



ROTARY INFORMATION MEETING

PURPOSE OF INFORMATION MEETING

This meeting is to briefly explain Rotary and the Rotary Club of Sebastopol Sunrise to you, a prospective member, and your partner. We hope to provide you with useful information to help you decide whether you are interested in joining our community and international service club. This meeting allows us to discuss the time and financial commitments involved and answer questions regarding membership in Rotary. A video is also available that previews Rotary International, the object of Rotary and the four avenues of service.

WHAT IS ROTARY

- ✓ International service organization with over 32,000 clubs in 168 countries
- ✓ Founded in 1905 by Paul Harris and three friends
- ✓ Over 1.2 million members; both men and women (US invited women to membership in 1987)
- ✓ Rotary International and Rotary Foundation

OBJECT OF ROTARY (See Rotarian Magazine)

- ✓ An organization of business and professional persons united worldwide
- ✓ That provide humanitarian service
- ✓ That encourage high ethical standards in all vocations
- ✓ That helps build goodwill and peace in the world.

ROTARY CLUB OF SEBASTOPOL SUNRISE

- ✓ Chartered in May 1997 with 30 Charter members.
- ✓ Two active Rotary Clubs in community encourage growth of Rotary and provide alternative times for weekly meetings.
- ✓ Our club meets every Wednesday at 7:15 am at Masonic Hall. (fellowship at 7:00 am)
- ✓ Originally sponsored by Rotary Club of Sebastopol (founded in 1925 and currently consists of @ 95 members). Their meetings Friday 12:15 pm at Community Church.
- ✓ Membership consists of business people and professionals either residing or working in Sebastopol or surrounding area.
- ✓ Rotary Club of Sebastopol Sunrise is located in District 5130 along with 43 other clubs from Petaluma to Crescent City and from Napa to Fort Bragg
- ✓ Community grants awards given each year, \$ 15-35,000
- ✓ International funds awards given each year \$ 8-15,000

- ✓ Sebastopol Sunrise involvement in international projects include:

Current projects:

Uganda: Project to provide housing to students,

Burma: Traditional Birth Attendant program to provide service in war torn country

Mexico: Drug Rehabilitaton program

Mexico: Provide pediatric scale

Past Projects: Project Amigo in Colima, Mexico, The Peruvian Amazon Indian Institute Vietnam water project, computer and kitchen equipment for schoold for autistic children in Mexico

Sponsor Rotary outgoing exchange student to Japan (2000-01), France (2001-02), Norway (2002-03), Switzerland (2003-04), Chile 2004-05, and Belgime (2005-06).

Host for Rotary exchange student incoming from Chile (2000-01), India (2001-02), France (2002-03), Brasil (2003-04), Mexico (2004-05), Italy (2005-06)

THE 4-WAY TEST: (The ethics of Rotary)

1. Is it the truth?
2. Is it Fair to all concerned
3. Will it build good will and better friendships?
4. Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

FOUR AVENUES OF SERVICE

- ✓ Club (includes club development)
- ✓ Community
- ✓ Vocational (and youth)
- ✓ International

PARTNER INVOLVEMENT

- ✓ Not a couples club (although partners with business or professional affiliations also join)
- ✓ Periodic attendance at meetings.
- ✓ Encourage involvement in fundraising and community events.
- ✓ Special events to recognize spouse contribution

CLUB CULTURE

"Our Rotary Family"

FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS

- ✓ Admission fee \$ 100
- ✓ Annual dues \$ 153
- ✓ Annual recognition dues \$ 70
- ✓ Weekly breakfast meals \$ 13
- ✓ Missed meetings \$ 15
- ✓ Early leaver \$ 5
- ✓ Annual contribution to Rotary Foundation \$ 100 +
- ✓ Social Events \$ 100
- ✓ Club Fundraising events
 - Cajun Fest (\$ 15 per ticket) \$ 150
 - Guys Can CookToo (\$ 35 per ticket) \$ 150
- ✓ District 5130 Events
 - Foundation Dinner \$ 50
 - District Assembly \$ 40
 - District Conference \$ 150
- ✓ Optional: International convention and exchange trips
- ✓ **NET FINANCIAL COMMITMENT @ \$ 1500 PER YEAR**

TIME COMMITMENT

- ✓ Weekly meetings; 100% attendance is encouraged.
- ✓ Makeup meetings should be done two weeks before or after absence from home club (Committee meetings are included)
- ✓ Special Events
- ✓ Committee Events
- ✓ Participation in fundraising events
- ✓ District Assembly (all new members encouraged to attend)
- ✓ District 5130 Conference
- ✓ International Convention

DISCUSSION

- ✓ Why each of us in this information meeting joined Rotary
- ✓ Tell us about yourself, your business, your interests
- ✓ Why do you want to join Rotary?

QUESTIONS AND FORM SIGNING

For further information about our Rotary Club, visit our website at www.sebsunriserotary.org and for District 5130 visit www.Rotary5130.org.

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