



# VAIL ROTARY CLUB

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## MEMBERSHIP & MEDIA GUIDE

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## ***Welcome to Vail, Colorado***

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*"Rotary is the best in the world at linking people of goodwill around the globe and then gaining their cooperation to make the world a much better place to live and work."*

Ray Klingensmith, RI President-elect, 2010 International Assembly, San Diego  
Introducing the Rotary International Theme for 2010-2011

The Vail Rotary Club is the oldest and longest serving civic and charitable organization in the Vail Valley, chartered in June of 1970 by the members of the Rotary Club of Glenwood Springs, Colorado. Since its beginnings 40 years ago, the club has raised and distributed over \$1.5 million to local, regional, and international causes, ranging from the worldwide eradication of polio, to clean and sustainable water in developing countries, to academic and vocational scholarships to our local students, to child health screenings and urgent care funding for the uninsured, to annual youth exchange programs, and early grade school literacy projects, just to name a few.

The 62 members of the Vail Rotary Club are dedicated to making a difference through world peace and understanding of cultures and the human condition. During the course of each Rotary year (July - June), Rotarians volunteer countless hours to raise funds, participate hands-on in numerous service projects outlined in this guide, and work in cooperation with the communities in the valley to provide the civic and charitable services most needed by our residents, all in the spirit of Rotary's motto: "Service Above Self".

Vail is just one of over 33,000 Rotary Clubs in the world. With more than 1.2 million members, Rotary International serves over 160 countries, making it the largest global humanitarian organization.

## **VAIL ROTARY CLUB: *Our Membership***

Every Rotarian represents a vocation. For example, the first four Rotarians were an Irish lawyer, Jewish tailor, Swedish mining engineer, and German coal dealer. Each club is asked to maintain a diverse classification of vocations so that not more than 10% of the membership is at any time of the same profession. Vail's members represent over 30 vocations ranging from educators, to resort managers and real estate brokers, to bankers and foundation executives, to attorneys, accountants, engineers, to artisans and entrepreneurs, and many others.

Every week on Wednesday mornings from 7:30-9:00am, Vail Rotary convenes its breakfast meetings at the Manor Vail Lodge, 595 Vail Valley Drive, Vail, CO 81657. The meetings are the most important time for members to socialize, share fellowship, discuss the club's activities and business matters, and engage in the speaker program. Topics are often of local or regional interest and may be about international Rotary programs as well. Our speakers are thought-provoking and give us a chance to learn about projects and services that we wouldn't normally read or hear about in the news. Guests are always welcome at the invitation of any member.

Upon attending at least three breakfast meetings, one may apply for membership to the Vail Rotary Club and become an active Rotarian. The application is attached to the final page of this guide and may be submitted by email, fax, or in-person. The initial fee is \$150.00 and quarterly membership dues are \$187.50. Applications for membership are submitted to the board of directors for consideration and approval. Please refer to the application and terms of membership for FAQ's and more information.

Manor Vail Lodge is located across from Golden Peak and has private parking for all guests. When arriving, please say "Rotary" and the front desk will open the gate for you. Parking is free from 7:00-9:00am. If you wish to stay and ski, please notify the front desk and pay the parking fee directly to the hotel. Also, members who bring guests to breakfast meetings are asked to pay a \$10.00 fee to Rotary. However, if the guest is interested in joining Rotary or participates in a Rotary program, there is no charge for the breakfast.

## **VAIL ROTARY FOUNDATION: *Our Programs***

All event programming, fundraising, and charitable giving is conducted through the Vail Rotary's 501(c)(3) organization exempt from tax, the Charitable Foundation of the Vail Rotary Club (VRF or Foundation). Rotarians are engaged year-round in planning, promoting, and facilitating the activities designated by our four Avenues of Service: Club, Vocational, Community, and International. We have outlined these below:

### ***Club Services***

First Avenue of Service, chaired by the President-elect and responsible for fundraising events, membership development and program speakers:

***Fundraising Events: Chair, Dave Plain.***

- *Vail Rotary Rubber Duck Race, annually on Labor Day Weekend on Gore Creek.*
- *Vail Rotary Ski Poker Run, annually in March on Vail Mountain.*

***Membership Development: Chair, Alison Wadey.***

- *Introduces new members to club services and foundation programs.*
- *Membership support services, coordination, mentoring, fellowship events.*

***Program Speakers: Chair, Matt Spencer.***

- *Plans, coordinates, schedules, and facilitates weekly program speakers.*
- *Diverse topics, engaging speakers, relevant issues.*

### ***Vocational Services***

Second Avenue of Service with the primary role of facilitating our Scholarship Program, traditionally issues grants to high school graduates for 2 and 4-year higher education and vocational studies such as technical institutes. The Scholarship Program is managed in partnership with the Edwards and Eagle Rotary Clubs. Total grants awarded annually ranges from \$40,000 to \$50,000.

In 1999, the Foundation established a Scholarship Endowment Fund for the purpose of sustaining long-term annual giving to local youth who exemplify "Service Above Self" in their high school years and community activities.

## **Community Services**

Third Avenue of Service focused largely on local needs, primarily directed towards youth and family services:

**Child Health Task Force: Chair, Carolyn Cage.**

- *Facilitated through local schools, "Gatekeepers" issue vouchers for urgent care to children who are uninsured to receive medical, dental, and other necessary services that would otherwise be covered by insurance. Providers, such as physicians and dentists, accept a nominal \$200.00 to treat cases that would normally cost 5-6 times as much.*
- *Program was created in 1999 with an Opportunity Grant from Rotary International and has since received significant support from the VRF, Vail Valley Cares, Ceridian, Qwest, and Eagle County Commissioners.*

**Literacy Project | Dictionaries: Chair, Liz Keay.**

- *Every third grader, every year, receives a dictionary presented by Rotarians in classrooms across Eagle County. We facilitate this program in partnership with the Edwards and Eagle Rotary Clubs.*

**Salvation Army Bell Ringing: Chair, Dan Smith.**

- *The holidays are a time of significant need and the bell ringing program is the most successful and well-known tradition in almost every community. VRF also granted the Salvation Army \$5,000.00 in the fall of 2009 to help with the struggling economic times.*

**RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Award): Chair, Joanna Kerwin.**

- *This annual event held in Glenwood Springs highlights the leadership and scholastic achievements of a select group of Eagle County high school students. During the event, students learn leadership techniques and have peer competitions for awards at day's end.*

**Environmental Projects: Chair, Susan Pollack.**

- *Vail Rotary Club adopts a section of Interstate 70 at the top of Vail Pass to maintain twice a year. Rotarians also volunteer for the Eagle River Watershed Council's Annual Highway Cleanup in the spring. VRF has long supported the ERWC with annual grants to subsidize the cost of the volunteer event.*

**Vail Valley Wine Auction: Chair, Susan Pollack.**

- *VRF and VVWA have a long-standing volunteer relationship in raising money for educational purposes, specifically culinary arts and vocational grants in the field, through holding an annual wine auction event.*

## **International Services**

Fourth Avenue of Service broadens our reach across many borders. Chaired by Past President, Peter Leslie, and responsible for numerous endeavors, such as:

### **Clean Water Projects | Water & Sanitation Rotary Action Group:**

**Co-Chairs, Ted Gilliland & Susan Pollack. Reggie O'Brien on leave, Peace Corps.**

- *Rotary International's worldwide leadership on this issue is tremendous and VRF has pledged significant resources to the advancement of clean water, specifically in the countries of Honduras and Mexico. Our members have traveled thousands of miles by rural methods to finance, construct, and implement potable water systems in communities where governments did not act.*

### **Dental Missions: Chair, Jerry Sibley. On R.I. Missions, Dr. Kim Schilling.**

- *Every year, in partnership with the Cherry Creek Rotary Club in Denver, VRF sends a crew member on mission to South America to perform a week-long dental clinic for local communities who would otherwise not receive dental care.*
- *Dr. Kim Schilling travels continuously throughout the year to remote venues such as Antarctica to perform dental procedures for local inhabitants who may be hundreds of miles from a dentist. Kim has received significant recognition from Rotary International for her efforts across the globe.*

### **Youth Exchange: Co-Chairs, Bobbie Ruh & Larry Agneberg.**

- *One of the remarkable things we get to be a part of every year is the Rotary Youth Exchange Program. Rotarians host an incoming student from a country designated by Rotary International between August and July coinciding with the academic school year. While in Vail, the exchange student lives with 3 to 4 host families and attends Battle Mountain High School for one year, usually the junior year or foreign equivalent. This program is also for outbound Eagle County students who qualify. Outbound students are hosted by the Rotary Club in the town and country of their destination.*

### **Group Study Exchange & World Peace, Ambassadorial Scholarships**

- *International vocational exchange is the best way to describe GSE. Professionals from another country coordinate an exchange with like-minded peers from our District to travel to each other's regions to study and assess the local business and cultural practices.*
- *Rotary International has received endowments from individual Rotarians for the sole purpose of granting World Peace & Ambassadorial Scholarships on an annual basis to graduates pursuing a Masters in Peace and Conflict Resolution. Such Benefactors include Dr. Edward & Patti Blender of the Vail Rotary Club, and Mr. Roger Giuliano of our sister Rotary Club, Caracas, Venezuela.*

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS: *Our Leadership***

Every November the elections committee, chaired by Past President Larry Agneberg, calls for nominations of the board of directors for the next Rotary Year beginning July 1<sup>st</sup>. The current and future boards are:

### **JULY 1, 2009 TO JUNE 30, 2010**

*President, Bob Redwine*  
*President-elect, Dave Plain*  
*Past President, Scott Proper*  
*Treasurer, Henry Kunter*  
*Secretary, Peter Leslie*  
*Sergeant-at-arms, Ted Gilliland*  
*Director, Rick Spitzer*  
*Director, Leanna Roberts*  
*Director, Dan Telleen*  
*Director, Rob Schilling*

### **JULY 1, 2010 TO JUNE 30, 2011**

*President, Dave Plain*  
*President-elect, Diana Meehan*  
*Past President, Bob Redwine*  
*Treasurer, Henry Kunter*  
*Secretary, Mark Dean*  
*Sergeant-at-arms, Ted Gilliland*  
*Director, Leanna Roberts*  
*Director, Dan Telleen*  
*Director, Rob Schilling*  
*Director, Alison Wadey*  
*Director, Matt Spencer*  
*Director, Liz Keay*  
*Director, Rich tenBraak*

Elections are held in December. Nominees must be active members of the Vail Rotary Club for at least two years prior to candidacy. Officers are elected to one-year terms, while directors are elected to two-year terms.

## **AWARDS & RECOGNITION: *Our Report Card***

Rotary International enjoys a global reputation for being the leadership behind volunteer service, charitable giving, and most importantly, results that have tangible impact on the human condition. Living in Vail and its surrounding communities also carries a reputation of measurable success and historical achievements by its residents on and off the mountain. Pairing these two paths has resulted in Vail Rotary's long-term sustainability, quality of membership, and over 50 national and regional awards in 40 years of service, most notably:

### ***4-Time Winner of the D.D. MONROE AWARD***

*Best Club in District 5470*

### ***1998 Winner of the CHARLES CLAUSEN AWARD***

*Largest Single-Donor Annual Contribution to the Rotary International Foundation*

### ***Over 50 REGIONAL AWARDS***

*Membership and Programming*

*Web Development*

*Sustainable Contributions to Annual Funds*

*Club Operations & Management*

We are also proud to acknowledge three Rotarians who have served at the International and/or District 5470 level:

*Edward Blender: Rotary International Foundation Director,  
Endowed Benefactor,  
Rotary International Council of Affairs Director,  
District Governor, 5470  
Past President, Vail Rotary Club*

*Susan Pollack: Assistant District Governor, 5470  
Past President, Vail Rotary Club*

*Scott Proper: Assistant District Governor, 5470  
Past President, Vail Rotary Club*

# **SUSTAINABLE GIVING**

## **TO THE ROTARY INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION: *Paul Harris Fellowships & Bequest Society Members***

Rotarians are not only members of their respective clubs, but also the global community that is Rotary International. The ability of Rotary to act in cases of disaster or towards more long-term goals such as the worldwide eradication of polio is contingent on the ability of individuals to make financial contributions to the Annual Fund and International Foundation by way of Paul Harris Fellowships, named after the founder of Rotary. To recognize these donors, Rotary has established the following categories:

### **PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS**

*By giving \$1,000.00 to the Rotary International Foundation  
Each additional \$1,000.00 is denoted by a (+1, +2, +3, etc.):*

*LARRY AGNEBERG +1, CHRIS AUBEL, BRUCE BECKWITH, CAROLYN CAGE +1,  
GARY CAGE +1, JOHN COGSWELL +1, TED GILLILAND +3, GARY GILMAN,  
MIKE GLASS, MARSHALL GORDON, TOM HOPKINS, TOM HOWARD +4,  
HENRY KUNTER, KLAUS KUNTER +2, PETER LESLIE, GREG MOFFET +1, WOLF MUELLER,  
REGGIE O'BRIEN +1, SUSAN POLLACK +3, LUC POLS, JP POWER, ALDO RADAMUS +1,  
BOB REDWINE, LEANNA ROBERTS, SUE RYCHEL, KIM SCHILLING +1, JERRY SIBLEY +1,  
ROB SPERBERG +1, DAN TELLEEN +1, RICH TENBRAAK, BILL WILTO +2,  
STEVE WODLINGER*

### **BEQUEST SOCIETY MEMBERS**

*Members who have bequested a portion of their estate to the Rotary International:*

*DR. EDWARD & PATTI BLENDER  
BILL WILTO  
PAT BENEDICT  
SUSAN POLLACK  
MARSHALL GORDON  
LARRY AGNEBERG  
SUE RYCHEL*

## **APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP: *Our Invitation***

*Membership in the Vail Rotary Club and Rotary International is a privilege and earned by reputation. Please accept our invitation to join the world's oldest and largest civic and charitable organization. The following information must be provided for the board of directors to consider your application. Please read carefully and let us know if you have any questions whatsoever.*

*Please direct questions to: Alison Wadey, Membership Chair, [awadey@cordillera-vail.com](mailto:awadey@cordillera-vail.com)*

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PROFESSION:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**PHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**EMAIL:** \_\_\_\_\_

**FAX:** \_\_\_\_\_

**BUSINESS NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**POSITION:** \_\_\_\_\_

*In addition to the above information, please include a copy of your resume or C.V. and a 150-200 word bio and reasons for joining Rotary. Please submit this application via email to Alison Wadey or in-person at any breakfast meeting along with a check for \$150.00 payable to the Vail Rotary Club. Please sign below and initial the terms of membership attached to this page. Thank you and we look forward to welcoming you to Rotary soon!*

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**Signature of Applicant**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

## **TERMS OF MEMBERSHIP: *Our Details***

- Timely payment of dues. Invoices are issued at the beginning of each calendar quarter and are due within 20 days. If you are traveling or away for an extended period of time, please contact Henry Kunter, Treasurer, [henrykunter@yahoo.com](mailto:henrykunter@yahoo.com) to make arrangements ahead of time. Leave of absence is discussed below.
- Attendance is important so that you are informed of the business of the club and knowledgeable of its events and programs. Rotary International requests no less than 50% attendance. You can attend meetings of other Rotary Clubs if traveling; however, please remember to acquire a “makeup card” as proof of attendance.
- Leave of absence is available to members in good standing who need three to six months during which they will not be able to attend meetings regularly due to medical or professional reasons subject to board approval.
- Rotary is a non-political, non-religious organization and asks its members to be mindful of this in public discussions regarding Club affairs and public communications. Disregard for this policy may result in suspension or revocation of membership.
- Authority to engage in contracts and agreements is reserved to officers and directors of the board unless otherwise expressly consented to by the board of directors. General liability insurance is afforded to each member while engaged in Rotary business but does not cover personal injury or damage you withstand or incur.

Please initial below to confirm you have read and understand the terms of membership as presented herein. Remember to attach to your application.

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***Initial Here***