

WHAT MAKES THE ROTARY CLUB OF TUCSON GREAT:

1. Friendship: You are going to make friends. In fact, it was one of the primary reasons Paul Harris started Rotary in 1905. We create lifelong friendships in our network of local and international communities.

2. Professional Development: Rotary is a network of business, professional, government officials, and community leaders, who have a culture of high level integrity and purpose. Our members meet with people every week, from a vast range of vocations who can provide assistance to our business and professional development. Although we are not solely a business networking organization, we afford our members exposure to leaders in our local community. By this association, our members can enhance their business, and learn.

3. Personal Growth: Rotary gives our members the opportunity to vastly expand their personal horizons. Every week, you are exposed to new thoughts, new professions, new opportunities, new learnings. Our members develop and enhance important social skills. A key aspect of Rotary is its internationalism, which gives our members a broad international scope. Membership in Rotary helps to make us all better – better individuals, community leaders, and humanitarians.

4. Fun: Rotary is fun. The club projects are fun. The social activities are fun. And the service is fun. Our club meetings and other events are filled with fellowship, purpose, humor, and entertainment. Our Chapter has parties, activities, and dinners that enhance our camaraderie. Our members are friendly, warm, welcoming and engaging.

5. The Opportunity to Serve: Service is what Rotarians do. We change the lives of others in need. Your membership in Rotary gives you the opportunity, structure, knowledge, and resources to provide impactful service to others. The benefit a Rotarian receives by helping someone else is extraordinary and life enhancing.

6. Community: Rotary gives our members a way to get involved in making their local communities better. Membership and involvement make an individual a better community citizen and more connected with community leaders and the needs of the community.

7. Prestige: Rotary is one of the oldest and most prestigious civic organizations in the world. Membership in Rotary is by invitation only. Worldwide, Rotarians are recognized as some of the most prominent individuals in business, trades, politics, and the community. Being a Rotarian gives you instant access to these people and helps to identify you as a special individual.

8. Leadership Development: A core value of Rotary is our development of leaders and leadership skills. We provide leadership training at all levels of our organization. Rotary's brand of leadership is distinctive. We teach how to lead in the context of a volunteer organization. If you can be an effective leader in Rotary, you will be a better and more effective leader in your business. Serving in key Rotary positions is like an advanced degree in leadership.

9. Global Citizens: Rotary is in over 200 countries and geographical regions. There are few places on the globe which do not have a Rotary club. This global presence gives our members the exclusive opportunity to create friends in both the local and the world communities. This global connection gives you the opportunity and vehicle to be a better global citizen. Members who are involved in international businesses will find access to global business, professional, and community leaders an invaluable asset.

10. Cultural Awareness: Rotary is a cross section of the world's most prominent citizens from every background. Rotarians learn to love and work with people of all backgrounds and culture.

11. Community Connections: Membership in Rotary immediately connects you with a broad range of professions and professionals: in our club, city, region and globally. We encourage our members to do business with each other because we trust and respect our fellow Rotarians. Vocational diversity is one of Rotary's core values. Because of this diversity and our ethical dealings with each other, our members can have confidence in creating long term business, community, and philanthropic relationships.

12. Continuing Education: Involvement in Rotary allows our members to broaden their perspective and improve their business skills. Attendance at the weekly meetings exposes our members to expert speakers presenting a variety of topics. Further, training is available for Rotarians who take on responsibility in the organization. Training in fund raising, non-profit management, event production, communications, etc. will help you to grow in Rotary and develop additional business and personal skills.

13. Public Speaking Skills: Rotary club meetings and events place a high value and regard on effective public speaking. Participating in a Rotary club helps our members to develop confidence and skills in public communication, and the opportunity to use it. Rotarians who get more involved will be exposed to higher levels of public speaking training.

14. Unique Travel Experience and Assistance: Members who travel will find that being a Rotarian will open doors throughout the world. "The Pin Gets You In!" Visiting a Rotary club while you are traveling will give you immediate access to local resources and information. Also, Rotary clubs everywhere can provide quick assistance in obtaining services of a doctor, lawyer, dentist, etc., while traveling.

15. Next Generation Programs: Rotary provides one of the world's largest, most structured and responsible youth program. Our youth exchange programs, for the academic year, short-term, and summer exchanges are recognized as one of the best and most cost efficient available. We also have clubs in high school and college that help students develop their leadership, social, organizational and communication skills. These youth programs are also available to the family members of our Rotarians.

16. Develop Social Skills: Every week and at various events and functions, Rotary develops one's personality, social and people skills. Engagement with Rotary during international travel helps introduce Rotarians to new cultures and languages.

17. Opportunities for the Family: Involvement in a Rotary club immediately integrates the family into a community's support network. Lifelong relationships and friendships are created that can support a family for years. Rotary service projects are an ideal opportunity for working with your children to teach them the value of helping others. Finally, Rotary's Next Generation programs can help the children of Rotarians to develop special skills and experiences that can distinguish them as they apply to colleges and universities.

18. Vocational Skills: Rotary fosters growth and development in each person's profession or vocation and encourages sharing this development with others.

19. Ethics Treatment: One of Rotary's core principles is the "4-way Test" which governs ethical standards. Rotarians are expected to be ethical in business and personal relationships. Further, Rotary presumes an ethical relationship between its members. Rotarians presume the goodness in one another, in both business and volunteer capacities.

20. You Can Make a Difference - Locally and Globally Rotary gives our members the ability to make a difference and provides an exclusive benefit to our members to follow their passion in helping others. Rotary empowers our membership to dream large in addressing needs in local and international communities. Few, if any, other organization has the structure, the network and resources that are available to its membership. Individual members create our projects – from the global eradication of polio to local beautification projects.

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