



ROTARY CLUB OF BEAVERTON

LIST OF SERVICE AND FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES

OVERVIEW

The purpose of this list is to inform new and veteran members of the Club, as well as the public, about the many service and fundraising activities that give Rotary Club Of Beaverton its identity and character as an important contributor to the quality of life in the community in which we live and work, and in the world community.

Individually, we contribute through hands-on work and leadership in the Club's own projects and through promotion and fundraising for charitable causes in which other organizations are taking the lead role.

Our activities are undertaken both within the Club itself and through Beaverton Rotary Foundation, a tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organization governed by a separate Board of Directors drawn from the Club's membership. (Each Club member is a voting member of the Foundation.)

This list is intended to be current as of the publication date, though it is not necessarily complete because changes are always occurring in the flow of imagination and enterprise of the members.

The information presented here follows the order of the five Rotary Avenues of Service: Vocational, Community, International and Youth Services/New Generations.

Additional information about the activities can be obtained from the listed Directors and Chairpersons, whose contact information can be found in the Club Directory.

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VOCATIONAL SERVICE – Director: Jessica Leitner

Vocational Scholarships. Committee Chairperson: John LaPlante

The Vocational Scholarship Committee's purpose is to select students who are pursuing vocational careers and assist them with Rotary scholarships.

The process starts with getting the word out to schools, educators and students, informing them about the application format.

After receiving the applications, the next step is to screen and interview the candidates and select those who the Committee chooses to recommend to the Club and Foundation Boards for scholarships. With the approval of the Boards, the students are awarded Rotary scholarships.

Continuing Education For Young Parents Scholarships. Committee Chairperson: Bill Crist

CEYP is operated by the Beaverton School District. The purpose is to ensure that young parents complete their high school education. The District provides a regular high school program plus childcare.

This is an alternative educational program for pregnant students and school age mothers and fathers in the Beaverton School District. It provides a supportive environment in which students can continue their education and prepare for the responsibilities of pregnancy and parenting.

The Club provides scholarships for students in the CEYP program at Merlo Station High School.

4-Way Test Competition (Prospective) Committee Chairperson:

This is a program in the development stage, being coordinated through Club member Maureen Wheeler, who is the Public Communication Officer for Beaverton School District. Under the program, there would be an oratory competition for 7th graders, which would help them to fulfill an academic requirement of the District. The Club would be the sponsor and offer prizes for the student or students in participating schools who win the competition at the school and District levels. The focus would be the ethical guidelines provided by the 4-Way Test of Rotary International.

COMMUNITY SERVICE, GROUP 1 – Director: Ron Mittlestaedt.

College Scholarships. Committee Chairperson: Denise Townsend

The function of the Committee is to award deserving high school senior candidates a \$1,000 scholarship to attend a college in Oregon.

The Committee consists of 6-8 Club members, who:

Make local high school counselors aware of the scholarship in March;

Collect and review applications for the scholarships;

Interview and evaluate applicants through an interview process (2 evenings in April);

Choose applicants to whom the scholarships will be awarded, notify them and verify their acceptance; and

Host the awardees at a Club meeting towards the end of May.

The number of awardees varies from year to year, depending upon available funds. However, there usually have been four. Awardees from previous years are invited to reapply each year that they are in school, so it is possible that \$16,000 will go out each year (4 new and 4 previous awardees).

Holiday Party For Participants in (CEYP). Committee Chairperson: Liz Butson.

In addition to providing CEYP scholarships (described under major heading Vocational Service/New Generations, above), the Club hosts a holiday party for the students. The purpose of the party is to provide an opportunity for the Club's members to meet and socialize with the students in the program.

About 12-15 members are involved in planning and organizing the party, including purchasing food and gifts and serving the students.

This activity takes place during the 2nd or 3rd week of December, before the students start their winter break. Planning begins about 2 months before the event, and follows no set schedule.

Rebuilding Together. Committee Chairperson: Jeff Hansen

Each year, in the last week of April, about a dozen Beaverton Rotarians get together to come to the aid of a Beaverton homeowner who is in serious financial trouble and can't adequately maintain his or her residence. In a two-day effort,

the team performs necessary maintenance work, such as outside painting, clean-up and minor repairs. Combined with similar projects operated by other clubs and organizations, our project helps to make it easier for homeowners in the area to keep their residences.

Oregon Food Bank. Committee Chairperson: Jon Woodworth

In our service project we repackage bulk frozen food into two-pound packages for the Oregon Food Bank. About four times per year between 15 and 20 of us meet at the food bank's facility on Saturday mornings between 9:00 am and 11:30 am, working on an assembly line scooping, weighing, tying and packing, or in the back room making labels with instructions for preparation of the food. A group of friends called Hands-A-Plenty works with us on this service.

Bell Ringing. Committee Chairperson: Jon Woodworth

As bell-ringers we raise money for the Salvation Army during the holiday season by staffing the red kettles at the Raleigh Hills Fred Meyer for a full day. All of the Club members are invited and encouraged to participate. In 2014 we will go out on Sunday, December 14. Announcements will be made in advance. A group of friends called Hands-A-Plenty is also involved with us in this service.

Meals on Wheels. Committee Chairperson: Jon Woodworth

Through Meals on Wheels we deliver hot meals to homebound seniors by acting as drivers and navigators. About 14 of us take part in this service activity every Tuesday between 10:30 am and 12:00 pm. Schedules are sent out every six months for the following six months.

Edwards Community Center. Committee Chairperson: Dick Herz

The Edwards Center provides those with developmental disabilities the quality of life that those without disabilities enjoy--and to do so over the course of their lifetime. Beaverton Rotary supports the Center in a number of ways. Recently, we funded a project to acoustically equip a community music room available to the Center and the community.

COMMUNITY SERVICE, GROUP 2 – Director: Maureen Wheeler

Local Community Grants. Committee Chairperson: Ken Dailey

One of the main service goals of Beaverton Rotary Club is to provide funds, and to stimulate additional funding, for worthy community service projects for those

in need. The Community Grants Committee facilitates this function of the Club by:

1. Reviewing proposals for community service projects annually in April;
2. Prioritizing applications based on criteria previously approved by the Club's Board;
3. Making recommendations to the Board for any changes to the approval criteria;
4. Providing advice and assistance to applicants and service committee chairs on the design and management of their projects, including helping to maximize the use of matching grants to multiply the resources available to fund the projects; and
5. Ensure that approvals are consistent with Club and Foundation guidelines.

Dictionary Project. Committee Chairperson: Greg Oaks

As part of Rotary's goal to improve literacy, we provide dictionaries to every 4th grade student in the Beaverton School District. This project is enthusiastically supported by the members and supported in part by fundraisers organized by the Club. Each year, we deliver over 4,000 books in the 33 elementary schools in the District.

Each book has a label inside with the individual student's name as the owner and the Club's identification as the donor. The dictionaries are appropriate for the ages of the students and include an Atlas and lots of other useful information. They even feature the longest word in the English language, which the students love to try to pronounce.

Club members assemble and organize the books in a labeling and boxing party, distribute the boxes among themselves, visit the schools and personally hand a dictionary to each student during class time with brief presentations that include a few words about Rotary and the value of the dictionaries to the students.

School principals and teachers are grateful and cooperative, and the students are surprised and happy to be given a personalized dictionary of their very own as a resource for their education. For some, it's the first book they've ever owned. It's a very rewarding time for all concerned.

Beaverton Clothes Closet. Committee Chairperson: John ("Dutch") Van Zonneveld

The Clothes Closet is operated by volunteers from the School District's parent groups and the Beaverton community to provide free clothing for students in grade3s K-12 in lower-income families. Rotarians have done clothing drives and provided volunteers during the day of service. Donations of clean, attractive, school-appropriate clothing, such as warm jackets, sweatshirts, mittens and jeans are always appreciated.

We also provide volunteers to the warehouse and store located adjacent to the District offices in Beaverton.

Livestock Auction. Committee Co-Chairpersons: Dick Herz and Dave Tonges

For several decades, the Club has supported the Livestock Auction during the annual Washington County Fair. The Auction is a culminating activity of 4-H and Future Farmers of America youngsters who have raised livestock, such as cattle, goats and lambs. They put their animals up for auction after lovingly raising them. Members help with keeping the auction going: weighing animals, preparing certificates, etc. Members also make cash contributions to support the activities.

Beaverton Together. Chairperson: Doug Taylor

Beaverton Together is a coalition that works to mobilize community action and resources to promote safe and drug-free lifestyles in Beaverton youth. Membership is comprised of a cross section of partner agencies and businesses. Its primary work is the planning and sustainability of prevention programs for parents, youth and the community. Specific supported activities include:

- Multi-cultural basketball for high school boys and girls;
- “World Café” for youth and parents to chat about healthy lifestyles;
- Safe homecoming campaign;
- Student surveys;
- Social marketing for high school students;
- Partnership with tobacco reduction efforts;
- Highlighting community risk factors and protective actions.

Books For Kids. Committee Chairperson: John Boone

When schools host fund-raising book fairs, many low-income families cannot afford to give their children money to buy books. Beaverton Rotary fills that gap. We provide vouchers for these students to buy their own book and we insert a bookplate inside the cover with the child's name.

The Club annually helps these less fortunate students to purchase their own paperback books during their school's book fair. Through Club fundraising activities, the Club is able to help students “purchase” some books that they

would not be able to afford. They are delighted when they can choose their very own books. Our members help to staff the book fairs, which are set up by Scholastic Books.

Home Plate Services. Committee Chairperson: Jon Woodworth

HomePlate supports youth who are homeless or have housing instability through community building, education, plus access to services and resources. Rotarians fund and serve meals for these young people.

Beaverton has one of the highest numbers of homeless students in Oregon. The Club's members plan and serve a hot meal for the Home Plate community organization and the youth they serve on assigned Wednesday evenings in the Merlo Station High School cafeteria. But it isn't just about the meal. Our volunteers are encouraged to talk with and get to know these young people. For many of these students, this is the ultimate kindness – someone noticed them and reached out.

Beaverton Police Activities League. Committee Chairperson: Geoff Spalding

The Beaverton PAL builds partnerships between youth, police, and the community through programs designed to encourage and develop good citizenship and to improve the quality of life in the greater Beaverton area. PAL works with youth ages 8 to 18, many who live in high-risk neighborhoods, are low income, or classified at-risk. PAL offers youth options, encouraging them to make good choices, provides role models, and builds positive relationships through athletics, recreational, and educational programs.

INTERNATIONALSERVICE – Director: Jessica Leitner

Books For The World. Committee Co-Chairpersons: Frank Appel and Carl Vorhies

This Committee's activity is part of the International Service activities of the Club. It participates with other clubs in District 5100 that have an interest in World Community Service projects. Through this Committee the Club makes an effort to follow the Rotary spirit: to build international bridges of friendship; to advance understanding and goodwill among people of developing countries; and to improve the quality of life of the recipients. The basic objectives of the Committee are:

(A) To provide educational materials and teaching aids to educational institutions in developing countries that are in dire need of text and reference books, computers, printers, copiers, etc.

(B) To put to further use some of the abundant and still-useful textbooks (used or refurbished), computers and peripherals that are no longer needed in our communities and would otherwise be recycled or destroyed.

Performance of all manual work delineated below is done by volunteers from the Club and other individuals:

1. Collecting used books from public school districts, private K-12 schools, colleges and universities, book stores, libraries, book distributors, private collections, etc.;
2. Storing collected materials in a rented space;
3. Packing materials in Gaylord boxes for shipping;
4. Arranging for transportation of the boxes by truck or rail a port for ocean transportation to the destination country. Trans-oceanic freighters typically load our shipment through Port of Tacoma, WA or Port of Los Angeles, CA, then transport them to the Port of entry at or near the project country. An agent of the recipient organization will be responsible for clearing customs, temporary storage, transfers and trucking to the final destination.

Shipping costs and logistics to implement the project:

(A) Rotary Foundation Matching Grant – the Beaverton Rotary Foundation funds some or all of the costs, works with a partner Rotary Club in the project country, secures contributions from a club within the District or in the project country, and prepares all necessary documents relating to these tasks.

(B) Preferred Process for Pre-Paid Transportation - funds are secured through a USA government Humanitarian Assistance (HA) Funded Transportation Program. This program pays all transportation costs from our warehouse to the Port of Entry at or near the project country. Customs duties and related costs, plus land transport to final destination is the responsibility of the receiving organization.

Friendship Exchange. Committee Chairperson: Sherre Calouri

The Rotary Friendship Exchange program (RFE) provides a means through which Rotarians in one part of the world can experience life in another country or culture. Its goal is to advance international understanding and goodwill through person-to-person connections across national boundaries.

Exchanges are arranged through the District RFE Committee. The Committee seeks out other Districts who might like to have an exchange with our District.

The host club determines the length of stay but it is usually 3-4 days with each family. Travelers from long distances may stay in one District 7-10 days. District 5100 has been actively involved with Friendship Exchange for many years. Rotarians have visited Rotarians in many parts of the world, including: Turkey, Australia, South Africa, United Kingdom, Brazil and many others.

Beaverton Rotarians interested in participating in RFE should let the Club president know of their interest. Their name will then be put into the data base and they will be notified when exchange opportunities come up.

World Community Service. Committee Chairperson:

WCS covers humanitarian assistance projects that are funded by the Club but implemented outside of the US. Members who would like to develop a project prepare a grant request that is first submitted for consideration by the International Service Committee. If approved, the application is passed on to the Club board for approval and then sent to the club foundation board for final approval and funding.

A portion of the Club's budget is allocated to international projects, but many projects get additional funding through Rotary grants from District 5100 and Rotary International and by raising partner funds from other District 5100 clubs.

The Chairperson is responsible for the project at all stages, i.e., the development and implementation of the project, communication with the overseas Rotary partner club or implementing group, and reporting. The Club has had international projects in multiple countries in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Middle East.

International Grants. Committee Chairperson: John La Plante

The WCS Grants Committee represents Beaverton Rotary by reviewing international grant requests and other international matters that pertain to Rotary. Grant requests, including Global, District Matching, and requests from other Rotary clubs to help with their projects, are reviewed by the Committee. If it selects a grant request for recommendation, it presents the request to the Club and Foundation Boards for approval. If approved, the Beaverton Rotary Foundation makes the dollars available to help see the grant go forward.

Rotary International Foundation. Committee Chairperson: Tom Freitag

Christine manages Paul Harris Foundation donations and ensures that the Club is annually contributing a substantial sum of money to the RI Foundation. She also ensures that matching money is often available to our members, so that a donation to the Paul Harris Foundation is matched by Rotary International. For more information on the history of the Paul Harris program, visit the Club's Website.

YOUTH SERVICE / - Director: Jessica Leitner

In 2010, the RI Council on Legislation added a fifth Avenue of Service: New Generations, to the original four: Club Service, Vocational Service, Community Service, and International Service as the foundation of club activity.

The Avenue of New Generations recognizes the positive change implemented by youth and young adults involved in leadership development activities, community and international service projects, and exchange programs that enrich and foster world peace and cultural understanding.

Interact. Committee Chairperson: Ron Mittelstaedt and Jessica Leitner

Interact is a club for youth, ages 12-18, who want to connect with others in their community or school. Interact club members have fun while carrying out service projects and learning about the world. Interact clubs organize at least two service projects a year: one that benefits their community and one that encourages international understanding.

While Interact clubs receive guidance from individual Rotary clubs, they govern and support themselves. The Club sponsors these groups and the Chairperson establishes the relationship with the school and makes suggestions to involve the students in support of some of the Club's service activities.

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards. Committee Chairperson: Dave Spangler

RYLA is a leadership development program of Rotary International. While participants can be any age, most events focus on secondary school students, university students, or young professionals.

We sponsor two young people who are in the early years of their career to attend a week-long professional and personal growth academy. Seminars are provided by a number of leaders in a variety of professions.

RYLA events are typically 3-10 days long and include presentations, activities, and workshops that cover a variety of topic, including:

- Leadership fundamentals and ethics
- Communication skills
- Problem solving and conflict management
- Community and global citizenship

Youth Exchange. Committee Chairperson: Jim Lundblade

The Club each year sponsors a student from the Beaverton School District to spend his or her junior year of high school in a foreign country, and in turn facilitates hosting a student from another country to spend a year living in Beaverton and going to a Beaverton High School. This is in coordination with

the Rotary District 5100 program and oversight. A list of some of the Youth Exchange committee's functions are:

Outbound student

1. Interview and select prospective outbound student by the fall of his or her sophomore year
2. Facilitate creation of outbound student application to District by October 3, of their sophomore year
3. Involve outbound student in Club activities through sophomore year
4. Monitor outbound student's stay in the foreign country
5. Arrange a post-exchange presentation by the (now former) outbound student before the Club

Inbound student

1. Arrange for 3 host families for inbound student during the school year
2. Arrange for schooling of inbound student with the Beaverton School District
3. Train host families and inbound student in their responsibilities to each other
4. Monitor inbound student's stay in Beaverton from arrival in August through June of the school year
5. Encourage the inbound student to attend Club functions
6. Encourage the Club to host the inbound student on outings

The Youth Exchange Committee also facilitates short-term student exchanges, which are outside the school year and last for about 4 to 6 weeks. These are family-to-family exchanges.

Rotaract.

Rotaract, is not presently an active program of the Club.

Rotaract originally began as a Rotary International youth program in 1968 at Charlotte North Rotary Club in Charlotte, North Carolina, USA, and has grown into a major Rotary-sponsored organization of over 9,539 clubs spread around the world and 219,397 members. It is a service, leadership and community service organization for young men and women between the ages 18–30. Rotaract focuses on the development of young adults as leaders in their communities and workplaces. Clubs around the world also take part in international service projects, in a global effort to bring peace and international understanding to the world.

FUNDRAISING – Director: Tom Freitag

Rose Sale. Committee Chairperson: John LaPlante

For over 40 years the Club has conducted the rose sale as its biggest fundraiser of the year. The purpose is to raise money for the Beaverton Rotary Foundation to support the Club's charitable activities. Each year, the Club sells over 2,000 roses, raising at least \$25,000 for the Club's charitable activities.

A majority of the Club's members personally participate in selling the roses, which currently sell for \$25.00 per dozen. Many members have secondary sellers that help sell roses to their networks.

At a cost of \$12.50 per dozen, a good surplus is raised. Those who don't sell are given the goal of donating \$200 in lieu of sales. Of course, a great many of the members take part in the numerous tasks involved in such a large project, and all are welcome to join in.

The sale activities go on for a month, with delivery of the roses to the purchasers over a two day period.

In 2013, the Club added to its tradition by setting aside roses for area non-profits, such as a group home for people with developmental disabilities, as well as those helping elderly folks receiving Meals on Wheels.

While the rose sale, which is larger than all but a few fundraisers in District 5100, is the primary fundraiser for the Club, it is seen by many as more than that – a great opportunity to all work together in a good cause, versus writing a check.

Participation fees, donations and sponsorships are tax-deductible, being directed to the charity through the Beaverton Rotary Foundation.

Wine/Auction Event. Committee Co-Chairpersons: Bob Neubauer and Charlie Dobson

As one of the most important of the Club's fundraising activities, the Committee holds a wine raffle and auction every fall. Through this work the Committee and all who participate provide about \$10,000 to \$12,000 for the Foundation. Members contribute wine and money, and help in organizing the event. Raffle ticket purchases and wine donations, directed to the Beaverton Rotary Foundation, are tax-deductible,.

A high percentage of the Club participates in one way or another. To help, just call Bob or Charlie.

Sun Run. Committee Co-Chairpersons: Sherre Calouri and Greg Oakes

The Sun Run is the newest major fundraising activity organized by the Club. Scheduled for July of each year, the event raises substantial funds for a worthy cause in the Beaverton-Portland area. In its first year, 2013, it was a big success in selling sponsorships and collecting entry fees to cover the operating costs. Runners include members of the Club and also many invitees in the community. Fees, donations and sponsorships are tax-deductible, being directed to the charity through the Beaverton Rotary Foundation.

To participate in selling or in organizing the event, or as a runner, just call Sherre or Greg.

Beaverton Rotary Foundation Service Programs

Beaverton Rotary Foundation funds all of the projects listed above.

The Foundation also provides community grants to a variety of other community-based organizations. Grant applications are accepted once a year. The Club's Rose Sale, Wine Event and Sun Run are major sources of funding for these projects.

The following are additional organizations that are supported by the Foundation. Further information about them should be directed to the Foundation's President, currently, Carl Vorhies.

Chess for Success

Chess for Success is a leader in providing safe, positive alternatives for students in low income schools in across Oregon and SW Washington. Chess for Success offers a unique solution to help elementary and middle school students succeed in school and in life. The organization provides an education program, which uses chess as a vehicle to teach critical thinking, good decision making and help build self-esteem. The Beaverton Rotary Foundation purchases chess games and funds instruction for disadvantaged students in the Beaverton School District.

Peterson Press

Bob Peterson started this project several years ago with financial and moral support from the Foundation. It uses his design for a simple hand press to convert

charcoal or other substances into briquettes for villagers in Uganda for heating and cooking. The project recently has been set up as an Oregon non-profit corporation under the name of Peterson Press, Inc. An application for recognition by the IRS as a tax-exempt organization has been granted.

Special Projects Committee

The Special Projects Committee is a standing committee of Beaverton Rotary Foundation.

1. This Committee considers grant requests referred to it by Board of the BRF or the Board of the Rotary Club of Beaverton. The reason for the referral may be due to the monetary amount of the request, its timeliness, or the expectation that funding decisions will be made more than once, e.g., in successive years.
2. The recommendations of the Committee go to the BRC Board for review and recommendation and then to the Board BRF for decision.
3. Members of the Committee are the Vice President of the BRF (Chairperson); Treasurer of the BRF; President-Elect of the Rotary Club of Beaverton; Chairperson of the BRC International Grants Committee, Chairperson of the BRC Community Grants Committee, and one additional member who is a BRXC Past President and designated by the BRF president.
4. Committee Members for 2014-2015, effective July 1, 2014, are:

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| BRF Vice President | John Cook (Chairperson) |
| BRF Treasurer | Steve Schmidt |
| BRC President-Elect | Jim Lundblade |
| BRC International Grants Chair | John LaPlante |
| BRC Community Grants Chair | Ken Dailey |
| BRC Past President | Tony Passion |