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# ROTARY CLUB OF WOODLAND

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## WELCOME TO THE ROTARY CLUB OF WOODLAND

Rotary International is the largest and oldest service club in the world. It is not a chamber of commerce or trade type of organization. Its roots go back to 1905.

It is comprised of more than 1,250,000 members in 33,000 clubs located in 168 countries. Rotary enjoys a rich and sometimes complex tradition and organizational structure, with many programs and customs that can be confusing to new and even not-so-new members. Once you become a new Rotarian you will be given an orientation session by longtime Woodland Rotarian and past president, Frank Gardner.

\* We give you this smattering of Rotary so that you might better understand the magnitude and goals of Rotary. Rotary is an organization of business and professional persons united worldwide who provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations and help build goodwill and peace in the world. The motto of Rotary is, "Service Above Self." The fulfillment of the goals and projects of Rotary do require time, effort and money on the part of its members.

\* Regular attendance of weekly Rotary meetings is the lifeblood of Rotary. Without it a new member cannot become acquainted with the Rotary members, nor will they be able to get to know you. Neither you nor Rotary can benefit from your membership without your commitment to assign a certain amount of your time to Rotary activities. Approval of your name for membership carries with it the obligation of regular attendance at the weekly meetings of Rotary. However, because it is not always possible to attend the home club meeting, Rotary Rules permit you to make up an expected absence up to two weeks before that date or two weeks after a missed meeting. Since Rotary clubs are located throughout the county, including the Woodland Sunrise Club, a makeup meeting can be arranged fairly easily. If three consecutive meetings are missed without makeup, a member is subject to automatic termination. A member is still charged for the price of a luncheon in the event of a missed meeting. As stated previously, Rotary takes the requirement of regular attendance of meetings seriously. You must be willing and able to accept this commitment as a member of Rotary.

- There is also a financial commitment connected with membership. The costs of meeting luncheons alone must be considered when making your decision to become a Rotary member. At present the weekly luncheon cost is \$14.00 per member. Currently annual dues are \$160.00. Over the year you will be expected to contribute an additional \$60.00, or such other amount, as might be set for the year by the Board. "Recognition" covers activities such as birthday, anniversaries, graduations, vacations and other noteworthy events. In addition, expenses involved in participating in the annual Christmas dinner-dance, the June demotion party and the annual auction dinner will add up to a total of \$250 to \$300 per year.

- The Rotary Foundation is the charitable arm of Rotary. It receives moneys given to Rotary and administers projects approved for funding. In 2000-01 the Foundation received \$102,000,000 in contributions. Since 1947 it has received contributions in excess of \$1.193 billion to be used for charitable purposes.

- Rotary has been very involved in community projects over the years. We can only mention them without much explanation in this brief Introduction to Rotary. The projects have involved FFA greenhouse construction, FFA annual auction, Rotary Park at the Yolo Co. Fairgrounds, Rotary mobile BBQ, Woodland Opera House corner project, PolioPlus International campaign to eradicate polio throughout the world, annual high school scholarships and renewals for recipients, Woodland schools bike helmet drive, Camp Royal, and Camp Venture scholarships, Woodland bus stop benches, Senior Citizens May BBQ, Meals on Wheels drivers, Boy Scout benches for High Sierra camps, May Fair BBQ at the Gibson House Museum, Fern Park Children's Playground equipment, Freeman Park gazebo, remodeled Peterson Clinic waiting room, Yolo General Hospital, support of Yolo Co. Alternative Education programs, support of Cache Creek High School, dictionaries for Woodland schools, RotoPlast International Project for repairing of cleft palates, and recently the Rotary Field scoreboard at Pioneer High School. These projects have exceeded \$250,000. We continue to seek out and fund worthy community efforts.

- Finally, there are annual activities that require your participation and support. The Club sponsors a Senior Citizens BBQ luncheon at Rotary Park in the Spring. Rotary assists the Yolo County Museum in their Spring event. We participate in manning a Fair Booth during the Yolo County Fair and other activities that arise from time to time. These activities not only benefit the community, they provide a means for Rotarians to get to know each other and appreciate each other's talents and personalities.

Rotary membership results in many satisfying experiences. Rotarians have the opportunity to create new friendships. Rotarians meet and work with the active and successful members of the community.

If you have any questions about Rotary or the Woodland Rotary Club, please contact any member or President Steve Venables, or visit our website at [www.woodlandrotary.com](http://www.woodlandrotary.com)