

HOW PORT TOWNSEND ROTARY CLUB MEMBERSHIP WORKS

1. You Express Interest

Glad you are here on our website; You can simply drop a line current President Lee Hoffman leehoffman351@gmail.com a line at to him know you're interested in joining the Port Townsend Rotary Club.

2. A Club Representative Contacts You

Once we receive your email, our Membership chair will contact you by email or phone to discuss your interest in Rotary. You'll be invited to get to know the club better by attending a club meeting, a social event, or even to join in on a service project as a volunteer.

Currently we are holding our meeting via Zoom every Tuesday at Noon. Please contact Lee for the link to join us. leehoffman@351@gmail.com

3. The Club Invites You To Join

Now that we have spent some time together and determined that we're a good fit for each other, you will be invited to join. Once you complete your membership application, notice is sent to the current membership. If there is no objection from anyone in the current membership you will be approved for membership. A date for your induction ceremony will be schedule where you will be formally introduced to the membership.

4. You're A Member!

Enjoy getting involved in your new club as a Rotary member. Get involved. Join a committee. Lead a service project. Organize a social event. Lead and contribute to your new club. Remember just like anything else, you get out of your membership in proportion to what you put in.

Rotary is 1.2 million passionate individuals in 35,000+ clubs worldwide. We are both an international organization and a local community leader. Together we lead change in our own backyards and across the world.

WHY JOIN THE PORT TOWNSEND ROTARY CLUB?

- 1. Professional Networking:** A founding principle of Rotary was to provide a forum for professional and business leaders. Members are leaders in business, industry, the professions, the arts, government, sports, the military, and religion. They make decisions and influence policy. Rotary is the oldest, most prestigious service-club organization in the world.
- 2. The Opportunity to Serve:** Rotarians provide service at both the community and international levels. Service programs address health care needs, hunger and poverty, illiteracy, disaster relief, and environmental cleanups, to name a few. Members experience the fulfillment that comes from giving back to the community.
- 3. Personal Growth and Development:** Membership in Rotary ensures continuing personal and professional development. Leadership, public speaking and communication, organization and planning, team-building, fundraising, and teaching are just a sampling of the skills that can be exercised and enhanced through Rotary.
- 4. Friendship:** Fellowship was a primary reason Rotary was started in 1905, and it remains a major attraction. Today, with more than 30,000 Rotary clubs in over 160 countries, Rotarians have friends wherever they go. Rotary helps to build community as well as enduring friendships.
- 5. Cultural Diversity:** Rotary International is an association of local clubs in many countries. Clubs are open to members of every ethnic group, political persuasion, language, and religious belief. Rotary clubs contain a cross-section of the world's leaders. They practice and promote tolerance.
- 6. Good Citizenship:** Membership in Rotary makes one a better citizen. Weekly Rotary club programs keep members informed about what is taking place in the community, nation, and world. Rotary's expansive network of clubs and programs provides extensive opportunities for service and interchange.
- 7. World Understanding:** Rotary members gain an understanding of humanitarian issues and have a significant impact on them through international service projects and exchange programs of RI and its Foundation. The promotion of peace is one of Rotary's highest objectives.
- 8. Entertainment:** Every Rotary club and district hosts parties and activities that offer diversion from one's personal and business life. Conferences, conventions, assemblies, and social events provide entertainment as well as Rotary information, education, and service.
- 9. Family Foundations:** Rotary sponsors some of the world's largest youth exchange and educational exchange and scholarship programs. Rotary clubs provide innovative training opportunities and mentoring for future leaders. They involve family members in a wide range of social and service activities.

10. **Ethical Environment:** Rotarians practice a 4-Way Test that measures words and actions by their truthfulness, fairness, goodwill, and benefit to all. Encouraging high ethical standards in one's profession and respect for all worthy vocations has been a hallmark of Rotary from its earlier days.