

GUALALA ROTARY

Rotary International describes its mission and why join on rotary.org. Regarding Gualala specifically, some of our members stated the following at a board meeting last year in response to the question posed by our District Governor: "Why are you in Rotary?"

Service to, and positive impact on, our community
Socializing and camaraderie with other Rotarians
Interesting and fun meetings

Community visibility
Teamwork
Support of local education

BEING A GUALALA ROTARIAN MEANS...

Support Education: Our club's focus is K-12 education, especially scholarships. The majority of our funds to do this come from one annual event – the **Taste of the North Coast**. You can help by: working at the event / selling tickets / soliciting \$ donations and/or silent auction items.

Attend Meetings: Attend the meetings you can -- your participation adds to the enjoyment of all and helps support our club. The more you attend, the more you experience our camaraderie. (Our District requires monthly attendance reports, but we do not track names or how many meetings each of us attend.)

Support Other Events: a) Work at the annual Student Awards luncheon in May, which is probably the most inspiring event we do each year, b) distribute beautiful illustrated dictionaries, which we buy for every third grader in our area, c) collect toys for Operation Santa, d) help park cars at the Art in the Redwoods held in August.

Support Big Rotary: Rotary is the oldest and largest community service organization in the world. We support its national and international efforts thru our annual dues and donations to its foundation, which funds projects such as the eradication of polio, clean water, education, etc.

Financial: (1) Annual dues of \$200, paid on or before January, prorated for new members, (2) lunch \$15, (3) prize tickets \$5, (4) quiz 0-\$4, (5) the "pig", (6) individual donations to club.

Parties: We are also a social club: (a) The Kick Out party, held the last Friday in June, acknowledges the efforts of the outgoing club president. (b) The Christmas Party where you bring a pot luck dish. For both events there is a nominal charge, usually \$20 - \$25.

Finemaster: This duty is assigned each member once every 30 weeks or so and makes our meetings informative and entertaining. The Finemaster MC's, provides a speaker, prize, and quiz questions. If the Finemaster cannot make the meeting, he/she is still responsible for the program and can either get someone else to MC, or trade dates with another member.

Sponsor New Members: "The more, the merrier!" And, new members enable us to do more for our community. All of us are responsible for making the new member feel welcome, but as a sponsor, you nominate the candidate for membership, help the new member understand our club and Rotary International, and, in general, be their "big brother/sister".