



The Rotary Club of Rutherford Glen welcomes the opportunity to provide information to you about Rotary and the fellowship which it creates for its members.

WHAT IS ROTARY INTERNATIONAL?

Rotary International is a worldwide organisation made up of Districts which are comprised of a number of Clubs. Individual members belong to a Club; the Clubs belong to Rotary International.

Members are business and professional leaders within their geographical location.

Rotary's purpose is to provide opportunities for fellowship and service. This reflected in its motto - "Service Above Self".

Rotary began in Chicago on 23 February 1905 when founder Paul Harris, an attorney, met with three friends - a coal dealer, a mining engineer, and a merchant tailor. From this first meeting for fellowship the men met in each other's place of business, hence the name Rotary. Each Club seeks to establish a membership representing the cross-section of the local community. This gave rise to the classification principle of Rotary membership which maintains that each club should have members from as wide a range of classifications as practicable.

Rotary International is administered by a Board of Directors including the Rotary International President and President-elect. Its headquarters are in Evanston, Illinois, USA.

Each Rotary District is a geographic territory in which Clubs are grouped for administrative purposes. Each District is headed by a District Governor whose job it is to guide and assist Rotary Clubs in the District. District Governors are elected for one year.

HOW DOES EACH CLUB OPERATE?

Each Rotary Club has a President and a Board of Directors who take responsibility for ensuring that the Club provides a balanced involvement in all four major avenues of service with which Rotary is involved - Club Service, Community Service, International Service and Vocational Service. Youth Service is an additional major avenue. The Board is also responsible for ensuring the proper administration, financial management, membership development, publicity and risk management of the Club.

The Club holds weekly meetings for fellowship and to advance the Club's service goals in the community.

WHAT DOES ROTARY MEMBERSHIP INVOLVE?

The privileges of being a Rotarian are:

fellowship with similar-minded people

unique opportunities to serve your community, improve your vocation, and promote regional and international friendship

establish a broad acquaintance with leaders of other businesses and professions

participate in interesting and stimulating programs

meet other Rotarians at neighbouring clubs and throughout the rest of the world.

Rotary membership also carries responsibilities:

observing the Rotary "Four Way Test" (see below)

regular attendance at weekly meetings, maintaining an annual attendance of at least 60%

introduction of new members

serving on Club committees

attending District conferences and activities

attending annual International Conventions.

The Rotary Four Way Test is applied to everything we think, say or do. It requires to consider:

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?

Rotary members commit family time and work time to Rotary so it is important for family members to understand what Rotary is about. Rotary International recognises that a member must give priority to family and work, but a real time commitment does exist with Rotary membership.

On becoming a Rotarian you will receive a number of booklets and pamphlets providing information about Rotary and these are to read and share with your family.

WHAT IS THE ROTARY CLUB OF RUTHERGLEN

The Rotary Club of Rutherglen.

Meets every Wednesday evening at the Victoria Hotel, 7pm sharp. Meetings generally cover business matters and member information, and have a variety of guest speakers. Members' partners are encouraged to attend.

The changeover of office bearers takes place on 1 July each year, with a formal changeover function usually being held late in June.

Membership cost for our Club is currently \$150 per year, and a dinner fee is charged for each meeting attended. This is currently \$20 for an excellent two course meal. Membership fees go largely towards the costs of Rotary International, District 9790 and the monthly Rotary publications.

Each member receives a name badge and a Rotary lapel badge, and a name badge is provided for partners. These are for ease of identification at meetings, particularly when visiting other clubs or when visitors attend at Rutherglen.

WHAT ELSE IS THERE TO SAY?

This webpage provides the background to membership of the Rotary Club of Rutherglen.

It tells what our Club has achieved in the past through the activity of many community-service minded members over the years.

What happens in the future depends on current and future members of the Club.

The Club is open in the way it operates, and members are encouraged to put their views forward and share their ideas.

We are always seeking new members who share the goal of service to their community, and the ideals of Rotary, and who can commit as fully as practicable to these goals and ideals. If you are interested in becoming a member please take this opportunity to email us to take the next step