

# West Kelowna Rotary Club



## Top 10 Reasons to Join a Rotary Club

### **Service Opportunities**

Club members have many opportunities for humanitarian service, both locally and internationally. Service programs address such concerns as health care, hunger, poverty, illiteracy, and the environment. Rotarians experience the fulfillment that comes from giving back to the community.

### **International Awareness**

With more than 34,000 clubs in over 200 countries & geographical areas, Rotarians gain an understanding of humanitarian issues through international service projects and exchange programs. One of Rotary's highest objectives is to build goodwill and peace throughout the world.

### **Friendship**

Rotary was founded on fellowship, an ideal that remains a major attraction of membership today. Club members enjoy the camaraderie with like-minded professionals, and club projects offer additional opportunities to develop enduring friendships. Rotary club members who travel have friendly contacts in almost every city in the world.

### **Good Citizenship**

Weekly Rotary club programs keep members informed about what is taking place in the community, nation, and world and motivated to make a difference.

### **Youth and Family**

Rotary sponsors one of the world's largest youth exchange, educational exchange, and scholarship programs. Rotary clubs provide innovative training opportunities and mentoring for young leaders and involve family members in a wide range of social and service activities.

### **Entertainment**

Social activities give Rotarians a chance to let loose and have fun. Every Rotary club and district hosts parties and social activities that offer diversions from today's demanding professional and personal schedules. Conferences, conventions, assemblies, and social events provide entertainment as well as Rotary information, education, and service.

### **Professional Networking**

A founding principle of Rotary was to meet periodically to enjoy camaraderie and enlarge one's circle of business, community and professional acquaintances. As the oldest service club in the world, Rotary club members represent a cross-section of the community's owners, executives, managers, political leaders, and professionals – People who make decisions and influence policy.

### **Ethical Environment**

Encouraging high ethical standards in one's profession and respect for all worthy vocations has been a hallmark of Rotary from its earliest days. In their business and professional lives, Rotarians abide by 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 and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
  - 4) Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?
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## Here are some of the Community Programs & Projects that we have supported and funded in West Kelowna:

- 1) Johnston Bentley Memorial Aquatic Centre: Playground
  - 2) City of West Kelowna: Westbank Centre Park: Kids Care Spray/Water Park
  - 3) Okanagan Boys and Girls Club Westside Youth Centre: Shower, Bathroom, Laundry reno
  - 4) YMCA-Okanagan: Beyond the Bell Program at George Pringle
  - 5) Childhood Connections: Early Childhood Screen Tools (ASQs) and National Child Day Event
  - 6) Project Literacy: one-to-one tutoring for community members with low literacy
  - 7) Gellatly Bay Trails & Parks Society: funding and volunteer support for community trails
  - 8) Mount Boucherie Secondary School: Global Village and Dry Grad sponsorship
  - 9) JoeAnna's House
  - 10) Her International
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## Here from some members around the world about why they joined and stayed in Rotary:

"I joined Rotary to be a part of our collective humanitarian projects, and I have stayed because of the joy on the faces of beneficiaries each time we solve a need."

-Chibuzo Hilary Asogwa

**Rotary Club of Ekulu, Enugu State, Nigeria**

"I had a desire to give back to my community and the world. My father was a Rotarian, so I knew a lot about it. That was about nine years ago. I think what keeps me there is the friendships, not only with people in my local club but with Rotarians I've met from around the world."

-Elizabeth Cohoe

**Rotary Club of Cataraqui-Kingston, Ontario, Canada**

"As a disabled couple who are both Rotarians, we knew that our fellow Rotarians would see us as people, not disabled people, and would welcome our input into the community. And so it has proved for the last 10-plus years!"

-David Shaw

**Rotary Club of Thornton-Cleveleys, Lancashire, England**

"I joined to make a difference in my community. I've stayed because I am."

-Heather R. Klein

**Rotary Club of Alleghany County, North Carolina, USA**

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Want to join our **West Kelowna Rotary Club**?! We'd love to that!

Come join us at the **Kelly O'Bryan's West Kelowna** on **Thursdays\***

*\*Lunch (11:30am – 1pm) OR Happy Hour (4:30 – 6pm) – Text 250-212-8639 for meeting time that week please*