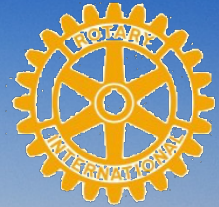


Rotary

Club of San Francisco





Welcome!

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Welcome to Rotary Club of San Francisco! As the second oldest Rotary Club in existence, we don't rely on our history to define who we are today. Yes, this club has held a prominent place in the life of the City and the Bay Area since 1908, but we don't rest in this success! Our current members are actively involved locally and internationally to apply Chicago Rotary founder Paul Harris' aims of cooperation, teamwork, common purpose, and community spirit.

About this information packet

This information packet contains relevant information to help your decision to engage with our club. The following information is included:

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Next steps

If you have not already done so, please check out one of our meetings. Your first meeting is complimentary, and you have up to three meetings to decide whether you would like to join our club. We meet on the first three Tuesdays at noon at the Drake Hotel. Check our on-line calendar by clicking **here** for additional events.

Sir Francis Drake Hotel
450 Powell St.
San Francisco, CA 94102
United States

Please read over this information packet, and visit our website (www.sfrotary.org) for more information. If you have further questions about Rotary, please do not hesitate to contact us online.

Sincerely,
Stephanie Schmautz
President



Tom Briody
Membership Chair





About Rotary International



San Francisco Rotarians gathered on a recent weeknight to plate and package 800 dictionaries which were later delivered to San Francisco 3rd graders.

About Rotary International

Rotary International is the world's largest service organization, 1.2 million members strong in over 34,000 clubs spanning 168 countries. The organization and its members perform local and international service projects, focusing on the following six areas: 1) basic education and literacy, 2) economic and community development, 3) peace conflict and resolution, 4) maternal and child health, 5) water and sanitation, and 6) disease prevention and treatment.

Rotary is a grassroots organization, with most of our service occurring at the club level. The district and international structure is designed to support club service locally and globally. **The Rotary structure consists of the following:**

- **Clubs:** Rotarians are members of Rotary clubs, which belong to the global association Rotary International (RI). Each club elects its own officers and enjoys considerable autonomy within the framework of Rotary's constitution and bylaws.
- **Districts:** Clubs are grouped into 529 RI districts, each led by a district governor who is an officer of RI.
- **Rotary International Board:** The 19-member RI Board of Directors, which includes the RI president and president-elect, meets quarterly to establish policies. Traditionally, the RI president, who is elected annually, develops a theme and emphasis for the year.



Famous Rotarians and the History of SF Club #2



From left to right: Neil Armstrong, Sir Edmund Hilary, Pope Francis, John F. Kennedy, Margaret Thatcher, Manny Pacquiao, and Colonel Sanders.

Famous Rotarians

Rotary has a rich history. Amongst our members were **U.S. Presidents** such as John F. Kennedy, Franklin D. Roosevelt, Woodrow Wilson and Dwight Eisenhower; **International Figures** such as Pope Francis, Margaret Thatcher, Sir Winston Churchill, Prince Charles, and Luciano Pavarotti; **Founders** such as Walt Disney, Charles Walgreen of Walgreen Drug Company, JC Penney, Joyce C. Hall of Hallmark Cards, Sam Walton (founder of Wal-Mart) and Claude Vuitton of Louis Vuitton; and **Innovators & Pioneers** such as Thomas Edison, Neil Armstrong, Orville Wright, Charles Lindberg, and Sir Edmund Hillary.



The History of the Rotary Club of San Francisco

The Rotary Club of San Francisco was founded Nov 12th, 1908 and is the second oldest Rotary Club in the world. Chicago was the first club, 45 months older than San Francisco. Initial expansion beyond Clubs One and Two primarily took place on the US west coast.

The establishment of the Rotary Club of San Francisco in 1908 was followed by the Oakland Rotary Club (Tri-City Club) in February 1909, the Seattle Rotary Club in June 1909, and the Los Angeles Rotary Club, also in June 1909. The growth of Rotary gained momentum and 16 Rotary Clubs were established by the first Rotary International convention held in Chicago in 1910.



Weekly Meetings

We meet at the Drake Hotel each Tuesday of the month but the last. The last week of the month, we join at another location to volunteer or fellowship. Check our on-line calendar for additional events.

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Our weekly meetings are filled with fun, recognition and upcoming volunteer opportunity and social event information. During the second half of the meeting, a guest speaks on a topic of member interest and community relevance.



Our mantra and that of other clubs across the world is "We are this close!".
We are this close to eradicating polio worldwide!



Local Community Service

Below is a sampling of the work we do throughout the year.

- **Dictionary Project:** Yearly, we purchase and deliver over 800 dictionaries to San Francisco third graders, many of whom have never had a book of their own.
- **Thanksgiving at The Arc:** Members supply, cook and serve Thanksgiving dinner to nearly 400 adults with developmental and physical disabilities.
- **Harbor House:** We support recent graduates of The Salvation Army's Harbor Light Center, a local addiction treatment program for homeless single-parents seeking sobriety and self-sufficiency. After the participants' graduation and re-entry into civilian life, we assist the graduates with essential household items for their new homes. We also provide Thanksgiving meals and holiday gifts for the families.
- **Swinging Skirts Golf Classic:** Club Two Rotarians work concessions for one week in the spring. Proceeds support San Francisco Rotary Club Two charity gifts.
- **Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA):** Rotarians organize and sponsor a life-changing leadership weekend for primarily 11th graders from San Francisco, Marin and the Peninsula. The students learn about opportunities for positive community impact and how to prepare for college and beyond.
- **Bike Build:** Members of the Rotary Club of San Francisco, along with other community partners, assemble new bicycles for distribution to disadvantaged and underserved youth.

New in 2015 - We will organize and host the first annual **Backpack Dash**. The purpose is to collect schools supplies and backpacks for local youth while enjoying a fun run in San Francisco's Golden Gate Park.





International Service



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International service is a cornerstone of Rotary. Annually, many Rotarians travel abroad to help with international development projects, building a Kenyan water well, creating an Ecuadorian microfinance program, or delivering polio vaccines in India. The following are just a few of the many programs we support:

- **Water & Sanitation Projects:** A member of The Rotary Club of San Francisco, and Professor of Civil Engineering designed a water system for the barren landscape that is Remba Island, on Lake Victoria, Kenya.
- **Cataract Surgeries:** Rotavision physicians and volunteers have now completed more than 50 missions, trained several hundred ophthalmologists in countries visited, and examined and treated more than 1,800 children and adults.
- **Cleft Lip and Palate:** This program provides reconstructive surgeries for children with Cleft Lip and Palate worldwide. Members of the San Francisco Rotary started both Rotaplast and Alliance for Smiles.
- **Scholarships:** Rotary International is the world's largest privately funded scholarship organization.



Membership Commitment and Application

Thank you for your interest in the Rotary Club of San Francisco.

For more information about our club, please visit www.sfrotary.com.

For information about joining our club, including our membership commitment agreement and an application, please visit www.sfrotary.com/page/joining-rotary

