



REASONS TO JOIN ROTARY

ROTARY MISSION

We provide service to others, promote integrity, and advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through our fellowship of business, professional, and community leaders.

ROTARY VISION

Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change – across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.

THE FOUR WAY TEST

Of things we do and say:

- Is it the **TRUTH**?
- Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
- Will it build **GOODWILL**, and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
- Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

SEVEN AREAS OF FOCUS

- Promote peace
- Fight disease
- Provide clean water, sanitation, & hygiene
- Save mothers & children
- Support education
- Grow local economies
- Protect the environment

1. FRIENDSHIP. Rotary provides one of the most basic human needs, the need for friends and fellowship. It is one of the two reasons why Rotary began in 1905.

2. BRING TOGETHER PEOPLE OF DIVERSE BACKGROUNDS AND EXCHANGE IDEAS.

This is the second reason why Rotary began in 1905. Paul Harris, the founder of Rotary, realized that we grow stronger by exchanging ideas with a diverse community. Practically every religion, country, culture, race, creed, political persuasion, language, color, and ethnic identity is found in Rotary. It is a cross section of citizens from every background. Rotarians become aware of other cultures and learn to love and work with people everywhere. We become better people and better citizens in the process.

3. DEEP CONNECTIONS TO OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY. Membership in the Rotary Club of Newberg brings you closer to the people in our community with local projects to maintain **parks**, to **support education**, to foster a more **peaceful world**, and more.

4. ROTARY HAS MORE THAN 1.4 MILLION MEMBERS WHO WORK TOGETHER TO FIGHT DISEASE.

We're not afraid to dream big and set bold goals. We began our fight against polio in 1979 with a project to immunize 6 million children in the Philippines. With that success, PolioPlus was formed in 1988 to **eradicate polio** worldwide. Today, polio remains endemic in only two countries — down from 125 countries in 1988.

5. YOUR MEMBERSHIP IN ROTARY WILL MAKE A DIFFERENCE TO MILLIONS OF PEOPLE EACH YEAR.

Rotary is a service club. Our business is mankind. Our product is service. Rotarians provide community service to both local and international communities. This is perhaps the best reason to become a Rotarian: the chance to do something for somebody else. There are millions of people in need and millions of projects waiting for a champion. There is nothing quite like that feeling you get when someone in need, someone who lives in a house with a dirt floor and no electricity says, "thank you" and gives you a big smile and hug in payment for a job well-done.

6. BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT. Rotary consists of a cross section of every business. Our members come from all walks of life. We network, we help one another and collectively help others. And we team with organizations such as the Chehalem Chamber of Commerce.

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7. JOIN IN A PARTNERSHIP TO PROMOTE PEACE & REDUCE CONFLICT. In 2011, we became a Peacebuilder Club and today there are over 450 Peacebuilder Clubs world wide. Our Club is a leader fostering peace. We plant peace poles locally and worldwide with the inscription, "May Peace Prevail on Earth". We promote peace worldwide through Rotary's Peace Fellowship program with awards to peacebuilders often from conflict torn countries.

8. YOUTH PROGRAMS. Rotary supports one of the world's largest Youth, and Youth Exchange programs. Our Interact Club (ages 12 – 18) is active throughout Newberg. Each year they organize and take part in pet wellness programs with local veterinarians to help the houseless and champion other projects to help those in need in our community.

9. GET TO KNOW EACH OTHER: PEOPLE-TO-PEOPLE & BUSINESS -TO-BUSINESS. One of the joys of being a Rotarian is that our common mission of **Service Above Self** takes us down paths we would not normally take as individuals. We partner with local non-profits and businesses which inform and engage us to help meet community needs.

10. GLOBAL PROJECTS WHICH MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE WORLD. Together we join forces with other Rotary clubs and work on projects that are important to their communities. Early in 2000, three of our Rotarians fostered the growth of our 1st international project in **Guatemala**. By 2004, our volunteer dentists set up shop in a remote village to educate indigenous communities on **dental hygiene** and what started as tooth extractions in the first few years resulted in "zero" extractions within 10 years. Then came our projects to prevent violence against women in **Nepal** followed by education projects in **Kenya**.

11. REALIZE & EXPRESS YOUR PASSION. With Rotary's seven Areas of Focus, you can delve deep into what you find to be most meaningful & pertinent. Whether it be involvement in local or international projects relating to education, clean water, disease prevention, community development, the environment, etc. You can participate at whatever level you feel inclined to and make a pronounced difference. We all have passion, let Rotary be the catalyst!

12. CONTINUING EDUCATION. At each Rotary meeting, programs are designed to keep you informed as to what is going on in the community, the nation, and the world. Programs are on different topics and each time with different speakers and experts.

13. THE DEVELOPMENT OF ETHICS. Rotarians practice a 4-Way Test that serves as a template for how we conduct ourselves within and outside of Rotary. It is how we do things.

13. FUN. Rotary is fun. Each meeting is fun. Our Club projects and service are fun. And it's always fun to meet with each other, check in on how we are doing, and spend time together.