

What Is Rotary?

Rotary is a global network of community volunteers.

Rotary club members are business, professional, and community leaders in your locality who meet regularly to plan and implement community service activities and network with other professionals. For those interested, members can also choose to become involved in international humanitarian service efforts. More than 1.2 million men and women in over 200 countries and geographical areas belong to over 33,000 Rotary clubs.

Rotary builds international understanding through scholarships, exchange programs, and humanitarian grants. Throughout the world, Rotary clubs participate in a broad range of educational, intercultural, and humanitarian activities designed to improve the lives of others.

Benefits of Membership

Belonging to a Rotary club provides members with an opportunity to make a contribution to their own communities and to communities around the world.

Members may join Rotary for many reasons, including community involvement, personal development, professional networking, and camaraderie with fellow members. But perhaps the most important benefit is the satisfaction gained from making a real difference in the world.



Rotary Club of Windermere (RCOW) Annual Events

Lobster Laughter Dinner
Arbor Day Celebration
Topgolf Events
Veteran's Day Observance

Interact



Interact is a Rotary club for students aged 12-18 who want to join together to tackle issues in their community that they care most about. Interact Clubs:

- Participate in hands-on service projects
- Make international connections
- Develop leadership skills
- Earn community service hours
- Have fun

Interact Clubs are endorsed by school administration. Students get community service credits for participating on projects.

RCOW sponsors clubs at West Orange and Olympia high schools. We award annual merit-based scholarships to Interact Club members.

ANNUAL 4 WAY TEST CONTESTS

5th grade students compete by writing an essay on how Rotary's 4 Way Test can be used in their lives. Winners receive awards. Schools include Windermere and Thornebrooke Elementary and Edgewood Ranch.

Rotary Club of Windermere – Focus and Support:

Town of Windermere

RCOW built the Town Hall porch and veterans' memorial, remodeled the Town Hall kitchen, built little league parks, revitalized Butler Bay park, helped build the library, provided monument signs at town entrances, and supported many town events and causes.

Veterans' Causes

RCOW supports veterans in many ways. **Home at Last** builds and provides mortgage-free, accessible homes for combat-wounded disabled veterans of Iraq and Afghanistan wars in appreciation for their service and sacrifice.

Edgewood Children's Ranch

RCOW has been a long-term supporter of this residential facility for children who have exhibited negative social behavior due to family circumstances. Through loving care, children are given a safe environment in which to change the direction their lives are headed.

Heritage and Membership:

- Our club has served the community continuously since its founding in 1969.
- We focus on the local community while contributing to needs throughout the world.
- We meet weekly for club, community, and international service and social events.
- Members enhance their professional and social networks, career, and cross-cultural understanding.
- We are nonreligious, nongovernmental, nonpolitical and open to every race, culture, and creed.
- Our members are civic-minded men and women with a dedication to "Service Above Self". Many are business and community leaders.

TESTIMONIALS

"There is no better place to serve my community and have a worldwide impact like eradicating Polio."

Craig Lee

"Service Above Self is the official motto of Rotary. That's what Rotarians do and why I joined. I have found "paying it forward" to be a most rewarding experience amidst a circle of like-minded Rotarian friends."

Karen Hairston

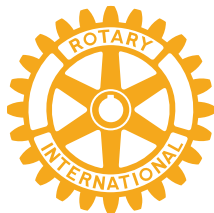
"I belong because it is a way to give to our community in the context of a respected international organization."

George Poelker

"Rotary has changed the world since 1905. The Rotary Club of Windermere provides local civic-minded men and women an enjoyable avenue to help others in need."

Byron Sutton

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PolioPlus, Rotary's most ambitious program to date, focuses on global immunization efforts and has played a leadership role with the World Health Organization, CDC, and UNICEF in bringing the world to the brink of polio eradication.

The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation has contributed \$355 million to Rotary to support PolioPlus activities.



ROTARY CLUB OF WINDERMERE

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Normally meeting weekly at Historic Windermere Town Hall, three weeks on Tuesday mornings at 6:54 AM

and the 4th week on Monday night at 6 PM.

Combined in-person meetings and via Zoom till further notice – call for update.

