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**Oro Valley Rotary Club**

**General Information**

* **Rotary International** is the largest service organization in the world with a global network of 1.2 million members in 35,000 clubs and more than 145 countries. Rotary values diversity and celebrates the contributions of people of all backgrounds, regardless of their age, ethnicity, race, color, abilities, religion, socioeconomic status, culture, sex, sexual orientation, and gender identity.
* Its motto is **“Service Above Self”.**
* The **Oro Valley Rotary Club** was founded in 1992 and currently has about 45 members. It offers two different meeting times and locations to meet differing needs:
  + The morning breakfast club meets every Thursday morning at 7:00 am. Meetings are usually over by 8am.
  + The evening club meets on the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays at 5:45 pm. These meets usually last about 1 hour.
  + Even though there are two meeting times, the club operates as a full body for raising money and participating in projects. All members also gather for fun filled social events.
* Club meetings most often include interesting speakers and are designed to be both enlightening and fun. They also provide an excellent opportunity for networking with other members and with community leaders.
* Our major fund-raising event of the year is called “A Taste of Oro Valley”. It features many local restaurants, wineries, breweries, as well as live entertainment. Profits made from this event fund the service projects the club does throughout the year.
* Examples of some local service projects include supporting Project Graduation; providing scholarships to graduating high schoolers; sponsoring students to a Rotary leadership camp; supporting an Interact Club at a local high school; assisting a local food bank; providing dictionaries to local 3rd graders; and cleaning two sections of highway.
* Examples of current and past international projects include providing toilet facilities at a high school in Guatemala; providing emergency shelters to areas hit by natural disasters; supporting the microcredit program in Sonora, Mexico; supporting a literacy project in Belize; and hosting foreign exchange students. The club also actively supports the Rotary International effort to eradicate polio.