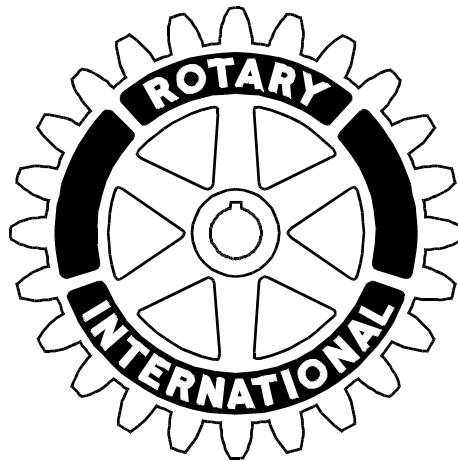


EDWARDS ROTARY CLUB

Edwards, Colorado



Membership Manual

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Welcome to Rotary!

The Edwards Rotary Club is an integral but autonomous cog in the world's largest service organization focused on finding innovative solutions to community needs and improving the human condition. To be an effective Rotarian, there are some things you'll need to know.

What Is Rotary?

“Rotary is an organization of business and professional people united worldwide who provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations and help build goodwill and peace in the world.”

A Brief History of Rotary

The first Rotary meeting was held on February 23, 1905, when Paul Harris called three friends together to his tiny office in Chicago. At the time, the young lawyer was having trouble meeting other professionals and businessmen, and proposed that the diverse group would meet regularly to share ideas and work together toward common goals. When the members "rotated" their first meetings between their various places of business, Rotary got its name. From this humble start, Rotary has grown into the world's largest and oldest service club.

The first regular weekly luncheon meeting was in Oakland, California in 1909. The first convention was in Chicago the next year. Rotary rolled into Canada in 1910, and, in 1911, to Ireland. By 1922, over 1000 Rotary clubs had been chartered representing every continent, and the worldwide organization was now named Rotary International ("RI"). Today, Rotary clubs can be found in more than 160 countries and geographical areas. Thus, more countries have Rotary clubs than field Olympic teams or enjoy United Nations membership.

More than 1.2 million Rotarians now attend weekly meetings in almost 30,000 clubs. These clubs are divided into about 500 geographic Rotary districts, each of which is headed by a District Governor, who represents the RI President during a year of service.

Our Rotary District, 5470, includes 56 clubs with over 2500 members in southern Colorado, south of I-70 from Utah to Kansas and northern New Mexico. Clubs are active in Vail (since 1970), Eagle, Grand Junction, Aspen, Glenwood Springs, Montrose, Durango, Alamosa, Pueblo, Colorado Springs and Burlington and most towns in between.

Through this worldwide organization, Rotary clubs do projects to benefit their own community or a small town halfway across the world through the Rotary Foundation. In nearly every community in the Free World, you can find a friend in Rotary.

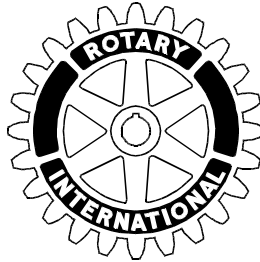
Other Information Resources

Please visit www.rotary.org, or www.rotary5470.com

Rotary Ideals & Symbols

Rotary is *absolutely and unequivocally a non-political, non-religious* organization. The Object of Rotary is "to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise" through fellowship, high ethics, service, and better international understanding.

The first four Rotarians were (by descent and vocation) an Irish lawyer, a Jewish tailor, a Swedish mining engineer, and a German coal dealer. Their diversity made their club strong and prosperous; their ideals make RI strong today. The inclusion of women in Rotary in the 1980's added the other half of humanity to Rotary's fellowship of all the world's races and religions.



The symbol of Rotary, adopted in 1923, is a gear wheel with six spokes and 24 cogs to symbolize a driving force which gets things done. The key-way was added to the hub, with the explanation that you are the key--without you, Rotary goes nowhere.

Rotarians around the world are encouraged to live by two established mottos:

"He Profits Most Who Serves Best" (1950); and

"Service Above Self" (1912).

Furthermore, every Rotarian is expected to know the Four Way Test (1940), the most widely-used, quoted, published and translated 24 words in Rotary history:

"The Four Way Test":

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?

The historical legacy and ideals of Rotary have led to its success as the world's oldest and largest service club. Through this international fellowship, Rotary has accomplished goals that governments can't even fulfill.

The Rotary year runs from July 1 to June 30, and each RI President has a theme to help guide each club's activities to a worthwhile and achievable goal.

HOW TO BECOME A MEMBER

Membership is by invitation, but you can make known an interest to any Rotarian. Typically the first step is simply to attend one of the weekly breakfast meetings where you can chat with some of the other local members, enjoy a short program usually of local or regional interest, and get a feel for how the club functions. If interested, schedule a short interview with the Membership Chairman to cover classification suitability, business status, financial responsibilities, and mutual goals. After attending at least two other weekly meetings, turning in the completed application and the initiation fee and first quarterly dues, the Directors will consider new members as part of its monthly board agenda.

It is important to completely review and understand this Membership Manual which includes an obligation to complete the Red Badge/Blue Badge Program within 12-months. This includes all Edwards Rotary Club members including officers and those transferring in from other Rotary Clubs.

Classifications

Membership is based on Paul Harris' original idea of people from different vocations getting together. Members hold a classification in Rotary, which is the generic name for their principal job or profession. In order to have representation from the broadest possible base of interests and skills, the club has limits on the number of members occupying the same general line of work. Membership in a Rotary club requires an invitation and sponsorship by a member of the club as well as an available business or professional classification. As a result, sometimes an individual cannot be invited or sponsored for membership.

Membership Types

Rotary has two types of membership:

1. Active membership – A member of a club who has been elected to membership under a classification of business or profession.
2. Honorary. A person (not necessarily a Rotarian) who is distinguished by meritorious service in the furtherance of Rotary ideals.

Attendance

Rotary International has always stressed 100% attendance at your weekly club meetings. Attendance is an indication of your interest in the club. A member who is regular in attendance is an interested, working member. A member who practices minimum attendance is almost invariably the member who contributes little to, and receives little from club membership.

"Making-up" is the term applied to your attendance at other Rotary clubs when you cannot attend your club's regular meeting. The make-up must be done within 14 days before or after the missed meeting. Rotary clubs meet in practically every town throughout the world on every day of the week. Make-ups provide Rotary fellowship that you can find in no other way.

Attendance is very important! A minimum of 60% attendance is required. This is a most important part of commitment to Rotary. Credit is allowed for work sessions, committee meetings and Board

meetings (at which all members are invited and encouraged to attend).

Local Make-up opportunities:

Vail, 7:30 a.m., Wednesday, Vail Golf Club
Glenwood Sunrise, 7 a.m., Tuesday, Hotel Colorado
Glenwood Noon, Noon, Friday, Rivers Restaurant
Rifle, 7 a.m., Tuesday, Buckeroos Restaurant
Carbondale, 7 a.m., Wednesday, Palomino Grill
Summit County, 7:20 a.m., Tuesday, Frisco Holiday Inn
Aspen, 7 a.m., Thursday, Aspen Meadows
Snowmass, 7 a.m., Wednesday, Snowmass Lodge
Western Eagle Valley, 7:45 a.m., Tuesday, America Inn, Eagle

National & International Make-ups

One of the more enjoyable benefits of being a Rotarian is having an open invitation of attending any meeting any where in the world. Not only will you have a good meal, you'll be able maintain your attendance record, meet new friends, quickly have an "insider's contact" of the destination, and have the opportunity to learn about their club's successes (and failures) that can be shared here locally. If you are planning to travel, please contact the club secretary to get a directory of names, locations and meeting times/dates for clubs along your way (and worldwide). You can also makeup on line by "attending" a meeting of Rotary's electronic club at www.rotaryclubone.org.

Suspension of Membership

Attendance is considered so important that a member may be suspended, if absent from four consecutive regular meetings, or if attendance is less than 60% during a six month period (without make-ups or an excused absence due to illness or other circumstances). Attendance is a major personal responsibility in becoming a Rotarian. In addition, members face suspension if quarterly dues are more than 60 days in arrears, if the permanent BLUE BADGE is not earned within 12 months of club initiation, or there are any ethical issues that may effect the Club reputation.

Leaves of Absence

RI and the Club do allow Leaves of Absence, under certain circumstances, for up to 6 months. The Board must grant the leave. The rules for leaves are provided in the Club Bylaws.

Rotary Badge & Rotary Pin

Each Rotarian is expected to wear his/her Rotary pin and name badge, with full name, nickname, and profession at each Rotary meeting. The Rotary pin is a visible symbol that you are a member in good standing of the world's oldest (almost 100 years) and finest service club.

Financial Responsibility

1. The Initiation Fee:

The Edwards Rotary Club offers three Active Membership categories:

- New Member is designated for any qualified individual joining Rotary for the first

time. The initiation fee of \$250 includes \$25 towards becoming a Paul Harris Fellow, a contribution to help fund club operational costs/equipment, and for your personal Rotary pin, name badges, Club Directory, etc .

- Transfer Member is for current members from other Rotary Clubs. The one time fee is \$150.
- Partnership Membership is a new concept allowing two people who have like responsibilities within the same company to share the time and project responsibilities of Rotary. These “partners” can alternate attending meetings and share volunteering for club projects. The one time fee of \$340 covers the additional accounting and management costs, and extra badges/pins. Once accepted, quarterly dues for this category are the same as the others. It should be noted, however, that the dues only cover one weekly breakfast. If both “partners” attend, one needs to pay an extra \$15 guest fee.

2. Quarterly Dues

In advance of each quarter, you'll receive at your designated address an invoice listing your dues for the upcoming quarter and for any guests' meals or other charges from the previous quarter.

Quarterly Dues:	\$180.00
Paul Harris Contribution	<u>25.00</u>
TOTAL	\$205.00

Other Charges: If you invite a guest to a breakfast meeting, you will be charged \$15.00 on your next bill. If and when that guest becomes a member of the Club after attending three meetings, you may submit an expense voucher for reimbursement of the \$45 in guest charges. Your quarterly invoice includes a \$25 optional contribution to the Rotary International Foundation in the name of Paul Harris

Our Club

Thanks to the efforts and sponsorship from the Vail and Eagle Clubs, the **Edwards Rotary Club** was chartered on July 8th, 2004 with 33 “Charter Members”. As this event corresponded with the celebration of Rotary’s 100th Anniversary, Edwards Rotary Club has the honor of being designed a “*Centennial Club*”.

Weekly meetings are held each Thursday morning from 7:30-9 a.m. at Café Milano located in Edwards, Colorado.

The Club, following the rules established by Rotary International, is governed by a set of Bylaws that set out the basic terms for elections, duties, meetings, dues, committees, finances/budgets and other miscellaneous provisions.

Our club's **Board of Directors** consists of a president, past-president, vice president (president-elect), secretary, sergeant-at-arms, treasurer and five directors who support the traditional Rotary avenues of service. New directors are elected in December for the next Rotary year that begins the following July.

President	Joe Peplinski
Past President	Mike Brown
Vice President/President Elect	Matt Kozusko
Sergeant-at-Arms	Gina Pickle
Secretary	Marci Colby
Treasurer	Jeff Sage
Club Administration Director	TBD
Club Public Relations Directors	TBD
Membership Director	Sue Kuntz
Service Projects Director	TBD
The Rotary Foundation Director	TBD

Board Meetings are scheduled the third Thursday of each month immediately following the General session. **Every member of the club is encouraged to attend.**

Club Activities

Your **first responsibility** is to attend weekly meetings. That time is organized for informal networking, furthering the understanding of Rotary, identifying and accomplishing community service projects, having fun, and enjoying programs from members and outside speakers on special news worthy topics.

One important **CLUB FOCUS** is building a firm foundation of quality members representing a broad base of the Edwards businesses and professions. One of the founding principals and critical successes of Rotary was a simple belief in the strength of **FELLOWSHIP**. Bringing together on a regular basis a critical mass of community-minded individual-leaders will provide a platform of opportunity to improve the local, regional, and international society.

The Edwards Rotary Club is open to learning about opportunities for service from Eagle County government entities, local schools/colleges, charities, the medical professions, and other groups and individuals who are working to improve our community. We will be available to join with other non-profit organizations in helping achieve like-minded goals.

In addition, the Edwards Rotary Club endeavors to develop programs and activities consistent with Rotary's avenues of services.

1. Club Administration

This avenue of service focuses on how we work together as a club, what the club can do for each of us, and what each of us can do for the club. There are several committees under club service to meet those goals.

- Club Service
- Fellowship/Social
- Attendance
- Programs/Bulletin
- Directory/History
- Local fundraising
- Website

2. Membership Development

Recruiting, developing and retaining Rotary members is a key focus of the organization. We are

able to serve the community better if we keep our membership strong. This committee focuses on:

- Membership
- Retention
- Development
- Classification
- Recruitment
- Rotary Information
- Club Extension
- Red Badge/Blue Badge Qualification Program

3. Service Projects

Every Rotarian is encouraged to help in activities that make the community a better place to be. We work on projects sponsored by our club as well as projects sponsored by the Vail and Eagle Rotary Clubs. Each year we give large type comprehensive illustrated dictionaries to all the third grade children in Eagle County. We also sponsor 3-4 high school students to a comprehensive Youth Leadership Study Program (**RYLA**). One of the most successful and life-changing programs is Youth Exchange in which high school age students living abroad stay with Rotarian families for 3-12 months. We have hosted exchange students as well as sponsored out bound students.

- Literacy Program
- Environmental Services Committee
- Habitat for Humanity
- Salvation Army Bell Ringing
- Vail Eagle Valley Web Page
- Children's Health Initiative
- RYLA, Interact
- Youth Exchange
- Friendship Exchange
- Teen driving education
- Four Way Service Test for high school students

4. Public Relations

Promoting Rotary in the community is important, not as much as a way to call attention to what Rotarians do, but rather to demonstrate the power of "Service Above Self." To stay visible in the community, this committee focuses on:

- Public information
- Advertising
- Awards
- Recognition

5. Foundation

All five avenues of service are important, but Rotary has been uniquely successful in fostering international service. Rotary is a pre-eminent international organization dedicated to world peace through understanding between different people in different cultures. Part of each member's quarterly dues goes to Rotary International to help such projects as the eradication of world polio through **POLIO PLUS**. There are also a variety of other international projects, many of which are initiated by individual clubs who partner with other clubs and together they provide the funds, equipment, and manpower to accomplish their project. The Foundation includes:

- Rotary Foundation
- Local foundation
- Polio Plus
- World Peace
- International Service
- Scholarships
- Group Study Exchange, Rotary International Programs

CLUB WEB SITE

The club has a web site for members that can be accessed at www.edwardsrotary.com . The member login is: edwardsrc.

ROTARY PIN

Wear your Rotary pin proudly as a matter of habit (not just to your weekly meeting). You will be surprised at the number of Rotarians you will meet in daily business and travel with whom you'll instantly have something in common as well as others who you might meet who are curious about this very prestigious organization. Additional Rotary items are available from the secretary.

PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS – The backbone of Rotary International

Each quarter, \$25 of your membership dues is contributed to the Rotary International Foundation in support of a wide variety of humanitarian and educational programs. Individuals may make additional donations at any time in any amount, and periodically, the Club may make honorariums to recognize outstanding member services. When a Rotarian's contributions reach \$1000, the member is honored as a Paul Harris Fellow. It is the goal of the Edwards Club to have all members become Fellows.

HOW TO BECOME AN EFFECTIVE NEW MEMBER: Red Badge/Blue Badge Program

The Edwards Club had as founders a core of very experienced Rotarians, including five Past Presidents of the Vail Rotary Club. But, in a sense we are all a new crew setting sail on a shared adventure to someplace unknown. Therefore, it is critical that we build a strong base of **FELLOWSHIP** as a means of mapping a clear destination for the future ahead. To help develop bonding and meaningful personal interactions, we require each member, including all officers, Board, and transfer members, to complete a series of activities geared towards understanding the history of Rotary, encouraging participation in Club and International programs, generating new leadership skills, and expanding our membership.

Each member will start with a RED NAME BADGE. Earning a permanent BLUE BADGE requires completion of at least eight points from the following activities within a 12-month period:

1. Serve as greeter and sell raffle tickets two times. (1 point)

2. Join and be active in at least 1 of 5 avenues of service committees (Club Administration, Membership Development, Service Projects, Public Relations, Foundation) (3 points per committee)
3. Give a 5-10 minute talk about yourself, interest and profession (1 point)
4. Lead the morning pledge and/or give an inspirational message (1 point)
5. Attend a makeup meeting at another club (2 points)
6. Fulfill a makeup meeting online at www.rotaryclubone.org (2 points)
7. Have 100% attendance for three months; report make-up meetings (5 points)
8. Arrange for a speaker (2 points)
9. Read the Rotary International "Guiding Principles", "Programs of RI" and "Who we Work With" on the RI website: (1 point)
 - a. <http://www.rotary.org/en/AboutUs/RotaryInternational/GuidingPrinciples/Pages/ridefault.aspx>
 - b. <http://www.rotary.org/en/AboutUs/RotaryInternational/Programs/Pages/ridefault.aspx>
 - c. <http://www.rotary.org/en/AboutUs/RotaryInternational/WhoWeWorkWith/Pages/ridefault.aspx>
10. Attend/participate in 2 club board meetings on the third Thursday of the month (3 points)
11. Become a Club officer or Committee Chairman (6 points)
12. Participate in club fundraisers (i.e. Duck Race, Turkey Bowl) (2 points for each event)
13. Actively support other club activities (i.e. highway or ECO trail cleanup, Habitat for Humanity, Salvation Army bell ringing, dictionary distribution, teen safe driving program) (2 points for each activity)
14. Invite a prospective member to a meeting (2 points)
15. Sponsor a new member (4 points)
16. Attend a District Conference, Assembly or Training Session (4 points)

When you are inducted, you will receive a Blue Badge checklist. Please keep it updated and provide it to your sponsor or the Membership Chair when you have earned eight points.

As with any commitment you make, you will get back from Rotary what you put into it ...professionally, and spiritually.

ROTARIANS MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THEIR COMMUNITY AND IN THE WORLD