

# Rotary in Port Angeles

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**Rotary** is an organization of business and professional persons united worldwide who provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and help build goodwill and peace in the world. This is exemplified in our mottoes, "Service Above Self" and "He Profits Most Who Serves Best."



The Rotary emblem identifies Rotarians around the world. The gearwheel signifies that the Rotarian is a "worker" when it comes to serving others.

## **Object of Rotary**

The object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideals 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 by each Rotarian of his occupation as an opportunity to serve society;

THIRD. The application of the ideal of service by every Rotarian to his personal, business, and community life;

FOURTH. The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional men and women united in the ideal of service.

### We Implement the Object of Rotary through the Four Avenues of Service



<u>**Club Service**</u> Promote and strengthen the club through attendance, fellowship, and building membership through the classification principle.



<u>Vocational Service</u> Promote the ideal of service throughout the business and professional world.



<u>**Community Service**</u> Encourage every Rotarian to participate in all Club activities that make the community a better place in which to live.



**International Service** Promote understanding of international relations and intelligent discourse directed toward resolving international problems at the local level.

## **Rotary Information**

#### **Origin of Rotary and this Club**

Rotary was founded in 1905 in Chicago and has grown into a worldwide business and professional person's service club with over 29,000 clubs in 194 nations and geographical regions.

Our club in Port Angeles was established in February 1921 as Rotary Club of Port Angeles, No. 879.

In 1977, we

sponsored the establishment of the Port Angeles Nor'wester Rotary Club which meets on Thursdays at 7 a.m. and provides opportunity for those whose professional responsibilities preclude them from attending noon meetings to be Rotarians. The Sequim Sunrise Club which meets on Fridays at 7 a.m. was sponsored by the Sequim Rotary Club in 1987.

# Why join Rotary ?

A wide assortment of opportunities for personal, professional, social and cultural growth wait in the world of Rotary:

Friendship: In an increasingly complex world, Rotary meets one of the most basic human needs: the need for friends and fellowship.

Business Development: The second reason for Rotary's beginning. Everyone needs to network. Rotary consists of a cross-section of the business community. It's members come from all walks of life. Rotarians learn from one another and collectively help others.

Personal Growth and Development: Membership in Rotary continues one's growth and education in human relations and personal development.

Leadership Development: Rotary is an organization of leaders and successful people. Serving in Rotary, learning to motivate, influence and lead is like a college education in leadership.

Citizenship in the Community: Membership in a Rotary club makes one a better community citizen. The average Rotary club includes some of the most active citizens in any community.

**Continuing Education:** Each week at Rotary there is a program designed to keep one informed as to what is going on in the community, nation and world.

**Fun:** Rotary is fun! A lot of fun! Each meeting is fun; social activities are fun, and service is fun.



**Development of Social Skills:** Every week and at various events and functions, Rotary develops one's personality, social and people skills. Rotary is for people who like people, or who want to.

**Family Programs:** Rotary provides one of the world's largest youth exchange programs; high school and college clubs for future Rotarians; spouse clubs and programs; and a host of activities designed to assist family members in growth and development of family values.

**Vocational Skills:** Every Rotarian is expected to take a part in the growth of his or her own profession or vocation; to serve on committees and to teach youth about one's job or vocation. Rotary helps to make one a better doctor, lawyer, teacher, carpenter, salesman, etc.

**Development of Ethics:** Rotarians practice a Four-Way Test which governs one's ethical standards. Rotarians are expected to be ethical in business and personal relationships.

**Cultural Awareness:** Around the world practically every religion, country, culture, race, creed, political persuasion, language, color and ethnic identity is found in Rotary. It is a cross-section of the world's most prominent citizens from every background.

**Prestige:** Rotary members are prominent people, leaders of business, the professions, art, government, sports, military, religion and all disciplines. Rotary is the oldest and most prestigious service club in the world. Within Rotary are executives, managers, professionals. They are decision makers and those who influence policy.

**Nice People:** Rotarians are, above all, nice people; some say the nicest people on the face of the earth. They are people who adhere to the policy that while it is nice to be important, it is more important to be nice.

**Absence of "Official Creed":** Rotary has no secret handshake, no secret policy, no official creed, no secret meetings or rituals. It is an open society of men and women who simply believe in helping others.

**The Opportunity to Serve:** Rotary is a service club. Its business is mankind. Its product is service. Rotarians provide community service to both the local and international communities. The best reason for becoming a Rotarian is the chance to do something for somebody else, and to experience self-fulfillment and the rich return to one's own life through this process. Rotarians believe in Service Above Self; it is richly rewarding.

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### **Beneficial Projects**

Port Angeles Rotary has been active in the community and internationally since its founding in 1921. Among the recent projects:

- Building of the "Loomis" log cabin in Lincoln Park.
- Planting 40,000 daffodil and tulip bulbs on East Highway 101.
- Litter pickup on Highway 101 and Valley Creek.
- Purchasing initial radio equipment for Port Angeles Medic One.
- Purchase of the jaws of life equipment for the fire department.
- Providing matching funds for CPR training equipment.
- Donating funds and volunteer labor for the marine lab.
- Purchase of van for use by the Food Bank.
- Providing laundry equipment for Albergue Mano Amiga Cancer
- Clinic in Guadalajara, Mexico.
- Providing equipment for a school in Arusha, Tanzania.
- Providing scholarships for Port Angeles HS Seniors.
- Annual student exchange with foreign countries.

## **Membership Obligations**

Sixty percent attendance is required as a minimum at our club meetings in order to continue as a member. Our club usually has an attendance each month of well over 80%. Members who cannot attend our regular weekly meeting can make up attendance at any time two weeks before or after the meeting date at another Rotary club or by attending a club board of directors meeting (held at noon on the first Tuesday of each month). New members are expected to attend a board meeting during their initial period as a member and a fireside meeting to learn more about Rotary and our club. In addition they serve as greeters at several meetings in order to personally meet our members.

Membership is based on a classification of a business or profession. In order to get a broad representation of community life, only one member is chosen from each classification, with a few exceptions.

Our club is operated by a president, president-elect, secretary, treasurer, sergeant of arms and a board of directors. Club activities are carried out by various committees. Every member serves on at least one committee and is expected to be active in its work.

Annual dues of \$125 are due on July 1 each year and are expected to be paid promptly. New members are charged a one-time admission charge of \$85 in addition to the dues.

## THE FOUR-WAY

## TEST

Of the things we think, say or do:

## 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?

Port Angeles Rotary meets at noon each

### For further information contact:

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#### Port Angeles Rotary Club

The Port Angeles Rotary Club meets each Wednesday noon at the Port Angeles CrabHouse Restaurant.

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