



PROSPECTIVE MEMBER INFORMATION

ORIENTATION

The Rotary Club of the Verde Valley is comprised of a variety of individuals and businesses who are action oriented and community service minded. We are People of Action and are committed to serving our community and beyond.

The area we serve includes Cottonwood, Camp Verde, Clarkdale, Cornville, Jerome, Rimrock and Lake Montezuma and all areas within these boundaries. The Club was chartered in 1923 in Jerome, AZ. We have been serving the Verde Valley for over 100 years! While Rotary International is the same around the world, each Rotary Club has its own personality and vision.

ROTARY CLUB OF THE VERDE VALLEY

We meet the first, second and third Thursday at 12:10 pm at Calavera Mexican Restaurant in Cottonwood. Check the website for any special events – www.rotarycluboftheverdevalley.org.

Community projects include Verde Valley Imagination Library, Habitat for Humanity, Steps to Recovery Homes, Military Service Park, local food banks, Interact/RYLEA Youth Services, College Scholarships, Prom Closet/Homecoming Closet and various other community projects.

International Projects include Navajo Water Project, Crutches 4 Africa, Ukranian Relief and other projects through the Rotary Foundation.

MEMBERSHIP

NEW MEMBERS - You have been proposed for membership by _____. This member, or possibly one other member, will be your sponsor and will be responsible for introducing you to our Club and helping you to learn about Rotary. Your sponsor will also assist you in getting involved within the club through various teams and projects.

Expectations for membership consideration are:

- Attend at least two meetings
- Submit your application for approval by Board
- Induction into the Club after approval
- Join at least one committee

MEMBERSHIP CHOICES

Individual Membership – membership for one person; dues \$120 per quarter

Corporate Membership – membership for a corporation/business; dues \$120 per quarter; one member is the “official” Rotarian; business can send anyone to attend meetings and service projects etc.

MEMBERSHIP FINAL STEPS

- Application will be reviewed and approved by the Board
- Membership Chair and/or Club Secretary will contact Candidate to get any data required to add to Club database. Once added, the Candidate's sponsor will meet with them to explain the website and member access.
- Membership Chair will confer with sponsor and candidate to schedule a date for induction
- Candidate is encouraged to continue attendance at Rotary Club meetings and other events while waiting
- After induction the Club Treasurer will begin emailing a monthly dues invoice

ROTARY'S RESPONSIBILITY TO THE MEMBER

This is what Rotary membership has to offer:

- a. Acquaintance, friendship and networking at Club, District and International events
- b. Worldwide hospitality at Rotary Clubs
- c. Opportunity for service to Club, Community and the World
- d. Education at Club, District and International Levels, and a huge written, online and video library
- e. We Care – Rotary cares about Rotarians, and Rotarians care about Rotarians and their families

MEMBER'S RESPONSIBILITY TO ROTARY

This is what Rotary expects of you:

- a. Participation: Attendance at regular club meetings is very important to the member's Rotary experience. We ask that members attend meetings and social events whenever possible, participate in at least one committee that aligns with your interest and talents, and lend a hand with as many service projects as possible. All club Rotarians are asked to participate in our major fundraisers.
- b. Rotarians are encouraged to participate in other Rotary activities such as District Conference, Rotary International Convention, Club Leadership Academy, International or District Seminars and training, where applicable. Registration fees are paid by the Club.
- c. Rotarians are expected to pay dues in a timely manner each Quarter.
- d. Rotarians are encouraged to orient themselves to the Resources found on the various websites, which are outlined below.

COMMITTEES

Every Rotarian is required to join at least one committee, from the choices below:

- Membership and Education
- Public Image
- Service Projects/Fundraising
- Youth Services/Scholarships
- Rotary Foundation

DUES

The Club submits dues invoices to the members once each quarter. The current annual dues are as follows:

District Dues - \$60/year

Rotary International Dues - \$70/year

Rotary Foundation - \$125/year

Various expenses to RI - \$15/year

Club Dues - \$210/year

Total Annual Dues = \$480/4 = \$120.00 per quarter

paid on behalf of member

various – for insurance, magazine etc

this amount goes to Club for expenses

REFERENCES

www.rotarycluboftheverdevalley.org - Our Club's Website

www.facebook.com/rotarycluboftheverdevalley - Our Club's Facebook Page

www.rotary.org – Rotary International's Website – including Rotary Foundation

www.my.rotary.org – Your personal Rotary page for training and reference materials

www.learning.rotary.org – Learning Center and online classes

www.rotary5495.org – Our District's Website – also includes training and district information

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2023-24 OFFICERS

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ROTARY FOUNDATION

The mission of The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International is to enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty. When you give to The Rotary Foundation, you are directly supporting Rotary's work. Your gift makes our service projects — projects that eradicate polio, promote peace, and develop communities — happen. Rotary has raised over \$1 billion to immunize all the children in the world against Polio. Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation is more than matching Rotary's contribution in the fight against Polio. As of August 25, 2020, The World Health Organization (WHO) announced that transmission of the wild poliovirus has officially been stopped in all 47 countries of its African region. This is a historic and vital step toward global eradication of polio, which is Rotary's top priority.

The Rotary Foundation awards district and global grants annually that fund club sponsored activities and large-scale international humanitarian projects, vocational training and graduate and post graduate scholarships that focus on these areas:

- Peace and conflict prevention/resolution
- Disease prevention and treatment
- Water and sanitation
- Maternal and child health
- Basic education and literacy
- Economic and community development
- Environment

Every Rotarian is asked to contribute funds to support the work of the Rotary Foundation. Those who contribute at least \$100 annually to the Rotary Foundation are considered a "sustaining member". The Rotary Club of the Verde Valley collects \$125 annually as part of the member's dues and forwards it to Rotary Foundation on the member's behalf. At the \$125 level the member and club become a part of the "Every Rotarian, Every Year" Club.

Rotary 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 and form meaningful, lifelong friendships. When a Rotarian's contributions add up to \$1,000 they become a Paul Harris Fellow. And the Paul Harris Fellow recognition is given at each subsequent \$1,000 level.



CREATE HOPE
in the **WORLD**

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

These principles have been developed over the years to provide Rotarians with a strong, common purpose and direction. They serve as a foundation for our relationships with each other and the action we take in the world.

Object of Rotary

The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

- **FIRST:** The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;
- **SECOND:** High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;
- **THIRD:** The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;
- **FOURTH:** The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

The Four-Way Test

The Four-Way Test is a nonpartisan and nonsectarian ethical guide for Rotarians to use for their personal and professional relationships. The test has been translated into more than 100 languages, and Rotarians recite it at club meetings:



The 4-Way Test
of things we do and say:

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?

Avenues of Service

We channel our commitment to service at home and abroad through five Avenues of Service, which are the foundation of club activity.

- **Club Service** focuses on making clubs strong. A thriving club is anchored by strong relationships and an active membership development plan.
- **Vocational Service** calls on every Rotarian to work with integrity and contribute their expertise to the problems and needs of society. Learn more in [An Introduction to Vocational Service](#) and the [Code of Conduct](#).
- **Community Service** encourages every Rotarian to find ways to improve the quality of life for people in their communities and to serve the public interest. Learn more in [Communities in Action: A Guide to Effective Projects](#).
- **International Service** exemplifies our global reach in promoting peace and understanding. We support this service avenue by sponsoring or volunteering on international projects, seeking partners abroad, and more.
- **Youth Service** recognizes the importance of empowering youth and young professionals through leadership development programs such as [Rotaract](#), [Interact](#), [Rotary Youth Leadership Awards](#), and [Rotary Youth Exchange](#).



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