

Reasons why you have joined Port Orchard Rotary?

Professional Networking

A founding principle of Rotary was to meet periodically to enjoy camaraderie and enlarge one's circle of business and professional acquaintances. As the oldest service club in the world, Rotary club members represent a cross-section of the community's owners, executives, managers, political leaders and professionals- people who make decisions and influence policy.

Service Opportunities

Club members have many opportunities for humanitarian service, both locally and internationally. Service programs address such concerns as health care, hunger, poverty, illiteracy, and the environment. Rotarians experience the fulfillment that comes from giving back to the community.

International Awareness

With more than 31,000 Rotary clubs in over 160 countries, Rotarians gain an understanding of humanitarian issues through international service projects and exchange programs. One of Rotary's highest objectives is to build goodwill and peace throughout the world.

Friendship

Rotary was founded on fellowship, an ideal that remains a major attraction of membership today. Club members enjoy the camaraderie with like-minded professionals, and club projects offer additional opportunities to develop enduring friendships. Rotary club members who travel have friendly contacts in almost every city of the world.

Good Citizenship

Weekly Rotary club programs keep members informed about what is taking place in the community, nation, and world and motivated to make a difference.

Family Foundations

Rotary sponsors some of the world's largest youth exchange, educational exchange, and scholarship programs. Rotary clubs provide innovative training opportunities and mentoring for young leaders and involve family members in a wide range of social and service activities.

Entertainment

Social activities give Rotarians a chance to let loose and have fun. Every Rotary club and district hosts parties and activities that offer diversions from today's demanding professional and personal schedules. Conferences, conventions, assemblies, and social events provide entertainment as well as Rotary information, education, and service.

Ethical Environment

Encouraging high ethical standards in one's profession and respect for all worthy vocations has been a hallmark of Rotary from its earliest days. In their business and professional lives, Rotarians abide by 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?

Leadership Development

Rotary is an organization of successful professionals. Team building, fundraising, public speaking, planning, organization, and communication are just a sampling of the leadership skills that club members can exercise and enhance. Being a Rotary leader provides further experience in learning how to motivate, inspire and guide others.

Diversity in Membership

Rotary's classification system ensures that a club's membership represents a variety of the community's professional men and women, including leaders in business, industry, the arts, government, sports, the military, and religion. Rotary clubs are nonpolitical, nonreligious, and open to all cultures, races, and creeds.

Port Orchard Rotary

Port Orchard, Washington
District 5020



**Membership Information
For
Port Orchard Rotary**





A Brief History of Rotary

The first Rotary club in the world was organized in Chicago, Illinois, USA on 23 February 1905, by Paul P. Harris, a young lawyer who gathered together in a spirit of friendship and understanding a group of men, each of whom was engaged in a different form of service to the public. That basis of membership - one person from each business and profession in the community - still exists in Rotary. At first, the members of the new club did not meet at luncheon, but met in rotation at the various places of business of the members, and this suggested the name "Rotary".

Since 1905, the idea of Paul Harris and his friends have become ideals which have been accepted by men and women of practically all nationalities, and of many political and religious beliefs. Today there are Rotary Clubs in Algeria and Australia in Ceylon and Chile, in the Fiji Islands and French West Africa, in Sweden and Switzerland—in over **170** countries and geographical regions. The universal acceptance of Rotary principles has been so great that there are now more than **25,000** Rotary Clubs, which have a membership of some **1.1 million** Rotarians.

The general objectives of Rotary clubs in every country are the same; the development of fellowship and understanding among the business and professional women and men in the community, the promotion of community betterment endeavors and of high standards in business and professional practices, and the advancement of international understanding, good will and peace. Rotary clubs everywhere have one basic ideal: the "ideal of service" which is thoughtfulness of and helpfulness of others.

Rotary was previously an all male service club until 1987 at which time the United States Clubs have been allowed to admit women. Our club actively promotes membership in Rotary for all.

For additional information about Rotary, or to answer any questions you may have, please go to **www.rotary.org**.

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 opportunities for service;
- Second:** High ethical standards in business and the professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying by each Rotarian of their occupation as an opportunity to serve society;
- Third:** The application of the ideal of service by every Rotarian to their own personal, business, and community life;
- Fourth:** The advancement of international understanding, good will, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional men and women united in the ideal of service.

We implement the objectives of Rotary through the Four Avenues of Service.

Club Service

Those things that a Rotarian does to help make successful the running of the Rotary club.

Vocational Service

The promoting of the “ideal of service” throughout the business and professional world.

Community Service

Urges every Rotarian to participate in all activities that make their community a better place in which to live

International Service

Encourage and foster the advancement of understanding and good will among peoples of the world.

We support the Rotary Foundation program that enables outstanding students to study for one year—in a country other than our own—on Rotary grants.



HISTORY OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF PORT ORCHARD 1973 - present

Our club was chartered August 25, 1973 at Myhre's Restaurant. The club was organized by Bremerton Rotarian Loren Stone and our sponsor club was the Bremerton Rotary Club. Twenty-two Port Orchard businessmen attended the Charter night event presided over by Jon Swanson. One charter member is still a member of the club: Peter Holt.

The Port Orchard Rotary Auction was an early fundraiser that has developed today into a major Port Orchard Event.

The Port Orchard Rotary Club has been active both locally and internationally. Some of the projects include:

- \$30,000 in scholarships annually
- Providing gifts and food to over 300 people during the Holiday season
- Partnering each year to support student awards, Business Week, FFA, Ready for Kindergarten, AVID (Advance Via Individual Determination) Mentor Program and special projects that support literacy and student learning
- Participating in and sending students to the Rotary Youth Leadership Assembly (RYLA)
- Support of Rotary International's *Polio Plus Program*, whose goal is to eradicate polio worldwide
- Providing Holiday Gifts to our local veterans at Retsil every year
- Support local youth activities, particularly sports
- Applying for and executing Rotary Grants that provide clean water, literacy and food for disadvantaged people in Kenya and other parts of the world
- Partnering with Etta Projects to empower communities to transcend the limitations of poverty in Bolivia
- Hosting an international exchange student each year for over 40 years
- Maintaining strategic partnerships and supporting: Coffee Oasis, South Kitsap Skate Park, Festival of Chimes and Lights, boy Scouts, Relay for Life, Helpline, Fathoms of Fun, Boys and Girls Clubs, Kitsap Country and Port Orchard Parks including the Bill Bloomquist Rotary Park
- Support the Port Orchard Neils Nielsen Roundabout including Holiday Decorations and Landscaping

Port Orchard Rotary was one of the first morning meeting clubs in District 5020. Niels Nielsen made the claim that 7:15 a.m. Tuesday was the only hour that a Rotary club in America did not meet. True or not, we felt it placed Port Orchard Rotary on the map.

The Four-Way Test of the things we think, say, or do—

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2. Is it **fair** to all concerned?
3. Will it build **good will** and **better friendships**?
4. Will be **beneficial to all concerned**?



ROTARY CLUB of PORT ORCHARD
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TO THE PROSPECTIVE ROTARIAN

You have been proposed for membership in the Rotary Club of Port Orchard, Washington. No doubt you would like to know more about Rotary before accepting this invitation. Following is a brief outline of Rotary and your obligations upon joining:

1. Rotary is a business and professional service club operating in four avenues of service: Club, Vocational, Community, and International. Rotary is governed internationally by a president and a board of directors elected to represent certain zones throughout over 170 countries of the world. Rotary headquarters is in Evanston, Illinois. A magazine, THE ROTARIAN, is published monthly in English and Spanish. You will receive this magazine after you join Rotary. Our club is part of Rotary District 5020 which encompasses all of Vancouver Island in British Columbia and most of Western Washington. District 5020 is one of the largest Rotary Districts in the world in terms of size and membership. This makes our District one of the most effective in the world because of the member donations to Rotary causes.

To be a Rotarian you must give of your time and talents in community work, at social functions, and at Club and District activities.

2. We hold our weekly meetings at 7:15 a.m. each Tuesday, and are currently located at Whiskey Gulch. You must be free to attend these meetings. Consistent attendance as well as active participation in club events is expected. Attendance at the entire meeting is important for full support of the club and activities.

Attendance at local Rotary Clubs when in other areas is greatly encouraged as part of extending the Rotary Family.

3. Our Rotary Club bars no man or woman because of race, creed, or national origin--it encourages members to take an active interest in government, civic, and community affairs, but does not expect Rotary to be used for politics or support for any particular faith or special interest.
4. You have been chosen because you are a leader in your particular field in the community.
5. Our club operates with a president, president elect, vice president, secretary, treasurer, and four Directors. The president is responsible to the District Governor

who is an official of Rotary International and who is elected at a district conference held each year. You are urged to attend district conferences and district assemblies in order that you may learn more about Rotary and enjoy the fellowship there.

6. Our club activities are carried out by various committees. You will be assigned to at least one committee and will be expected to be active in its work. Our club's vitality and your satisfaction and enjoyment with Rotary will be a direct result of your work on club committees.
7. An initiation fee will be required if you accept the offer of membership and dues are payable quarterly in advance. Prompt payment of dues is also a requisite for maintaining your membership in Rotary. Dues will be pro-rated for the remaining months if you join mid-quarter. Meals will be billed in advance every three months. Meal charges may not be waived for any member except by special action of the Board of Directors. Actual fees are listed on the financial disclosure checklist attached.
8. Nominal fines are sometimes imposed at our meetings by the Sergeant-at-Arms (Fine Master) in the process of fun and fellowship. These funds are used to help subsidize club fellowship activities such as the Christmas Party, Golf Tournament, Family Picnic, etc.
9. The many thousands of dollars that our club budgets each year to support worthwhile community service activities are largely derived from club fundraisers such as the auction, golf tournament, etc. Since the success of our service efforts depends directly upon the success of fundraisers, you (and all other club members) will be expected to actively participate in these activities.
10. Rotary is not a fraternal organization, so has no secrets. We have no initiation as such, but you will be officially welcomed and indoctrinated with Rotary information soon after joining. You take no oath but good citizenship, the highest ethical standards in your business or profession, and participation in club activities is expected.

11. The Rotary Foundation

The need for services supported by the Rotary Foundation continues to grow. It is important that Rotarians provide additional financial support to the Annual Fund so the District can maintain its level of support for District Community Grants, Vocational Training Teams and Educational projects in addition to wrapping up efforts to eliminate Polio in the world. Additionally, we now are using Rotary Foundation funding for use within our own District for Community Assistance Projects via District Simplified Grants. These are matching grants that encourage and assist our clubs with projects right here at home. Up to 20% of what is raised for the Annual Fund can be used for this purpose.

The Foundation directs fund for worldwide humanitarian with heavy emphasis on world peace. A full list of current and past projects are on www.myrotary.org. You are encouraged to participate in and promote The Rotary Foundation within our club so we can continue with the Foundation's basic mission of *Doing Good in the World*.



Port Orchard Rotary Club Projects Past and Present



Community Service

Student Recognition Program - honors outstanding students from our School system

Student Excellence Program - honors outstanding student musicians

Adopt-A-Stream - Supports salmon stream rehabilitation

Designed and Installed Rotary Roundabout Park with Fountain

Port Orchard Rotary House - a project that involves the construction of a single family dwelling in our community. All of the labor and technical assistance is provided by South Kitsap High School students and staff, with supervision by construction professionals within our club.

Proceeds of the house sale support our scholarship programs.

Port Orchard Cares - Adopt families over the holidays

Port Orchard GED program - Helping with Community Literacy needs

Kitsap Literacy Council Spelling Bee

Designed and Installed Port Orchard City Park by Library

Maintenance of Trails in Kitsap County/Port Orchard Parks, particularly the Bill Bloomquist Rotary Park

Highway 16 Clean-up, 3 times a year

Port Orchard Cares – gifts and food given during the Holiday Season

Gifts to Veterans at Retsil during the Holiday Season

FUND RAISING

Golf Tournament

Annual Crab Feed and Auction - Our club's annual fundraiser which provides the majority of funds for our scholarships as well as our many community projects

WORLD SERVICE

Ambassadorial Scholarship

Polio Plus – local fundraising projects to contribute to the effort of eradicating polio worldwide

Student Exchange

Group Study Exchange

Annual or Bi-annual International Service Projects

Haberlach Memorial Fund
District Community Grants
Rotary Global Grants

CLUB SERVICES

Firesides
Christmas Party
Golf Tournament

Port Orchard Rotary Club Member Costs

5/2023	REQUIRED AND ANTICIPATED COSTS
	Individual Quarterly dues, (International, district and club) (Pre-billed)
Per quarter	International \$25.80
\$61.05	District 5020 \$10.25
Per year	PO Rotary \$25.00
\$244.20	Total: \$61.05
Per year	Quarterly meals, coffee and facility use fee (Generally pre-billed)
\$720	All inclusive billing weekly for facility usage, coffee and breakfast, if desired (\$15 per week for 48 meetings) Members are pre-billed for all regular morning meetings whether they attend or not. Canceled meetings may result in a credit at the board discretion.
\$964.20	TOTAL FOR YEAR
	EXPECTED (OPTIONAL) COSTS
\$25-40	Special or Evening meal programs (typically once per quarter) Billed after event on quarterly bill, typically optional
\$100	Rotary Foundation annual contributions. Club goal is \$100 per member, expected minimum is \$25 per year.
\$25+	Polio Plus, Happy Bucks and fines per quarter estimated
	Annual Auction contribution (Our club's major fundraiser)
\$ 300	Annual Auction tickets (two tickets and drawing) (Expected)
\$ 300-500	Auction Contribution (suggested)
	Includes wine, dessert, trip and auction item contributions
\$ 100	Port Orchard Cares Contribution (Our club's major community event) Includes adopting a child - \$100 each

PORT ORCHARD ROTARY CLUB

NEW MEMBER APPLICATION

Please complete this form if you are interested in joining the Port Orchard Rotary Club. (Please Print Clearly)

Date: _____

Title: Mr Ms Mrs Dr Other _____

Last Name: _____ First _____ Middle _____

Nickname or how you would like to be addressed: _____

Birthdate (Day/Month/Year): _____

How would you like your name to appear in the official Rotary database? _____

Business/Firm: _____

Your Position/Title: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Cell: _____ Fax _____

Business e-mail: _____ Web: _____

Home Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Personal Cell: _____

e-mail: _____

Where would you like your Rotary correspondence be mailed? _____

Preferred phone number: _____ Preferred email address: _____

Are you currently a member of a Rotary Club? _____ Yes _____ No

If yes, which club _____

Have you been a member of Rotary? _____ No _____ Yes

If Yes, which club(s) and what dates: _____

Is someone sponsoring you? _____ Yes _____ No,

Name of sponsor if yes _____

Spouse/partner name if applicable _____

Anniversary date: _____ We want to honor anniversaries and celebrate them!

Port Orchard Rotary Club Application

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Why are you interested in joining Rotary?

Potential Interests in club activities:

We would be happy to meet to explain all that Rotary does in our community and in the world. If you have a potential interest in any of the core activities, please let us know below.

Circle all that may apply

Community Service

Vocation/literacy

Youth Services

International Service

Annual Port Orchard Rotary Auction and Crab Feed

Port Orchard Cares (Christmas giving to children and families)

Application process:

We are always happy to meet with you to discuss Rotary and invite you to come to our meetings as a guest to learn more about Rotary and our club if you have an interest in joining Rotary.

New member applicants will meet with a member of the membership committee to review the new member application process and requirements for membership and answer any questions. All new members must be approved by a vote of the board of directors for the club typically at the monthly board meetings. New members are inducted into the club during our regular meetings. New members are required to meet several requirements before becoming permanent members. New members will have a sponsor to mentor and guide them through the membership process to permanent membership.

Transferring members of Rotary are required to complete an application and meet with a member of the membership committee. Transferring members are required to complete the same steps as new members for permanent member status with the club.

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