

The Rotary Club of Grants Pass Committees

Membership To gain and retain Membership. Also, monitoring and encouraging the importance of attendance and participating as an active/new Rotarian in committees of the club. This committee is made up of mostly past presidents.

Hospitality Hospitality is defined as kindness in welcoming guests or strangers. The Hospitality Committee is responsible for making sure members and guests of the Rotary Club of Grants Pass feel welcome and comfortable at all of our meetings. Our primary duty is to schedule the Rotarians who perform the weekly functions of Greeting and leading the Inspiration and Song and Pledge.

Community Service: There are two primary functions of this committee. One is to receive requests from various non-profits in the area for the allocated fund that is set aside each year in our club's budget. We begin receiving requests in the early part of the year and grant the funds in April or May each year. Our intent is to seed projects in the community so that our funds can be used as matching for other funds from the various organizations. Examples of projects funded include a grant made to the Music Department at Lincoln-Savage Middle School to buy updated music books, and also a grant to Asante/Rogue Valley Medical Center's Neo-Natal Unit Capital Project.

The other function is to distribute dictionaries to the third graders in the area.

Duck Race The Duck Derby is now ten years old and has donated more than One Million Dollars to the community. The new chairs for this committee are Rafael Caso and Nick Gates. Our proceeds are committed to helping the Food Bank – specifically Raptor Creek Growing Farms for the next two years. This committee takes a cast of thousands. All Red Badge members are encouraged to join this committee.

World Community Service The purpose of this committee is to connect with people in need – either in our own backyard or in countries around the world. RI has a “New Vision” plan for grants under this umbrella. It is advisable for a Red Badge member to attend a District meeting regarding World Community Service in order to better understand the process. (if this avenue of service interests you).

Park Development Over the years, Rotary has been a catalyst in the development of many parks in the community. Reinhart Volunteer Park and Morrison Park are the two most recent. This committee is primarily a placeholder for future developments.

RYLA – Interact The Committee oversees the activities of two youth programs in the Grants Pass Rotary. We have an Interact Youth Rotary Club that is very active with 70+ plus members at Grants Pass High School and Interact Clubs at Brighton Academy. We select youth from our area to attend RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Academy), as well as put on an annual Four Way Test Speech contest.

Scholarships: Give scholarships to the four local High Schools and Rogue Community College. There are five Two-Thousand dollar scholarships, one to each of the five schools. Scholarships are based on academics, financial need, community involvement and an essay from the student relating to Rotary's Four Way Test.

Rotary Youth Exchange: The committee finds hosts families for the inbound student and works at making this a great exchange year. We explore ways for the club members to interact with the exchange student. We also work with local schools and Interact clubs to identify and recruit students for the out bound program, both long term and short.

Track Meet What truly sets the meet apart is the presence and involvement of Rotarians. Where most other meets utilize host-school coaches, faculty and parents to coordinate and facilitate their events, the Rotary Invitational involves over 60 Rotarians before, during and after the meet to ensure the highest-possible reliability and quality and the best possible experience for participants and fans alike. The committee consists of at least 20 Rotarians, serving on a variety of sub-committees. During meet week, nearly 80 Rotarians and family members help with set-up, meet logistics, event coordination and timing, awards distribution, public relations and take-down. Grants Pass Rotary fully supports the committee and the event with a budget of at least \$3,500 allocated for awards (for 1st - 6th place finishers), promotions, supplies and recognition. In addition, the committee generates over \$1,000 from banner sponsorship that is contributed to Grants Pass High School for track and field program and facility purposes. Red Badge members definitely want to get involved in this quick fun activity.

Group Study Exchange The Group study Exchange Committee attempts to secure a Rotary Group Leader candidate and non-Rotarian candidates to apply for the outbound District arranged exchanges in the designated countries.

If one of our candidates is successful in becoming part of the outbound team, we provide them with our Club's Rotary flags for exchanging with their host clubs and we ask them to report to our Club on their return. We also encourage them to give presentations to other organizations in our community.

The GSE committee also volunteers our Rotary Club to host one of the incoming exchange teams. As yet we don't know if we will be a host club for the incoming teams.

Polio Plus Raise awareness and provide education on the Foundation's campaign to rid the world of polio and other childhood diseases. Raise money to provide for the immunization of children in countries continuing to experience polio.

Rotary International Foundation TRF : Letters were distributed to members apprising them of their Rotary Foundation amounts and points and encouraging them to demonstrate the Every Rotarian Every Year charitable giving to support Foundation programs. The availability of TRF Direct and the availability of matching recognition points will be emphasized to increase the opportunity for giving.

Public Relations Educate our members and our community about Rotary and Rotary sponsored events and enhance the positive image of Rotary in our community. The public relations committee includes the club's social media and the website.

Student of the Year The Student of the Year Program recognizes 20 outstanding students from all elementary (fifth graders) and middle schools (eighth graders) in Josephine County. Each student is selected by their school's principal and staff based on the criteria of the Rotary 4-Way Test. The Grants Pass Rotary Club honors the students and their families in a weekly award presentation and luncheon.

Sergeant At Arms The goal of the Sergeant At Arms Committee is to: Get to know the individual members in the club better. Additionally, try to do some good natured razzing and ribbing, and have fun! Recognize people celebrating special events or milestones. Have the audience laughing.

Club Bulletin We have two different forms of newsletters for our Club. One is an electronic version which we call eCOGS. This version is sent out to all members in the club with email addresses. We use Constant Contact as the emailing program. It's very versatile and accepted by most email programs as not containing spam. This version of the newsletter links to many other items. We find things like TED presentation or fun YouTube videos are favorites of our members. We track the "open" rate and try and comply with what people like the most.

We also publish a paper COGS which is handed out at each meeting for the benefit of those who do not receive the electronic version. It's handy for those who like to read something during a meeting. We try and include all pertinent elements in the paper version but also some jokes or puzzles or thoughtful inspirational stories.

Fellowship People help support what they help create. The Fellowship Committee organizes social events throughout the year for the purpose of building a stronger sense of camaraderie in our club and establishing lifelong friendships. It also provides more opportunity for members to "serve beyond self" and expand comfort zones.

Program The Program Committee is responsible for scheduling and implementing programs for each Grants Pass Rotary meeting. Interesting programs are crucial to maximize weekly meeting attendance and member involvement. For 2012-2013, the Program Committee consists of 16 members and we have two meetings a year, one in the fall and in the spring. Our club president and director are always invited to the committee meetings. Red Badge members are encouraged to come.

Set up/Banners/Audio Visual The Audio Visual, Banner and Set-Up Committee prepares the weekly meeting site by hanging close to 1000 banners from rotary clubs around the globe, preparing audio equipment if needed for speakers and general all around set-up for the meeting. The banners have been provided to the club by visiting Rotarians, or by the club's members when they have traveled around the world.

Directory The committee's mission is to publish the club directory each club year. The required tasks include: Assisting the Secretary to maintain an updated database of member information. Maintain an image file of member photos formatted to include in the final publication. Preparation of an initial draft of current member information as well as updated, general club information. Distribution of the draft to all members for their review and corrections as required. Prepare a final, corrected draft.

Select a printer considering service, quality and price. Distribute the final directories to the members.

This committee needs help in gathering corrected information and updated photos. This could be a very fun volunteer activity for a new member – and an easy way to get to know other members quickly.