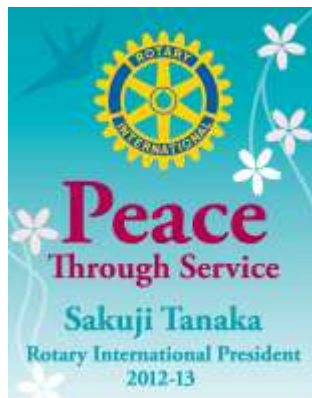


Rotary Club of Darwin Sunrise



FAMILY OF ROTARY GUIDELINES



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RI Family of Rotary Resource Group
The Rotary Club of Ventura

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Newly Inducted President Di surrounded by her extended family

A birthday kiss for Quentin from Purdey



Our Children - **Rotary's** future

A variety of members at our dress up Cowboy/girl Changeover





The Rotary Club of Darwin Sunrise Family of Rotary Committee

The Rotary International Family of Rotary Resource Group has asked all clubs to explore ways to further create and nurture an atmosphere of warmth and caring among those in the Family of Rotary to increase involvement in Rotary activities.

Specifically, the Family of Rotary embraces

The Immediate Club Family of

- Members
- Spouses
- Widows and widowers
- Children
- Grandchildren
- Other relatives

The Extended Family of

- Fellow Rotarians in other clubs and districts around the world.
- Our Foundation and its alumni
- Group Study Exchange members
- Youth Exchange students
- Rotaractors
- Interactors
- RYLA participants
- Inner Wheel and other spouse/partner groups



Like most families, the Rotary family provides a haven where collectively, we can gather the strength and encouragement to face the challenges of the world.

Again, as in a family, each member cares and supports the other in time of need, sickness or distress - our Rotary Family is no different as, together, we strive to provide pastoral care to our immediate Rotary family members in time of need.

Our recent Member's Satisfaction Questionnaire highlighted a wish amongst the Club to increase family participation activities. We have gone a step further and establish a committee to specifically focus on ensuring we provide every endeavour to support the care of our immediate family and how we can best cooperate with members of the larger Family of Rotary.

The purpose of the group is to help the club, its members, their families, the youth affiliates, and all the other Rotary participants work together to strengthen our Rotary Family Through this strength, our Rotary family will continue to grow. When we induct a new member we always say, **"Welcome to our Rotary Family!"** Introducing a small group of like-minded members working together to realise such values will ensure that we will, indeed, be welcoming new members to **a constantly revitalised 'family' that is our club.**

The concept of "family" is viewed as critical in ensuring the growth and vigour of our club. We see the club's goal of family as involving and serving all of our members.



Our Family of Rotary Mission Statement:

To enhance club activities by offering broad based programs and activities that are of interest to current and past members, spouses, partners and their children;

To create a greater sense of a family atmosphere within our club to support the work we do outside of our club.

To provide pastoral care in time of need to all members of our immediate family;

To emphasise and thereby practise the caring aspect of Rotary, as we reach out to individuals in need within our community - clothe the naked, shelter the homeless, comfort the sick, care for the aged - in short, to reach out to our fellow human beings to help and offer comfort;

Our Club in Action

The impulse to reach out to others abides in the hearts of all people of good will. As Rotarians, we simply do what is most natural when we act upon those values in terms of what we feel and believe;

Here are just a few ideas on how we may implement **"The Family of Rotary"**

- **Organise Family Picnics, BBQs or outings;**



- **Joint meetings with the other Rotary clubs in Darwin;**
- **Establish a Matched Club relationship with an International club;**
- **Invite past members for return visits as guests at club meetings;**
- **Organise community service activities where families can 'LEND A HAND' (clean houses and yards of disabled or sick individuals in the community), visits to the elderly and frail, provide transport and assist with shopping. In short, providing the human face of Rotary in action at an individual level;**
- **Visit sick Rotarians in hospital or at home and ensure any needs are met;**
- **Acknowledge and celebrate the joys and achievements of a member's family;**
- **Inquire after those who have missed meetings or allowed their membership to lapse;**
- **Encourage newer Rotarians to serve on a committee or spearhead a club project;**
- **Encourage spouses and children of Rotarians to participate in service projects and activities;**
- **Encourage spouses and adult children of Rotarians to join Rotary;**
- **Conduct formal orientation and training for new members;**
- **Welcome and include all family members (e.g. spouses, adult children, or widows or widowers) into the Family of Rotary through service and fellowship activities to promote club well-being;**



- **Establish a system to follow up with club members who have missed recent meetings and encourage them to achieve a make-up meeting;**
- **Invite members to bring their partners and/or children/other family members to a club meeting or club event on a regular basis;**
- **Hold a series of club meetings at the work-place of newer members;**
- **Send a gift subscription of Rotary Down Under to the partner of a deceased club member;**
- **Acknowledge the importance of Rotarians' families and their contribution to our club's success**
- **Re-connect with people who have benefited from Rotary in the past: Scholarship recipients, short or long-term exchange students, Camp RYLA participants, contest winners, service project participants, and anyone who has been touched by the club in the past;**
- **Maintain relationships with the family of deceased Rotarians and spouses and encourage them to continue their involvement in Rotary;**
- **Find ways to honour or otherwise recognise (for example, awarding a PHF) Rotary club members throughout our community;**
- **Develop and initiate a new project in support of Rotary's Family of Rotary Month;**

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