**SERVICE ABOVE SELF**

Rotary is an organization of business and professional leaders united worldwide to provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and help build good will and peace in the world. By joining Reno Sunrise Rotary you are committing to giving back to both our local and global communities.

We have a long tradition of being a “hands on” service club with a broad array of ways to serve. Currently, we’re a Partner in Education with Virginia Palmer Elementary School, support the Rotary Youth Exchange program, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA), and the Middle School Leadership program. We provide career coaching to middle school students. We hold high school speech and music contests as part of area Rotary club competition, and provide scholarships to culinary and academically achieving students. We participate in an early education Read to Succeed program. We fund and take disadvantaged elementary school students on an annual Back to School shopping trip and provide Christmas gifts for an Angel Tree. We’re dedicated to eradicating polio worldwide through Rotary International’s PolioPlus program by providing financial support. In the past, we’ve supported the anti-drug program DARE and provided handicap access playground equipment to Hidden Valley Elementary School, and both playground equipment and outdoor benches to Virginia Palmer Elementary School. We’ve repaired and painted homes and fences for senior citizens, cleaned up parks and “adopted” roads, packed food at the Food Bank of Northern Nevada, and participated in many other community service projects. In the future we may sponsor and participate in new and different activities and programs.

Our primary fund raiser is the Edible Pedal 100®, a century bike ride, which also includes rides of fifty and ten miles. It’s held the third Sunday of September each year. We work on this event year round utilizing members’ skills in project management, marketing, graphic design, volunteer recruitment, attracting sponsors, and pre-ride/ride/post-ride logistics. We’ll normally have about 1,000 riders for the event.

With Rotary’s five Avenues of Service: Community, Vocational, International, Youth, and Club Service plus our Edible Pedal 100® fund raiser to choose from, we know you’ll find the right fit for both your passion and available time. We are proud of our legacy of giving back while having fun. And we look forward to you joining us in providing community service and continuing the Reno Sunrise and Rotary tradition of “Service Above Self”.

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