

2021-2022 INFORMATION

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL - Evanston, IL (www.rotary.org)

- More than 1.2 million members in 35,000 clubs in 200+ countries/geographical areas
- Run by President & Board of Directors
- Includes Rotary Foundation which raises money for international projects, the largest of which is eradicating polio around the world.

DISTRICTS (www.rotary5020.org)

- Administered by 2021-2022 District Governor Lorna Curtis Rotary Club of Oak Bay
- District provides direction and assistance to club presidents and committees.
- Our club is in District 5020 (92 clubs in Washington and on Vancouver Island, BC with over 4,400 members)

CLUBS

- 17 clubs in Pierce County
- We are the largest in the county and district with approximately 250 members.
- We are the 8th Rotary club in the world to be formed out of 35,000. (Founded in 1910)

ROTARY CLUB OF TACOMA #8 (www.rotary8.org)

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Office Hours: 830 am – 5 pm, Monday through Friday

Run by Club President and Board of Directors: Executive Committee below

President – Kim Bedier – Tacoma Events and Venues

Immediate Past- President– Kathryn Nelson – Retired Superior Court

President – Elect – Maria Harlow – The Grand Cinema

Secretary – Cindy Grady

Treasurer – DeAnne Hamilton – KBTC

Office staff: Joy Vivar-Beeks – Bookkeeper and Kathi Willis – Club Administrator

MEETINGS/ATTENDANCE

- **At this time, we are meeting in temporary locations noted on our website**
- Meetings are weekly except on the 2nd Thursdays of the month when we have Thursdays at 5 at a business location of a member. We meet other Thursdays, 11:45am-1:00pm. Lunch price will vary depending on location.
- Members must RSVP for meetings to allow for an accurate meal count.
- We ask member to make attendance at weekly meetings a priority.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS, OCTOBER/NOVEMBER ANNUALLY

1. Nominating Committee members are selected from the floor by the membership-at-large.
2. By membership mail vote, the committee members are elected.
3. The membership votes on these nominees by mail.
4. One-third of the at-large board members are replaced each year (July 1). Each board member serves three years.
5. The president serves for one year; secretary and treasurer for two years (staggered).

DUES/FEES

- Initiation fee is \$300 for regular membership. Payment is required before introduction to the club.
- Regular membership dues are \$450 per year, pro-rated depending on introduction date. (Can be paid quarterly)
- Corporate membership plan is also available with a \$600 initiation fee and pro-rated dues of \$900/year, this allows for One Executive member and an Active member, for an additional \$325 the business can have a 3rd member.
- **Pre-paid meal plans will be offered and the price will be dependent on the location**

MAJOR CLUB FUNDRAISER

Auction – Spring 2022

FOUNDATION DIFFERENTIATION

We have two 501(c)3 foundations to support:

- The Rotary Foundation - out of Rotary International Headquarters in Evanston, Illinois. Global activities such as world-wide polio vaccinations, scholarships, exchange programs, grants.
- Tacoma Rotary Foundation - our own. For community charitable organizations/activities.

CLUB COMMITTEES

The following are active committees which keep the club going:

- Auction - Major annual fundraiser.
- Classification - Assigns professional classifications to members, vets new member proposals.
- Communications/Public Relations - promotes the flow of club-related information among members and makes recommendations on how to improve same. Promotes the club's activities in external electronic and print media.
- Community Service Grants - Funds from the auction allow us to provide grants to worthy community organizations., this committee also receives funds from the Tacoma Rotary Foundation. This committee reviews proposals, selects grant recipients.
- Engagement - Encourages members to deepen their engagement and participation in club activities.
- Fellowship & Relationship Building – Responsibilities include arranging major fellowship activities such as the weekly socials and Firesides and Galley-side.
- Finance – Monitors quarterly financials and reviews financial procedures.
- Foundations/PGG – Responsible for our annual fundraising outreach including support for our own clubs Projects and Programs as well as Rotary International Foundation – supporting global activities. When members give \$1000, they become Paul Harris Fellows (Paul Harris was Rotary's founder) and Tacoma Rotary Foundation – Our own foundation. Supports community charitable organizations and activities. Those who give \$1000 become Arthur H. Wickens Fellows (Art Wickens was the club secretary for more than 50 years).
- Information and Orientation – Provides information about Rotary International and our own club to prospective members.
- Interact – Club-supported high school-level Rotary club (currently at Life Christian).
- International Service - Selects international projects for our club's involvement and support.
- Literacy - Develops, coordinates and implements the club's involvement in literacy efforts.
- Membership Recruitment - Encourages and supports the club in recruiting new members; encourages Rotarians to deepen their engagement; helps assimilate new members in all aspects of Tacoma #8; provides club information to new members.
- Military Affairs - Maintains our relationship with local military establishments.
- Projects - Responsible for initiating, developing and coordinating hands-on projects designed to improve the community.
- Programs - Procurement and scheduling of luncheon speakers.
- Scholarship – Interviews and selects High School seniors to receive a scholarship from our club.
- Vocational Services – Schedules weekly meeting sponsors and works within the club to expand the understanding of members' vocations. Helps with annual Business Expo. Promotes ethical business practices among Rotarians.
- Welcome - Assists new members in their assimilation to Rotary, assigning members who will mentor the new member.
- Youth Exchange - Interviews candidates for one-month and full-year exchanges abroad. Also oversees activities of inbound exchange students.

CLUB PROJECTS

- EFN repacks ■ Little Free Libraries ■ St. Vinnie Sort ■ Bell Ringing ■ Tacoma Rescue Mission Meals
- The Giving Tree ■ Toiletry Collection ■ Raising Girls Hygiene Kits packing