

Rotary

Club of Corpus Christi



There has never been a better time to be involved in Rotary –
where member benefits, community service and networking
opportunities await you!





Come help us make a difference in our community and the world!



Weekly Meetings: Thursday, 11:45 a.m. Ortiz Center, Lunch: \$19.00

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The Benefits of Membership

Rotary International is a volunteer organization of 1.2 million neighbors, friends and community leaders who come together to create positive, lasting change in our communities and around the world. About 34,000 Rotary clubs in more than 200 countries conduct projects to address today's challenges, including illiteracy, lack of clean water, disease, hunger, poverty and environmental concerns. If you would like to be involved in a service organization dedicated to solving problems in your local community and in our global community, consider joining Rotary.

Since our founding in 1914, the **Rotary Club of Corpus Christi** has been dedicated to its mission of creating meaningful fellowship of business and community leaders who are dedicated to making a positive difference in the local, regional, national and international communities through service. As the 125th club to charter, we are one of the oldest clubs in Texas as well as one of the largest with over 250 members.

Service

Rotary is the oldest service club in the world with a unified motto: "Service Above Self." Club members have many opportunities for humanitarian service, both locally and internationally. Service projects for our club address concerns such as education, youth, veterans, clean water, hunger and the environment. Rotary is known worldwide for its 30+ year effort to eradicate polio. Rotarians regularly experience the fulfillment that comes from giving back.

Friendship

Rotary was founded on fellowship, a cornerstone that continues to attract members today as Rotarians enjoy camaraderie with other civic-minded individuals. Club projects and socials provide opportunities to develop enduring friendships and members who travel have friendly contacts in almost every city of the world.

Family

Rotary sponsors some of the world's largest exchange and education programs, involving family members in a wide range of social and service activities. The Rotary Club of Corpus Christi encourages family members to get involved in everything from our Food Bank Box project to the Salvation Army Bell Ringing project. Our club organizes innovative training opportunities and mentoring for young leaders through RYLA, a youth leadership camp.

Ethics

Encouraging high ethical standards and respect for all worthy vocations has been a hallmark of Rotary from its earliest days. Rotarians abide by the Four-Way Test: of the things we think, say or do:

It is the TRUTH?

Is it FAIR to all concerned?

Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?

Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

Networking

An original goal of Rotary was to allow club members to meet periodically and enlarge their circle of business and professional acquaintances. Rotarians represent a cross-section of people who make decisions and influence policy in their community. Every Thursday, the Rotary Club of Corpus Christi meets for lunch to hear from distinguished speakers on local and global issues, making networking opportunities both fun and informational.

EXAMPLE PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES

Harvey Weil Dinner and Silent Auction

A skilled angler, hunter and naturalist, Harvey Weil was a passionate conservationist. He was acutely aware of the critical decline of the natural world and he spent his life supporting conservation and environmental interests. After his death in 1995, his friends in the Rotary Club of Corpus Christi organized this event and established the Harvey Weil Award fund to carry on Harvey's commitment to conservation of wildlife and marine environments.



Each year the Harvey Weil Conservationist Awards are presented at the Harvey Weil Dinner to individuals who are leading conservationists within the marine or wildlife environments. Proceeds from the dinner and silent auction have provided over \$750,000 in grants to support research and education for conservation of natural resources.



Rotary Youth Leadership Awards

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) is Rotary's intensive leadership training program for young people designed to develop communication skills, character, and ethical decision making all within a team-building framework. The Rotary Club of Corpus Christi organizes and hosts this three (3) day RYLA camp for high school students within District 5930. These campers are awarded a tuition scholarship for RYLA by sponsoring Rotary Clubs from throughout the District. Approximately 150 high school campers participate in the leadership training weekend held in January or February each year. Campers, who demonstrated strong team building and leadership skills as well as a commitment to learning, are invited back the following year to be student counselors and further their leadership training. Our RYLA program emphasizes leadership, citizenship, and personal growth, and aims to:

- Demonstrate Rotary's respect and concern for youth
- Provide an effective training experience for youth
- Encourage strong leadership of youth by youth
- Recognize young people for service to communities



Adoption Awareness Picnic

All children need a family to love them. Currently around 1,400 children in our area are available for adoption. Several Rotary Clubs from throughout our communities work together to sponsor the Adoption Awareness Picnic. This event provides an opportunity for prospective parents and adoptable children to interact during a fun, family-oriented event with food, games and prizes. Over the years, this successful event has matched multiple children to their forever homes.

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Food Bank Box Project

Strong fellowship among Rotarians and meaningful community and international service projects characterize Rotary worldwide. Each year the Food Bank of Corpus Christi receives as many as 2,500 requests for assistance during the holiday season. Our club helps by creating 1,000 special holiday boxes which are distributed to those in need. The boxes include canned and dry goods. When delivered, the clients also receive a frozen turkey and other perishable products to make a wonderful and complete holiday meal. The Food Bank of Corpus Christi serves 11 counties in the Coastal Bend area through 120 agencies and 21 mobile pantries. Over 19,000 people eat food provided through the Food Bank programs including

pantries, mobile pantries, senior centers, feeding agencies and day cares for both low income children and seniors. This project involves not only Rotarians but also their family including children and grandchildren. It is a family Rotary event.

International Water Project

Our club's international project provides clean water, sanitation, and proper hygiene education and techniques to families in multiple communities in Honduras. These projects provide biosand filters; latrines; hygiene and sanitation workshops; and water pumps and training for community water boards, hygiene committees and community agents. These are all critical components for successful and sustainable projects.



Adopt-A-Beach Clean-Up Project

Keeping Texas beaches clean and safe is an economic as well as environmental priority. Our club volunteers with the Texas General Land Office's Texas Adopt-A-Beach program, an all-volunteer effort, dedicated to preserving and protecting Texas beaches. The project takes only a few hours of your time and takes place in the spring and fall each year. This is a great project for the entire family.

Salvation Army Bell Ringing

Many families in our community are in financial need. Our club serves our community by volunteering to help The Salvation Army collect funds for the less fortunate at Christmas time. The event takes only one hour of time, one day a year. There are several different locations from which to choose. The project takes place the first Friday of December each year and is a great project for the entire family.





MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

To be completed by the Rotarian Sponsor or Nominee [PRINT OR TYPE] and sent to: Rotary Club of Corpus Christi, 921 N. Chaparral, Ste. 210, Corpus Christi, Texas 78401. Web application form available at www.rotarycc.com.

Requisites for Membership: An adult of good character and good business and professional reputation, who

- (i) Engages as a proprietor, partner, corporate officer or manager of any worthy and recognized business or profession; or
- (ii) Holds a position in any worthy and recognized business or profession or any branch or agency thereof, or
- (iii) Is involved in community, civic or political activities; or
- (iv) Has the status of Rotary Foundation alumni - Ambassadorial Scholar, World Peace Fellow.

NOMINEE'S NAME: _____

Age: _____ Number of years in Corpus Christi: _____

Name of Nominee's Firm: _____

Firm's Principal Business: _____

Address of Firm: _____

Business Phone: _____ Fax: _____ E-mail: _____

Position (title) with Firm: _____ How Long: _____

Duties with Firm: _____

Nominee's Residence: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Please list any church affiliation, civic, professional, service and social organizations and activities that the nominee is affiliated with and offices held. _____

Is the nominee a current or former member of another Rotary Club? _____

Name of Club: _____ Dates of Membership: _____

Please list Rotarians who know the nominee: _____

Why is this nominee a good addition to the Rotary Club of Corpus Christi?

Sponsor: _____ Time known nominee _____

Printed _____ Phone: _____

Nominee _____

Printed _____ Phone: _____

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY: Date Received In Office: _____ Interviewed By: _____
Interview Date: _____ Date: _____ Board Approval: _____ Mentor Assigned: _____
Published: _____ Dues Sent: _____ Dues Received: _____ Date Introduced: _____



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION PROCESS

Requisites for Membership: A member should be an adult person of good character and good business and professional reputation, who

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Nomination Process

- 1) Club member(s) can submit a Membership Nomination Form to the club office, or
- 2) Prospective member can self-nominate for membership.
- 3) Nomination forms are turned into the Rotary Office and the nominee is then scheduled for a one-on-one interview with one of the Rotary Board officers.
- 4) Nominee attends the New Member Interview where they learn about Rotary: its mission, history, service opportunities and membership commitments.

Approval Process (estimated time: one month)

- 1) Upon completion of the nomination process, Board reviews and votes on interviewed nominees.
- 2) Board-approved nominee names are sent to Classification Committee and are posted in the Pilot newsletter for one week for current membership comment.
- 3) If no objections are received during the comment period, the nominee is approved and receives their dues statement, personal datasheet, and photography information from the Rotary Office for completion.
- 4) Following payment (initiation fee and current dues) and submission of personal datasheet and photo, the sponsoring club member or assigned mentor introduces the new member at a regular club meeting where they will receive their Rotary Red Badge identifying them as a new member.
- 5) During the membership approval process, nominees are welcome at our weekly Rotary meetings.

New Member Commitments

- 1) Financial commitments
 - a. One time admission fee \$200
 - b. Annual dues \$500
 - i. Dues are billed semi-annually at \$250, or
 - ii. Dues can be paid via credit card monthly at \$41.66, auto payment & 1 year commitment
 - c. Suggested Charitable Giving to Rotary International \$100
- 2) Participation
 - a. Weekly meetings are held Thursdays at noon; lunch is \$19.00. We hope every member will strive for an annual participation at 50% to make the most of this learning and fellowship opportunity.
 - b. Participate on at least one committee or project of interest to you (Blue Badge requirement).
 - c. Visit a minimum of 25 club members at their place of business and secure their signature in your club directory (Blue Badge requirement).
 - d. Assist Sergeant-at-Arms six times as assigned (Blue Badge requirement).
 - e. Recruit one new Rotary nominee for interview process or participate in 6 service projects (Blue Badge requirement).

Mentor Assignment: New members are assigned a Mentor for their first year to introduce them to the current membership and assist in identify the projects and committees that match the new member's interests.

Member Orientation: New members are asked to attend the next available New Member Orientation meeting. During this event, requirements to receive blue badge are further discussed along with club activities, and new members are given an opportunity to get answers to any remaining questions.



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YEARS
"SERVICE ABOVE SELF"