



Rotary International

This is

# Rotary

INFORMATION FOR  
NEW AND PROSPECTIVE  
MEMBERS

**ROTARY CLUB OF VISALIA BREAKFAST**

**DISTRICT 5230**



## The **purpose** of this Rotary Information Meeting is

1. To give you – a Proposed/New Member – a bird's eye view of Rotary.
2. To let you know what you may expect of your membership.
3. To let you know what our club will expect of you as a member.
4. To answer any questions that you might have about Rotary in General and our club in particular.



## **Rotary International is an international organization**

The world is divided into territories within which a group of clubs are associated – these territories are known as Rotary Districts.

As of 1-07 The Rotarian Magazine reported that there are 529 districts in the world, located in 168 countries and 36 geographic territories. There 204 flags in our Rotary family ... more than in the United Nations.

Our club is in District 5230, which is composed of 51 clubs with a membership approximately 3,000 Rotarians.

Rotary International is governed by a president and Board of Directors elected from all over the world. Annually each district elects a District Governor, *but* each club is an autonomous group.

The first Rotary Club was organized in Chicago in 1905 by Paul P. Harris. This club met in rotation at the offices of the members -- thus the name Rotary. There are now more than 32,554 clubs worldwide and over 1,208,562 members, men and women. NOTE: There are over 400 Rotarians in four clubs in Visalia and over 800 in Tulare County.



## Object of Rotary

Is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and in particular, to encourage and foster:

**First.** The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;

**Second.** High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying by each Rotarian of his occupation as opportunity to serve society;

**Third.** The application of the ideal of service by every Rotarian to his personal, business, and community life;

**Fourth.** The advancement of international understanding, good will, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional men and women in the ideal of service.



**We implement the object of  
Rotary through the Four Avenues  
of Service.**

**CLUB SERVICE.** Those things that a Rotarian does to help make successful the running of his Rotary Club.

**VOCATIONAL SERVICE.** The promoting of the 'ideal of service' throughout the business and professional world.

**COMMUNITY SERVICE.** Urges every Rotarian to participate in all activities that make his community a better place in which to live.

**INTERNATIONAL SERVICE.** Encourage and foster the advancement of understanding and good will among peoples of the world.  
... We support The Rotary Foundation program;  
and,  
... We also support the youth of our community and the world.



THE FOUR-WAY TEST  
of the things we think, say or do

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?



## **Your Privileges in Rotary**

The privilege of friendship with leaders:

- in your community
- in neighboring cities
- all over the USA
- in all parts of the world

The privilege of giving service to your community

The privilege of developing international good will and understanding

The privilege of helping build higher ethical standards within your vocation

Thru the common bond of Rotary



## **Your Obligations in Rotary**

### **1. Participation**

To be a Rotarian you must give of your time and talents:

- in community work
- in social functions
- in club and district activities.

### **PLAN NOW TO ATTEND YOUR ANNUAL DISTRICT CONFERENCE.**

### **2. Attendance**

100% attendance is urged and honored in Rotary.

-- This goal can be achieved by attending each weekly meeting of our Club --

-- Or, by making up at another Rotary Club within 14 days in advance or 14 days after a missed meeting; or by attending a Club, District or RI event or project.

In order to remain an active member in good standing ... within a six month period ... you must attend: 60% of Club meetings; and, 30% at your home club.

WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO

**ATTEND 100%** of the meetings ...  
**STAY FOR 100%** of each meeting



## **Your financial obligations:**

### Annual costs

Initiation Fee .....	\$ 75
Annual Dues .....	\$ 180
\$5/wk. per meeting charge.....	\$ 260
The Rotary Foundation .....	\$ 120
Recognitions (Fines) .....	\$ 300
Fund Raiser.....	<u>\$ 300</u>
	\$1235

### Optional Items

Social Events (estimated).....	\$ 300
Full breakfast.....	\$ 5/wk
Missed Meeting Charge.....	\$10/mtg
Visalia Rotary Comm Found.....	\$100/yr

## **Membership**

There are two types of membership in a Rotary club:

- Active
- Honorary



## **How you are chosen for membership in Visalia Breakfast Rotary**

1. A current member of this Rotary Club sponsored your membership.
2. Our Classification Committee verifies your occupation and agreed:
  - ... that you hold an important position in your firm
  - ... that you are an outstanding leader in your vocation
  - ...that you have demonstrated the desire to give back to our community
3. Our Membership Committee verifies your personal reputation both in your business and in the community.
4. Our Board of Directors approves your application for membership.
5. Our entire membership approves you as a new Rotarian.

## Our Rotary Club



Each year we elect our officers. These officers conduct the general business of our club.

Our President, with the approval of our Board of Directors, makes committee appointments based upon the Four Avenues of Rotary --

1. Club Service
2. Community Service
3. Vocational Service
4. International Service

You will be assigned to one of our committees by our President.

You will be welcomed by each member of our Club – but remember, you must make an effort to meet and know us.



## **A sampling of current Visalia Breakfast Rotary projects:**

**Placement of life saving defibrillators throughout Tulare  
County**

**Annual bike assembly and donation to Visalia  
Emergency Aid each Christmas**

**Annual scholarships to Sequoia High School**

**Toys and books to needy children**

**International Youth Exchange**

**International young business people exchange (GSE)**

**Reading to primary school students**

**Job shadowing/mentoring to middle school students**

**Leadership camp for 6 to 8 Mt Whitney High School  
juniors at Sequoia Lake Camp Royal)**

**4-Way Test presentation to El Diamante High School  
freshman**

**Advisors for Redwood High School FBLA and Interact  
students**

**Annual fund raiser of golf tournament and crab dinner**

**Annually, \$30,000 to \$40,000 donated to local  
charities, schools, student activities and non-profit  
organizations**

## **ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PUBLICATIONS**

### **The Rotarian magazine**

You will receive this each month. It is worth reading.

- It contains news of Rotary around the world.
- It also contains interesting articles by outstanding writers on a variety of important subjects.

**Our Rotary Club** furnishes you with:

- Our CLUB BULLETIN ... which reports weekly the news of our members and club activities
- A ROSTER of our members ... you will find it convenient and useful



## **WELCOME TO ROTARY**

Remember no organization is greater than its individual members.

### **YOU ARE ROTARY**

- Participate for [friendship](#)
- Participate for [service](#)
- Participate for [fellowship](#)
- Participate for [knowledge](#)
- Participate for [international understanding](#)

**REMEMBER ... YOU ARE ROTARY!**

## Visalia Breakfast Rotary New Member Checklist

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

New members are required to complete the following list of duties before receiving their permanent name badge. Upon completion of this list, have it signed by a board member or your sponsor and return it to the club membership Director.

<b>Date Completed</b>	<b>Requirement</b>
_____	Attend a new member orientation meeting.
_____	Attend a minimum of four regular club meetings.
_____	Attend a makeup meeting with your sponsor.
_____	Be a Greeter for a regular club meeting.
_____	Fill out the personal facts information sheet attached your membership application and return to the membership director. (page 18 of this document)
_____	Attend a Visalia breakfast Rotary award of directors meeting. See the club president or any board member for a schedule of when the next board meeting is to occur.
_____	Present a brief "craft talk" to the club regarding your occupation. You are welcome to share your personal information as well should you so choose.
_____	Complete the Paul Harris sustaining member commitment form and return it to the membership director. (page 19 of this document)
_____	Participate in a club function other than the weekly meeting.

I \_\_\_\_\_ have completed all the requirements as listed above.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Board Member or Sponsor

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

# VISALIA BREAKFAST ROTARY

[www.ROTARY5230.org](http://www.ROTARY5230.org)

## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Rotary Club of VISALIA BREAKFAST ROTARY Date \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Previous Rotary Memberships \_\_\_\_\_

Name	Date Joined	Date Resigned
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Club Achievements (i.e. past President 1992-93; Youth Area of Service Chair 1997-98, etc.)

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I, the undersigned, being familiar with the requirements for, and conditions of membership as explained by a member of the Rotary Club and contained in its constitution and by-laws, hereby make application for:

**Member Type** (Circle One) **Classification** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date Joined** \_\_\_\_\_  
Active - Honorary

**Rotary Sponsor Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Badge Number** \_\_\_\_\_

I agree to pay the admission fee of \$75.00, and dues of \$180.00 payable at induction in accordance with the by-laws of the Club.

I hereby give my permission to the Club to publish to its members my name and proposed classification.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**PERSONAL FACTS – FOR DATABASE**

Please complete this form immediately and return to:

**David B. Hernandez – 125 S. Bridge St #100 – Visalia, CA 93291**

Fax: 302-3707 (C) 280-6004 Home: 713-0524

E-Mail: [dhernandez@allengroup.com](mailto:dhernandez@allengroup.com)

**PERSONAL**

Mr. Mrs. Ms. Dr. First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Married \_\_\_\_\_ Anniversary Date \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse/Companion Name \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse/Companion Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse/Companion Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

College(s) Attended \_\_\_\_\_

Degrees/Diplomas \_\_\_\_\_

Languages Spoken \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Children:</b>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Gender (M or F)</u>	<u>Date of Birth</u>
	_____	_____	_____
	_____	_____	_____

**RESIDENTIAL INFORMATION** Send Rotary Mail to Home - Business (Circle One)

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

**BUSINESS**

Business Firm Name \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_ Position \_\_\_\_\_

Business Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

Business Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Hobbies and Interest (Fishing, Golf, Reading, etc.)

Notes of Interest and Community Involvement (Board of Directors, non profit organizations, other club, etc)

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Visalia Breakfast Rotary  
Paul Harris Sustaining Membership Program  
Commitment Form

Please enroll me \_\_\_\_\_ in the VBR Paul Harris Sustaining  
(Print Name)  
Membership Program.

I commit to contributing a minimum of \$10.00 per month toward the RI Foundation and Paul Harris Fellow.

My Participation at this level will not only help the Visalia Breakfast Rotary Club obtain/Maintain 100% membership participation in the Paul Harris sustaining program, but also helps Rotary International and all the good work the foundation has done and will continue to d in the future.

I understand that a \$10.00 amount each month will appear on my billing statement starting next month and I can increase this amount by notifying the club treasurer in writing.

Should I resign as a member, I authorize all undesignated contributions to be transferred to the account for Visalia Breakfast Rotary.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature Date

I understand that I can stop my contribution by notifying the treasurer of the club in writing and I doing so will bring the club out of the 100% participation status in the Paul Harris sustaining membership program.

**Record of Action on the Proposal**

Card received by secretary on: \_\_\_\_\_

Submitted to the board on: \_\_\_\_\_

Proposer notified on: \_\_\_\_\_

Rotary notified on: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed card and admission fee and dues received on: \_\_\_\_\_

Publication of name to membership on: \_\_\_\_\_

Inducted on: \_\_\_\_\_

Classification: \_\_\_\_\_

**Use the form on the next page when proposing  
New Members**

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<http://visaliabreakfastca.clubwizard.com>

## MEMBERSHIP PROPOSAL FORM

(To be completed by proposer and returned to:

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Fax: 302-3707 (C) 280-6004 Home: 713-0524

E-Mail: [dhernandez@allengroup.com](mailto:dhernandez@allengroup.com)

I Propose:

Title (e.g. Mr., Ms., Mrs., Dr., Rev.): \_\_\_\_\_ Suffix (e.g., Jr., Sr., III): \_\_\_\_\_

Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Current (or former) Firm and Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (including country/city or area codes) \_\_\_\_\_

Fax (including country/city or area codes) \_\_\_\_\_

Residence: \_\_\_\_\_

Cellular/Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred E-Mail address:  Residence  Business

Membership type (check one):  Active  Honorary

If active, proposed classification:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Dates: \_\_\_\_\_

Dates: \_\_\_\_\_

From To

From To

Recent transfer (one year or less):  Yes  No

If an RI Program participant or Foundation alumnus/a, list program(s) and date(s):

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Activities that would enhance consideration as a Rotarian: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Proposer's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date