



Rotary

# Valle Verde Rotary Club fact sheet

[www.valleverderotary.org](http://www.valleverderotary.org)

## Who Rotary is

Rotary is a global network of 1.2 million neighbors, friends, leaders, and problem-solvers who see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change – across the globe, **in our communities**, and in ourselves.

## Rotary's beginnings

For more than 116 years, Rotary members have been addressing challenges around the world and in local communities.

Grassroots at the core, Rotary links 1.2 million members to form an organization of international scope. It started with the vision of one man — Paul Harris. The Chicago attorney formed the Rotary Club of Chicago on 23 February 1905, so professionals with diverse backgrounds could exchange ideas, form meaningful, lifelong **friendships**, and **give back to their communities**.

## What we do

Rotary members believe that we have a shared responsibility to take action on our world's most persistent issues. Our 35,000+ clubs work together to:

1. Support education.
2. Save mothers and children.
3. Fight disease including the eradication of Polio worldwide.
4. Provide clean water, sanitation, and hygiene.
5. Grow local economies.
6. Support the environment.
7. Promote peace.

## We work differently

- We see differently: Our multidisciplinary perspective helps us see challenges in unique ways.
- We think differently: We apply leadership and expertise to social issues — and find unique solutions.
- We act responsibly: Our passion and perseverance create lasting change.
- We make a difference at home and around the world: Our members can be found in your community and across the globe.

## Rotary's local impact

Though Rotary is an international organization, clubs' mostly focus their efforts on their local communities. Clubs typically focus on assisting children with their education & basic needs, but efforts within any of the seven areas mentioned above are welcome. Previous projects in our local communities include:

- Jazz in the Desert- fundraiser for music departments of I-19 area schools
- Genesis House- playground equipment for children at a local domestic violence shelter
- Fisher House- on-site living accommodations for families of patients at the VA hospital
- Dress for Success- shopping trip for school clothes for Sopori School students
- Academic & vocational scholarships for graduating high school students
- Angel Tree- Christmas gifts for children
- Birthday Books- literacy program providing free books for students of Continental & Sopori schools
- St. Andrew's Clinic- specialized medical care for children from Mexico. Clinic in Nogales, AZ
- Warmth from the Heart- winter jacket giveaway in Amado, AZ
- Dictionary and Thesaurus for students at local schools

## The Valle Verde Rotary club's impact:

Impact occurs two ways: Monetary donations to organizations (e.g., schools, foodbanks, & local non-profits) and performing service within the community, many times in partnership with the organizations mentioned above. Monetary: The club would identify fundraising activities to raise the funds to donate to the organizations. Service: Club members develop a project, either standalone or in conjunction with an organization, to implement a project that helps the community.

## Rotary's Four-way Test of the Things we Think, Say or Do

Rotary began as a business networking group and developed a motto that guides all its actions. We think this is worthwhile whether or not someone is a Rotarian or in business.

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?

And our unofficial 5th rule: Is it FUN?