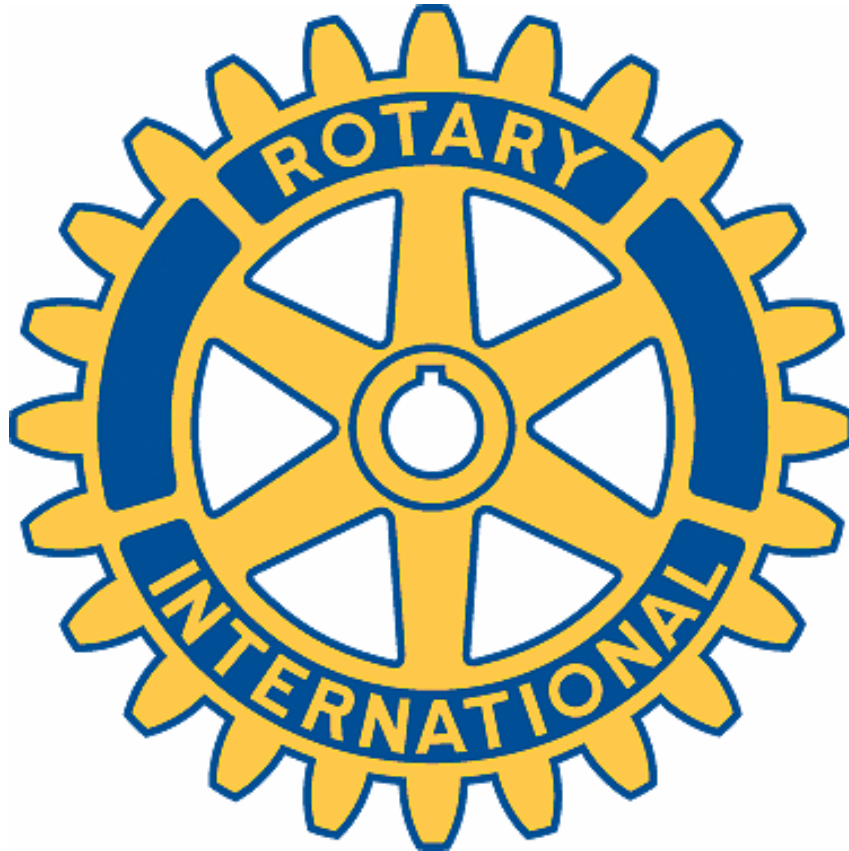


The Rotary Club of Carpinteria



SERVING THE CARPINTERIA VALLEY SINCE 1973

Meeting Place and Time
Lions Community Building
6197 Casitas Pass Road, Carpinteria
Thursday 11:45 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.

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Welcome to The Rotary Club of Carpinteria

Whether you are a new member or a prospective member, The Rotary Club of Carpinteria wants to make your experience with our club an enjoyable one. The following information is offered to help you understand what Rotary is about, what our local club is doing in the community and the world, and how sharing in the Rotarian experience can enhance your own development as well as your ability to help others.

I am happy to answer any questions you may have, and look forward to seeing you at future Rotary meetings.

Yours in Rotary Service,

Tom Higgins,

*President, Rotary Club
of Carpinteria*



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What Is Rotary?

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

Rotary's Motto: "Service Above Self"

Rotary's Symbol: The gearwheel, designed to represent both civilization and movement

Rotary's 4-Way Test of 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?

How It All Began

The concept of Rotary was born in 1905, when four Chicago businessmen met at the office of Paul Harris, a local attorney. The purpose of the meeting was to develop friendships and promote their businesses. Each week, the meetings would "rotate" among the members' offices.

By 1907, Rotary began to emphasize goals of service, spurring growth of other clubs. Clubs were formed in California in 1909. By 1910, Rotary had moved into Canada, and by 1911, Europe had its first Rotary Clubs.

Rotary has since grown to over 32,000 clubs in over 200 countries involving approximately 1.2 million members in nearly every corner of the world!

The Rotary Club of Carpinteria began in 1973, when it became clear that the growing city of Carpinteria was big enough to have a club of its own. Dr. Bill Carty was the first president of the new group. Through the decades it has grown, reaching a high of 65 business leaders in 2001, allowing The Rotary Club of Carpinteria to sponsor a second club, The Rotary Club of Carpinteria Morning.

Members are admitted by invitation after being sponsored by a current member. Each member receives a classification relative to his/her vocation. It is our goal to represent as wide a range of vocations as possible within our communities.

How Our Club Serves The Community

The Rotary Club of Carpinteria is active in a wide range of community programs and events. A sampling of these includes:

- **FLAG PROJECT**, where American flags are placed in front of participating businesses on special holidays. This fund-raising program not only allows businesses to support the good works of Rotary, but also creates a festive, patriotic atmosphere for the entire city.
- **AVOCADO FESTIVAL**, Carpinteria's annual autumn street party, held the first full weekend in October, gives Rotary a chance to raise money for local charities while supporting the community in general. The club also seizes this opportunity to educate the public on the mission and scope of Rotary.
- **AID TO SENIORS**, through participation in the Brown Bag Program, which distributes food to needy senior citizens.
- **READING MENTOR PROGRAM**, a weekly mentoring program pairing Rotarians with 2nd, 3rd, and 4th grade school readers who are struggling with reading skills for their grade level.
- **RED RIBBON CAMPAIGN**, which encourages local youths to say no to drugs through a public education and individual rewards program, is a joint effort of Rotary clubs throughout the South Coast.
- **INTERACT CLUB**, a program at Carpinteria High School that helps high school students develop leadership skills and provides services to the community, is supported by Rotary with both funds and member involvement.
- **“VOLUMES FOR VICTORY”**, a project to collect paperback books for our troops overseas.
- **MENTORING**, through participation in *Fighting Back* and career seminars given at the local junior and senior high schools. We also donate vocational biographies for the Carpinteria High School Career Center.
- **COMMUNITY BEAUTIFICATION**, through projects such as the installation of a handicap ramp at the Veterans Memorial Building (a Centennial Project in conjunction with the Rotary Club of Carpinteria Morning), the planting and maintenance of a "stray" corner, and through participation in beach clean-up and hazardous waste removal days.
- **“RODS & ROSES” CLASSIC CAR SHOW**, Carpinteria's annual summer street party, held the last full weekend in June, gives Rotary another chance to raise money for local charities while supporting the community in general.
- **CASINO NIGHT**, a spring event, held in conjunction with the Rotary Club of Carpinteria Morning, gives Rotary one more opportunity to raise money for local charities.
- **CONTRIBUTIONS** of money and/or volunteer time to a great variety of local non-profits that support youth, education, senior citizens, health and help make our city a safer, more beautiful place in which to live.

How Our Rotary Club Serves the World

In keeping with the worldwide focus of the Rotary International network, the Rotary Club of Carpinteria has been directly involved with many projects throughout the world. A sampling includes:

- **TOTONAC INDIAN PROJECT**, Mexico – During the 1980s, we assisted the Ventura Rotary Club in their Health, Humanity, Hunger project, aimed at bringing basic sanitation skills to this remote tribe. Rotarian John Paine served as our representative on that 10-year project.
- **TIJUANA DENTAL CLINIC**, Mexico – In 1995, we sent Rotarian Larry Siegel to Tijuana for a Direct Relief International two-day dental project to aid needy children.
- **NENET INDIAN PROJECT**, Siberia – In 1997, in conjunction with Benton Oil, we sent Rotarian Dorothy Steinert to this remote area to help provide dental care for children in this nomadic tribe.
- **NOVOSIBIRSK DENTAL PROJECT**, Siberia – In 1999, we helped send Rotarian Dorothy Steinert and a team of dentists to Novosibirsk, Siberia, to provide dental service for the children in the Children's Home #4 orphanage.
- **CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR STREET CHILDREN**, Mexico – In November 2001, several members of our club carried wrapped Christmas gifts to Ensenada, Mexico, where they took part in a District 5240 holiday party for orphans.
- **“LUCY” PROJECT**, Siberia – In November 2001, we brought Ludmilia Kharlamova, an English teacher at the Novosibirsk Children's Home #4, to Carpinteria for restorative dental work. Rotarian Dr. Robert Berkenmeier performed the dental work, and other Rotarians helped out with food, lodging and companionship.
- **HEIFER PROJECT**, – In 2003 we participated in the Heifer Project, which operates under the principal of “Teach a man to fish”. We donated funds to purchase breeding animals for needy individuals in Third World countries
- **ZIMBABWE ORPHANAGE PROJECT**, Harare, Zimbabwe. – In early 2004 we assisted the Bezer Ministries Orphanage, a home for abandoned children of people fleeing Zimbabwe. We contributed funds to purchase a washer and dryer plus additional items. Our Interact Club contributed a like amount and sent care packages and letters to the orphans. Rotarian Stella Anderson has visited the orphanage on a number of occasions and in the fall of 2006 presented the orphanage with a check for \$14,000 from her fundraising efforts in 2005.
- **PHILIPPINES HOUSING PROJECT**, – In 2005 we participated in the Housing Project in the Philippines, sending money to help build homes. Rotarian John Welty went to the Philippines to help in their construction.
- **POLIO PLUS**, funded through our contributions to The Rotary Foundation, has immunized more than 1 billion children against polio through Rotary's volunteer network. The program seeks to eradicate polio worldwide. The foundation also supports programs such as Group Study Exchanges, Rotary Centers for International Studies in peace and conflict resolution, Rotary Foundation Scholarships, Student Exchanges, Village Bank and anti-hunger projects.

10 Reasons to Join Rotary

- 1. FRIENDSHIP.** In an increasingly complex world, Rotary satisfies one of the most basic human needs: the need for friendship and fellowship. It is one of the two reasons why Rotary began in 1905.
- 2. BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT.** The second original reason for Rotary's beginning was business development. Everyone needs to network. Rotary consists of a cross-section of every business community. Our members come from all walks of life. Rotarians help each other and collectively help others.
- 3. LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT.** Rotary is an organization of leaders and successful people. Serving in Rotary positions is educational. Leadership is learning how to motivate, influence and lead leaders.
- 4. FUN.** Rotary is fun . . . lots of fun! Each meeting is fun. The club projects and social activities are fun. The service is fun. The people are fun. You will have fun!
- 5. CITIZENSHIP IN THE WORLD.** Every Rotarian wears a pin that says "Rotary International." There are few places on the globe that do not have a Rotary club. Every Rotarian is welcomed -- even encouraged -- to attend any of the 30,000 clubs worldwide. This means instant friends in both a member's own community and in the world community.
- 6. ENTERTAINMENT.** Every Rotary club has parties and activities that provide diversion in one's business life. Rotary holds conferences, conventions, assemblies and institutes that provide entertainment in addition to Rotary information, education and service. Add the entertainment provided by weekly meeting speakers, and you can't beat what Rotary has to offer!
- 7. FAMILY PROGRAMS.** Rotary provides one of the world's largest youth exchange programs, high school and college clubs for future Rotarians, and a host of activities designed to help family members in the development and growth of family values.
- 8. CULTURAL AWARENESS.** Around the world, nearly every religion, country, culture, race, creed, political persuasion, language, color and ethnic identity is found in Rotary. It is a cross-section of the world's most prominent citizens from every background. Rotarians become aware of their cultures and learn to live and work with people everywhere. They become better citizens of their countries in the process.
- 9. PRESTIGE.** Rotary members are prominent people: leaders of business, the professions, art, government, sports, military, religion and all disciplines. Rotary is the largest and most prestigious service club in the world. Its ranks include executives, managers, professionals -- people who make decisions and influence policy.
- 10. OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE.** Rotary is a service club. Its business is mankind. Its product is service. Rotarians provide community service to both local and international communities. This is perhaps the best reason for becoming a Rotarian: the chance to do something for someone else and to sense the self-fulfillment that comes in the process. It is richly rewarding!

How Can I Become a Member?

Membership in Rotary is by invitation only. You must be sponsored by a current member, and approved by the entire membership. Members hold leadership positions in their chosen line of work, and, since Rotary strives to represent a cross-section of a community, there are restrictions on the number of members who can be in any business classification.

Business leaders who would like to be considered for membership are asked to attend at least two Rotary meetings so members can meet and get to know you better. Any Rotarian can sponsor you to attend a meeting. The club president or membership chair, listed on the front of this booklet and on the www.carpinteriarotary.org web site, would be happy to hear from you if you want to learn more about the Rotary Club of Carpinteria or wish to attend a meeting. Additional general information about Rotary International is available at www.rotary.org.

What is Required of Members?

• ATTENDANCE

Rotary emphasizes regular weekly attendance to maximize each member's benefit. Members are asked to attend at least 60% of the weekly meetings, with 30% attendance required at the member's "home" club. Make-up meetings and attendance at approved club events can count toward annual attendance totals, but cannot exceed 30% of total attendance. See Page 9 (Frequently Asked Questions) for more information on make-ups.

In special circumstances, a member may request a leave of absence, not to exceed a period of six months.

• FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES

Members are billed quarterly, in advance, for Rotary Club dues (includes Rotary International and District 5240 dues), fines, luncheon charges and any mandatory special events (such as the Step-Down dinner and Governor's Visit). Bills are payable upon receipt. Approximate annual costs are listed below, but are subject to change. Optional special events, such as club parties, or charges for occasional required fund-raising ticket sales or optional "pass the hat" causes are not included.

Rotary Membership Dues	\$100
Paul Harris Sustaining Member Charge*	100
Fines and Recognition	40
Approximate Luncheon Charge**	650
Mandatory Special Events	<u>50</u>
Estimated Yearly Total for "Basics"	\$940

* This is a mandatory contribution to the Rotary Foundation program of the member's choice. When \$1000 has been donated, the member earns a Paul Harris Award to keep or bestow on an individual he or she wishes to honor.

** Credit for a missed luncheon is given only if you attend a make-up meeting or approved club event anywhere in the world.

Note: If a leave of absence is granted, members are not required to pay for meals during the leave period, but all other charges still apply.

Tips for Getting a Good Start in Rotary

Periodically, the club holds Fireside Chats for all new members to introduce them to the leadership, committee heads and various Rotary programs and projects. But, no matter when you join, it is easy to jump right in and receive maximum benefit from Rotary. Here are some tips to help you get started:

- **ATTEND MEETINGS AND PARTIES.** Make a point of sitting with different people at each meeting so you get to know the entire membership.

- **VOLUNTEER.** Each Rotary club has four Avenues of Service (listed below). Choose something you'd like to work on, then speak to the Committee Chair (see How We Are Organized, Page 8) and simply offer to help. An extra pair of hands is always appreciated, and working with people is the best way to get to know them well.

Club Service – Involves everything that makes the club run smoothly: booking high quality programs, planning parties, assuring a proper meeting place, and publicizing club activities.

Vocational Service – Promotes high ethical standards in business and the professions, and fosters the ideal of service in the pursuit of all vocations. The major area of responsibility is working on service projects with our youth through the local Interact club.

Community Service – Improves the quality of life for those in our community. Major functions include fund-raisers (Classic Car Show, Flag Project, Avocado Festival, Casino Night), and local projects (community clean-ups, Brown Bag Program, Reading Mentor Program, Red Ribbon).

International Service – Advances international understanding and goodwill. Major areas include working on the International and Foundation committees, GSE program and Ambassadorial Scholarship program.

- **ASK QUESTIONS.** There's a wealth of knowledge sitting around the tables at each meeting. If you have questions about the club, the community or even a particular business problem, this is the best place in town to ask them. Tap into Rotary's expertise.

- **MEET THE CLUB LEADERSHIP.** Once a month, the club's board gathers for a brown bag lunch meeting to handle the "nuts and bolts" of the club. Most of these meetings are open to all club members. Ask the club President if you can attend the next meeting; it will give you instant insight into how the club works.

- **PICK A MENTOR.** If there is an official mentoring program in the club when you join, use it. If not, remember that this is an extraordinarily helpful group of people who share your interest in serving others. So don't be shy. Feel free to pick your own mentor or ask the club President to recommend someone who can ease your transition into the club.

- **GRADUATING FROM "NEW KID IN TOWN."** Each member has a name button that is worn at each meeting. The "new member" designation on your button is there to encourage members to reach out to you so you will immediately feel at home in your new club. To speed up that process, check with the membership chair to see what tasks must be accomplished before the "new member" sign is removed. It usually includes such things as being a greeter at several meetings, working on the flag project, helping with parade duty, etc. Tackle the list early. The more you give, the more you will get back -- and the more you will enjoy your Rotary experience.

How We Are Organized

Club decisions are made by an eleven member Board of Directors, which meets monthly. The eleven members are the President, President Elect, Immediate Past President, Secretary, Treasurer, Director of Club Service, Director of Community Service, Director of Vocational Service, Director of Youth Services, Director of International Service and Public Relations Chair.

Most board meetings are open to all Rotarians. If you wish to attend, please contact the President.

ROTARY CLUB OF CARPINTERIA Officers, Directors, and Committee Chairs 2006-2007

President	Tom Higgins
President Elect	Dave Durflinger
Immediate Past President	Gary Dobbins
Secretary	Rob Godfrey
Treasurer	Lin Graf

Club Service	Bob Hanrahan	Community Service	Ryan Reed
Bulletin	Jay Taber	Red Ribbon Chair	Barry Enticknap
Roster/Attendance	Rob Godfrey	Brown Bag Program	Craig Meister
Web Site	Preston Marx	Avocado Festival Chair	Ryan Reed
Program Coordinator	Kevin Baird	Flag Project Chair	Rob Godfrey
Public Relations	Michael Scar	Triathlon Watering Hole	Ryan Reed
Membership	Donna Treloar		
Sgt. At Arms	John Welty		
Club Historian	Bill Carty		
New Member Mentor	Past President's Council		
Vocational Service	Craig Murray	International Service	Stella Anderson
Youth Service	Wayne Evans		Tom Ligare
Interact Coordinator	Wayne Evans	Group Study Exchange	John Welty
		Foundation	Bob Hanrahan
		Paul Harris	Board/Tom Higgins

Frequently Asked Questions

1. How am I billed and when are payments due?

You are billed quarterly in advance. The bill should be paid as soon as possible after receipt and definitely must be paid by the end of the quarter. A reminder billing will be sent to you if you haven't paid within 45 days of the start of the quarter. You should notify the Treasurer immediately if you anticipate a delay in the payment of your bill.

2. Why do I have fines on my bill? Did I do something wrong?

No, you didn't do anything wrong. Our club used to keep track of fines levied for "fun infractions" during the quarter, and each individual was then billed for their total. In the interest of simplicity and fairness, we have moved to a system where each member is billed a set amount each quarter for fines or acknowledgements. That way we can "pick on" people without bankrupting them.

3. What is the Paul Harris Sustaining Member charge?

The quarterly charge of \$25 supports the Rotary Foundation, and each member is allowed to designate his or her contribution to the Rotary program they prefer. Our club suggests the contribution go toward the eradication of polio worldwide. However, the choice is up to you. An additional benefit of this donation is that, once you have donated \$1000, you have earned a Paul Harris Award that you can either keep or bestow on an individual you wish to honor.

4. What are my personal responsibilities as a member?

Your responsibilities are to conduct yourself in a manner consistent with Rotary's 4-Way Test (see Page 2), to attend weekly meetings (see Attendance, Page 6), to participate in Rotary activities to the greatest extent possible, to do your fair share of club governance, and to pay your bills on time.

5. What is my minimum involvement?

The very minimum expected of a Rotarian is that he or she attend 60% of all meetings (at least 30% at their home club) and pay their bills.

6. What is my maximum involvement?

This is pretty much left up to you. In addition to attending weekly meetings and social events as scheduled, there are lots of opportunities to serve on committees supporting our Rotary club's Four Avenues of Service (Club, International, Community and Vocational). You can also serve on the club's board of directors as a chair of one of the Avenues of Service, or as Treasurer, Secretary or President. Down the road, there will be opportunities to serve at the district and international levels. And then there's President of Rotary International!

7. Is there a dress code, assigned seating or other meeting rules?

Dress is business casual and members are encouraged to sit with different people each week so they get to know everybody. Our meeting rules include:

- turn off cell phones and pagers as soon as you enter the building;
- arrive promptly at 11:45 a.m. so the meal service can be concluded before the speaker begins;
- show respect to both the speaker and other members by listening quietly while others speak;

- no “scooting” (ducking out before the speaker begins). If you must leave early, please let the speaker know at the beginning of the meeting.

8. Should I inform someone (who?) if I must miss one or more meetings?

You don't have to tell anyone if you will miss one or two meetings. If you need to miss more than that, though, you should tell the club Secretary or President in advance. If you are on vacation, you should try to make up at other clubs. If you are ill, you can sign up for a temporary leave of absence, which means that you are not charged for meals while you are away.

9. Explain about make-up meetings. Are they a requirement?

Make-up meetings are defined as attendance at another Rotary club's weekly meeting within a two-week period either before or after the "missed" meeting. They are not required, but if you bring your receipt from the make-up meeting to the club Secretary, you will earn credit on your monthly bill. There's a number of terrific Rotary clubs within the greater Santa Barbara area. Meeting information is available on our website, <http://carpinteriarotary.org>, or in our newsletter.

10. Does my Rotary club get a benefit if I make up somewhere else?

There isn't a monetary benefit. The more you learn about Rotary, the more Rotarians you meet in the District and throughout the world, the more you are exposed to other clubs, the more committed you will become to the Rotary experience. That will benefit our club.

11. How do I find Rotary clubs when I travel?

There is a directory of clubs and meeting information on the Rotary International web site (www.rotary.org). Click on the Membership page, then on Where Clubs Meet. Or, check with the Chamber of Commerce when you arrive in a new town for information on the local Rotary club. Note: If you plan to travel outside the District, ask the club Secretary for Rotary of Carpinteria flags to give to clubs you visit. We display the colorful flags from other clubs at our meetings.

12. Can I invite anyone I wish to a Rotary meeting? Or must a guest be eligible for membership?

All members are encouraged to invite their friends and family to share in the Rotary experience. Guests need not be eligible for membership. But you will be billed for each guest in the following quarter. So invite as many people as your pocketbook allows.

13. Are social functions mandatory?

You are charged for certain functions, such as the Governor's Visit and President's Step-Down dinner, whether or not you attend. No social event is mandatory, but why in the world would you want to miss any of them?