, Car Raffle, and Breckenridge Oktoberfest.

Corporate Partners and event sponsors contribute services and seed money. We grow that seed money to bigger dollar amounts through these events to fund the humanitarian projects in our community.

## Get Acquainted

Rotary is 1.2 million members in 35,000 clubs worldwide who believe in a commitment to “Service Above Self”.

The Rotary Club of Summit County, with over 100 members, meets every Tuesday at 7:15am for a Gilchrist catered breakfast at the Summit County Community/Senior Center in Frisco for fellowship and fun as we plan our projects. The Club also accommodates members by offering a satellite meeting the 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Mondays at 6:00 p.m. at another location. [www.SummitRotary.com](http://www.SummitRotary.com)

**Rotary:** A worldwide network of inspired individuals who translate their passions into relevant social causes to improve lives in communities.

**“WHAT IS ROTARY”**  
**“NEW MEMBER INFORMATION SHEET” (8-15)**

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

Stephanie Katz, Chair	970-468-1317	Julieanne Gilchrist	970-485-9272
Peggy Beeler	970-389-0859	Debra Irvine	719-238-1462
Doug Berg	970-333-1531	Susan Juergensmeier	970-513-1557
Ann Clement	970-262-6725	Tom Marmins	970-390-6393
Rolo Cuadrado	970-389-9801	Sandy Mortensen	970-390-0176

**What is Rotary?**

- A volunteer organization of over 1.2 million business and professional leaders worldwide to 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, lack of clean water in their own community or in another country.
- 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 this project of eradicating polio. This program is called Polio Plus.
- 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 professional, proprietary, executive or managerial positions or retired from such positions,
- 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 have fundraisers to support our projects, giving away about \$85,000/yr in the Community
- We have volunteer administrators to help run the Club and Club Service Projects
- We have Committees & 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, by 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 interaction 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 Tuesday 7:10 to 8:30 am
- 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 and Car Raffle Tickets
- Attend Rotary dinner meetings and parties with spouse/significant other (occasionally a fee may be charged for spouse)
- Join a committee. **What are your interests for Service?**

### **Financial commitment:**

Dues are billed quarterly: \$200 (required) Includes: District and Rotary International Dues, weekly breakfast, 3 dinners a year, Christmas party, administrative costs, conference costs, and humanitarian requests. Satellite members pay \$100 per quarter which does not include breakfast. 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 for a total of \$260 (or \$160 for Satellite members) per quarter.

*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 1 year must sponsor you. It is recommended that you have lived in the county or owned a business for at least 1 year.

You should attend three meetings at your or your sponsor's expense (\$15) 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 will 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, this signed Information Form, 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 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 member will contact you.

You are encouraged to go to the club's, district's and international websites. Summit County ([www.summitrotary.com](http://www.summitrotary.com)), District ( [www.rotary5450.org](http://www.rotary5450.org) ) and Rotary International ([www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org)) Once you are inducted into the club you will receive a log-on code where 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 Chair Person know and your Red Badge sticker will be removed at one of the meetings. Your Sponsors will assist you during this process.

- 80% attendance minimum in the first year
- Attend an orientation meeting (held 2-4 times a year as needed)
- Join a committee
- Participate in a Service project
- Serve as a meeting greeter (preferred 2-3 times)
- Present a Classification talk to the club - 2-3 min (get-to-know-you talk)

*By completing the Rotary Application, I am stating that I have reviewed this New Member Information Sheet with a committee member, completed the Prospect Application, have 2 sponsors and the form is attached along with my \$100 application fee (refundable if the application is denied). I promise 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.*

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Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## **HOW TO BECOME A MEMBER OF ROTARY CLUB OF SUMMIT COUNTY**

- **Two Rotarians from our club must sponsor you. They should be people who know you and are willing to testify on your behalf that you would be an asset to the club and who have been members for at least 1 year.**
- **Attend 3 meetings (either you or your sponsor pays \$15.00 for breakfast until you become a member)**
- **Meet with a Membership Committee Member and a sponsor for a more detailed meeting**
- **Complete a Membership Application, sponsor form and a short Bio. Then submit the application, sponsor form and Bio to the Membership Chair Person with a check for \$100, made out to “Rotary Club of Summit County”, to cover the processing fee.**
- **The Membership Chair will present all forms to the Membership Committee and Board of Directors for approval**
- **When approved by the BOD your name and Bio will be placed in our weekly Bulletin for 3 weeks**
- **If no member formally objects, you will be inducted as a Member at a following meeting with your sponsors attending. You will be presented to the club and 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. Committee members will invite you to join them 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*.**



## PROSPECT APPLICATION

**\$100.00 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 data base - please print neatly or type)**

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Name for Badge:** \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation (Classification) for badge: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: M F

Residential Address: \_\_\_\_\_ How Long in Summit County \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer /Business Name \_\_\_\_\_ Job Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer/Business Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Home: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

\* Please indicate preferred mailing address and preferred phone number

Prior Rotary Club Member: Y N Name of Club: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Membership # \_\_\_\_\_ Participation in previous club: \_\_\_\_\_

Professional Achievements:

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Proposed Member Statement or Attach Separate Sheet. (History of Volunteer activities and recognitions):

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Why I would like to be a Rotarian, please use another page if necessary:

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### **Family Stats:**

Marital Status: \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Partner: \_\_\_\_\_

Anniversary Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Children: \_\_\_\_\_

Hobbies and Interests: (skiing, hiking, biking)

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**Please email a short bio that can be printed in the Club Bulletin to Stephanie Katz ([katzkids@comcast.net](mailto:katzkids@comcast.net))**

# ROTARY CLUB OF SUMMIT COUNTY

## RED BADGE PROGRAM

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 Club #5450, Rotary International, and about Rotary Clubs from around the world. It is a way to help you learn about and get involved with club projects and committees quickly and to get to know your fellow Rotarians. One of your sponsors will be assigned to you as a mentor for as long as you need. Please review the following requirements with that person.

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

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

Please Print

### **Required:**

- \_\_\_ 1. 80% attendance record (includes make-ups; See How To Make Up A Meeting)
- \_\_\_ 2. Participate in at least one Service Project
- \_\_\_ 3. Attend an Orientation Session
- \_\_\_ 4. Give one Classification Talk at our regular meeting
- \_\_\_ 5. Join a Committee
- \_\_\_ 6. Be a "Greeter" at least 3 times (at least 1 time for satellite members)

*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 meeting (\$15)
- \_\_\_ 5. Visit our club's website ([www.summitrotary.com](http://www.summitrotary.com)), the district 5450 site ([www.rotary5450.org](http://www.rotary5450.org)) and Rotary ([www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org))
- \_\_\_ 6. Visit Rotary on Facebook

**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 2015-2016 Membership Committee Chair: Stephanie Katz)**