

Becoming a Rotarian

After reading this brochure, you may wish to become part of the Rotary Club of Grande Prairie. The information below will help you to understand the nature of Rotary.

Attendance Commitment:

Attendance at 60% of the club's weekly meetings is required. You may also 'make-up' attendance at any of the other 29,000 Rotary Clubs in the world.

Membership Dues:

Dues are used to cover the cost of membership and to run the club.

Service Expectations:

Members get the most out of Rotary by participating. You will be asked to assist with projects to extent to which you are able.

Family:

We encourage family members to attend and participate in all projects and social events.

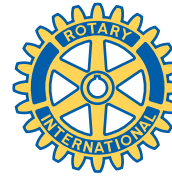
Your Place in Rotary

As a leader in the business and professional community, you can help Rotary continue to make a difference in Grande Prairie. In return, you will:

- Make new friends/network
- Learn more about the businesses and professions in Grande Prairie.
- Gain status in your community as a Rotarian.
- Experience personal growth.
- Be warmly welcomed in Rotary Clubs all over the world.

The Rotary Emblem

The emblem consists of outer cogs on a wheel. A key is used to lock the wheel to an axle. Each Rotarian is considered to be a key - an essential if the organization is to run well.



The Four - Way Test

Rotarians strive to follow the four-way test in all aspects of their daily lives. High ethical standards are emphasized.

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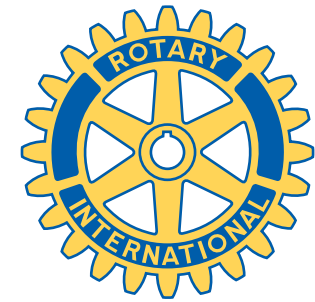
- Of all the things we think, say or do
- Is it the TRUTH?
- Is it FAIR to all concerned?
- Will it build GOOD WILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
- Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

More Information

For more information on the Rotary Club of Grande Prairie, club activities, or details on being a guest speaker, contact:

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The Rotary Club of Grande Prairie



Meets Fridays

12:15 - 1:15

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Rotary International

Rotary International is the largest service club in the world. Its major focus is the promotion of World Peace. It attempts to do this by promoting understanding of other peoples professions and cultures in particular by personal contact.

Currently there are 1,220,000 Rotarians in 169 countries. Rotary now exists in many of the former Soviet satellites and the Republic of China.

Some programs in which we have participated internationally are:

- Group Study Exchange - young men and women go to another Rotary District in the world for four to six weeks to learn about other people's profession and their culture.
- Youth Exchange - a high school student from another country comes to stay with a club for one year, while an outbound student goes to another country.
- International Conventions and District Conferences.

Some international programs that we have supported financially are:

- Polio Plus - this international project's goal is to eradicate polio from the face of the earth. We are ever closer with the contributions made from Rotary around the world.
- Bolivia School Project - During the course of the last six years our club spearheaded a project in Bolivia to provide an integrated school system
- Books sent to Africa
- Cataract surgery in India
- Ambulances, Fire Trucks to Mexico
- Orphanage in Mexico
- Leprosy project in Dominican Republic
- Gift of Sight donations to individuals in a 3rd World Country

Rotary Club of Grande Prairie

The Rotary Club of Grande Prairie was the first Rotary Club in Grande Prairie, being chartered in 1955. Today we have chartered the Swan City Rotary Club and from there the Sunrise Club, and Rotaract was formed. Rotaract is Rotary's mentoring program for future leaders.

Our membership is very active with over 100 members strong. The members consist of busy men and women who are contributing to their community everyday through their businesses or professional lives, in addition to Rotary.

Our club has been recognized locally, provincially and at International levels for its involvement and success with the Rotary Foundation, and the Bolivia and Mazatlan projects.

We are instrumental in the development of the Muskosepepi Children's Playground, the Rotary Bus Tour, Rotary Soccer Fields, and in the future, The Rotary House.

One of our largest projects is the operation and maintenance of the Rotary Campground. This campground can host 100 campers per night and earns the club revenue which we put right back into our community.



Fellowship in Rotary

The Rotary Club of Grande Prairie is not only committed to giving to both our local global communities but also fosters fellowship for our members.

Events such as:

- Lobsterfest
- Christmas Celebrations
- Family Camping
- Guess Who's Coming to Dinner
- BBQ's
- Golf Tournaments

We also hold fundraisers which include:

- Duck Race
- Food Bank Drive
- QEII Foundation Dream Home Partnership
- Bike Auction
- Bingo & Casino Nights

Our club has also provided the Canadian Air Cadets with 50 years of financial support.

