

Thinking About Being A Member?

Thank you for your interest in Rotary. Our club is the Northwest Austin Rotary Club that has about 90 members who meet for breakfast each Friday at 7:00 A.M. at Balcones Country Club.

As you may know Rotary International is a volunteer organization of 1.2 million business and professional leaders united worldwide to provide humanitarian service and help build goodwill and peace. Rotary's web site at <u>www.rotary.org</u> has a wealth of information about this global organization that has about 32,000 clubs in more than 200 countries. Clubs on a local, national and international level are engaged in many challenging projects -- including illiteracy, disease, hunger, poverty, lack of clean water and environmental concerns. High ethical standards in all vocations are emphasized.

Our club is engaged in numerous service projects locally and outside our community. All members are expected to be service-oriented and to become involved in one or more of Rotary's five major avenues of service: Community, International, Vocational, Club, and Youth Service. You can find more information about us at: <u>www.nwaustinrotary.org</u>

Our major fund-raising project is our annual sale of citrus fruit. We bring three semitrailer truckloads of oranges and grapefruit up from the Texas Valley in December, and each member is expected to sell a significant number of fruit. This project is critically important to financing the many community service projects we support. Example: We give \$1500 college scholarships to Lanier, McNeil, Vandegrift and Westwood high school seniors.

Membership is by invitation and subject to approval of the club as a whole. Club dues are \$200 and are due in June. This does not include the cost of breakfast, which is \$15. Additionally, we strongly encourage each member to contribute \$100 annually to the Rotary Foundation, with a goal of 100% participation. Our meetings are lively and fun with informative and interesting outside speakers each week.

If you would like to join our club, we encourage you to attend three meetings before you apply for membership. If a Rotary member invited you to our club, that person can give you an application and will be your sponsor and mentor. We would love to have you as a member!