

# Introducing Rotary Club of Camas-Washougal

Rotary International is a global network of neighbors, friends, leaders and problem-solvers who see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change – across the globe, in our communities and in ourselves. Rotary International was founded in the Chicago in 1912, and today consists of hundreds of member clubs in over 150 countries around the world. It is the largest non governmental organization in the US and features clubs in every state in our country.

The Rotary Club of Camas-Washougal was founded in 1994 and is currently comprised of 62 members. Members are from all walks of life and professions with a wide range of ages.

Every Rotary Club has as its motto and commitment, “Service Above Self.” The five areas of service embraced by every club are:

- **Club Service** - focuses on strong internal club relationships
- **Vocational Service** – calls on Rotarians to contribute their expertise to society
- **Community Service** – encourages Rotarians to improve the quality of their community
- **International Service** – promotes peace and understanding locally & internationally
- **Youth Service** – empowers youth & young professionals through leadership development

The Camas-Washougal Rotary Club participates in all the Avenues of Service at various times of the year and in a variety of ways supported by our major fundraiser, the annual Ducky Derby held annually in July. Other projects the Club supports both financially and with our member’s participation include:

- Academic & Trade Scholarships
- Community Lending Libraries
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Lending Library reading program
- Meals on Wheels & Local Food Bank support
- Holiday Adopt-a-Family at Thanksgiving & Christmas
- Micro-finance loans to 3<sup>rd</sup> world countries
- Peace builder efforts both local and global
- Disaster relief, regionally & internationally
- Polio Eradication worldwide

Other ongoing projects and work by club members range from distressed lot and/or local parks cleanup, Christmas toy and food drives for disadvantaged families, community dinners through ReFuel Washougal, CW Community Chest partnerships as well as many more individual acts of kindness and assistance to less advantaged citizens.

Through our non-profit 501(c)(3) Foundation component, the Rotary Club of Camas-Washougal continues to give back to our community through partnerships with the CW Community Chest, the Clark County Community Solar Project, mental health initiatives at local schools and international initiatives.

In these and many other ways, area citizens will find Rotary making a difference. We welcome those with a heart for service and fellowship to come visit us at our one hour weekly meeting any Thursday at 7 AM at Orchid Hills Golf & Country Club in Washougal. See our website at: [www.cwrotary.com](http://www.cwrotary.com)