



Boise Metro Rotary FAQ's

- What does Rotary do?
 - World's FIRST Service Organization; non-partisan / non-religious
 - We are on the forefront of eradicating polio from the planet
 - We meet weekly for volunteer service work or to hear a presentation from a guest speaker about a current event, business, or non-profit
 - We connect with other Rotarians and clubs locally and globally for fellowship and projects
 - Rotarians are People of Action, pursuing ideas from club members or citizens to solve problems and create a better community
- How much does it cost?
 - Boise Metro Rotary's dues are \$750 / yr; bi-annual billing in Jan and June.
 - \$110 of the dues goes towards Rotary International and District dues
 - The rest goes toward weekly lunches, room rental, projects and admin.
- How often do you meet?
 - Weekly; sometimes we meet offsite while on a field trip.
- How / where / when do you meet?
 - We are currently meeting on Tuesdays, from 12-1pm at the Stonehouse, 709 Park Blvd, Boise (adjacent to the RAM).
- What if I can't make a meeting?
 - Feel free to join another Rotary meeting whenever you'd like to 'make up' a meeting; there are 10 clubs in the Treasure Valley!
 - [Club Directory - Rotary District 5400](#)
 - Volunteer / do service work somewhere if you wish
- What obligations will I have as a Rotarian?
 - Up to date with club dues
 - Serve on a committee
 - Participate in service projects
- Why should I join?
 - Fellowship! Some of the most active, interesting, can-do people will be Rotarians!
 - Sense of service: Rotary allows you to volunteer and participate in making the community a better place for so many others; the power of working together to solve big & small challenges
 - If you have a cause that you're passionate about, it's possible Rotary could be your outlet to pursue that dream
- What is a typical Boise Metro Rotary meeting like?
 - Welcome / mingling
 - Pledge of allegiance
 - Song from club member – we supply lyrics!
 - Guest introductions
 - Announcements
 - Happy / sad dollars (casual fundraiser for our club; members donate a few dollars for announcing personal happenings they're happy or sad about; funds go toward our projects). We have a Venmo account for our virtual giving.
 - Guest presentation
 - Four Way Test recital

- How many Rotary clubs are in the Treasure Valley?
 - 10
 - Each club has a distinct personality and format. Feel free to try out a few to find a good fit!
 - Boise Centennial (Thursdays, 7 AM)
 - Boise Downtown (Thursdays, 12-1:30PM)
 - Boise East (Tuesdays, 5:30 PM)
 - Boise Metro (Tuesdays, 12-1PM)
 - Boise Sunrise (Tuesdays, 7 AM)
 - Boise Southwest (Wednesdays, 12-1PM)
 - Caldwell (Wednesdays, 12 PM)
 - Eagle / Garden City (Thursdays, 12-1PM)
 - Meridian (2nd and 4th Mondays, 12-1PM)
 - Nampa (Tuesdays, 12-1PM)
- How do I get information about the club and activities?
 - The Boise Metro Rotary club emails a weekly newsletter to our members and friends. Just let a Member Rotarian know that you'd like to be included on the 'friends list' and provide your email. We also have a website and Facebook page.
- What type of service projects has your club done?
 - Shark Pond! We sponsored an entrepreneur from Ghana, Africa, to start a plastic recycling business by granting him money to purchase a motorized trike to collect and recycle plastic bottles into usable items after his pitch to our member judges
 - JEM Friends-Painted the interior and had new carpet installed at the home of aged-out foster young adults; supply them with gifts from their holiday list each year, and help provide holiday decorations.
 - Completed a Pocket Park on the Greenbelt in Boise near Ling & Louie's, complete with a bike repair station, benches, and commemorative bricks! The next phase/addition to the park will be a pollination project.
 - Everyday Leadership Program: we adopted a dedicated group of Garfield Elementary 5th graders in our neighborhood featuring a multi-year curriculum emphasizing leadership skills; we've participated in their science fair, and attended / participated in after-school sessions with them.
 - Hosted several teams of international professionals and university students from Siberia; Indonesia; and Sub-Saharan Africa for cultural and professional exchange of ideas and peace-building.
 - Greenbelt Park / Rest Area Signage & Maintenance near Garden City Library
 - Monthly Greenbelt litter removal on a mile section near our pocket park in Garden City.
 - Supported Guatemalan organization with Boise roots: Semilla Nueva-a high-protein corn production program helping to increase protein and zinc in the diets of Guatemalans
 - Shelter with picnic table on greenbelt near Highway 21 / Warm Springs Ave.
 - Burgers for Bikes, Bikes for Kids (morphed into Boise Bicycle Project)
 - New bike assembly by club members and gave away to kids in need...including helmets!

- What types of speakers have you had at Rotary?
 - We've had a cross selection of speakers from civic leaders, to CEO's and non-profits covering varying topics. The good news is if you have an interest in hearing from someone or on a specific subject matter, you are able to provide input to the program / speaker coordinator.

- What are Rotary's core values?
 - Fellowship
 - Integrity
 - Diversity
 - Service
 - Leadership

- What is Rotary's Four-Way Test? The Four-Way Test has long served as an ethical guide for members to live by in their personal and professional relationships. This is said at the close of the weekly meetings:
 - *Of the things we think, say, and do:*
 - *Is it the truth?*
 - *Is it fair to all concerned?*
 - *Will it build goodwill and better friendships?*
 - *Will it be beneficial to all concerned?*
 - *Will it be FUN?!*

- **How do I join?!**
 - Contact Carrie Westergard, 208-720-8445 or Mary Reiman, 208-401-4258 and we'll get you more information!
 - An application, **Membership Proposal Form**, can be found on our website under **Club Documents** too: [Home Page | Rotary Club of Boise Metro](#)
 - Complete the form and email it to Carrie Westergard: cwestergard@visitboise.com