



**Niles Rotary  
Chartered 1937**



**Lend a Hand**

**2003 – 2004 Theme**

# Niles (Fremont) Rotary Club

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## 1. Overview

### **The purpose of this meeting**

- to give you a bird's eye view of Rotary
- to let you know what you may expect of your membership
- to let you know what our Club will expect of you as a member
- to answer any questions that you might have about Rotary in general and our Club in particular

Rotarians are business and professional leaders who take an active role in their communities while greatly enriching their personal and professional lives. A Rotary Club contains a diverse group of professional leaders from the community that the Club serves.

### **How you were chosen a member of Rotary**

Rotary membership is by invitation only. A member of our Club proposed you for membership and filled out an application form (Membership Proposal Form), which went to our Classification Committee. This "classification" process is one of the main differences between Rotary and other service Clubs. Each Rotary Club maintains a list of filled and unfilled classifications and your classification is on your badge and in the Club roster.

Our Membership Committee reviewed your personal reputation, both in your business and the community.

Our Board of Directors approved your application for Rotary membership.

Your name, classification and sponsor were then distributed by mail to the entire membership. This is how the Club approves a new member. If there are any objections, such objections must be registered with the Club secretary in writing within 10 (ten) days of the date of publication. If there are no objections, the proposed member will be considered qualified for membership.

### **Rotary is an International Organization**

On 23 February 1905 in Chicago, Paul Harris and three other men founded Rotary, the original service Club. Since they chose to "rotate" the meetings each week they chose the name Rotary for their new Club. The purpose of the Club was to broaden their contacts outside of their own particular business.

The west played an important part in the development and growth of Rotary. The next four Clubs were: #2 San Francisco 1908

- #3 Oakland
- #4 Seattle
- #5 Los Angeles

Then Rotary moved east:

- #6 New York
- #7 Boston

Then Rotary expanded to Canada by establishing a Club in Winnipeg, and in 1911 London, Dublin and Belfast were chartered. Rotary International was formally adopted as the official name in 1912.

### **Basic Rotary Organization: 2003-2004**

#### ***Rotary International***

A President, President-elect and a Board of 16 Directors run Rotary International. Jonathan Majiyagbe, from Kano, Nigeria, is Rotary International president for 2003 - 2004.

Statistics:

Countries	166
Districts	527
Clubs	over 30,000
Rotarians	over 1,200,000

#### ***District 5170***

For administrative, purposes Rotary Clubs are placed in a District run by a District Governor. The District Governor of District 5170 is C. Donald Allen. The district is then divided into 10 areas, each covering 3-5 Clubs and managed by an Assistant District Governor (ADG). The Niles Club is in Area 3. Albert Huezo of the Newark Rotary Club is the ADG for Area 3.

Statistics:

Areas	10
Clubs	56
Rotarians	- approximately 4,000

As a Rotarian, you will be a member of the Niles (Fremont) Rotary Club, which is in turn a member of Rotary International.

Area 1: Alameda, East Oakland, North Oakland/Emeryville, Oakland #3, and Oakland Sunrise Piedmont/Montclair

Area 2: Castro Valley, Hayward, Hayward/Castro Valley Sunrise, Hayward South, San Leandro, and San Lorenzo

- Area 3: Fremont, Fremont Sunrise, Niles (Fremont), Mission San Jose, Newark, and Warm Springs
- Area 4: Dublin, Livermore, Livermore Valley, Pleasanton, and Pleasanton North
- Area 5: Alviso, San Jose, San Jose International Airport Sunrise, San Jose East, San Jose North, Milpitas
- Area 6: Gilroy, Hollister, Morgan Hill, and San Juan Bautista
- Area 7: Capitola Aptos, Freedom, San Lorenzo Valley, Santa Cruz, Santa Cruz Sunrise, Scotts Valley, Watsonville
- Area 8: Campbell, Cupertino, Mountain View, and Saratoga
- Area 9: Almaden Valley, San Jose West, San Jose Willow Glen, Santa Clara, Sunnyvale, Sunnyvale Sunrise
- Area 10: Los Altos, Los Altos Sunset, Mountain View, Palo Alto, Palo Alto Bayshore, Palo Alto University

**Membership in a Rotary Club offers a number of benefits, including:**

- Effecting change within the community.
- Developing leadership skills.
- Gaining an understanding of — and having an impact on — international humanitarian issues.
- Developing relationships with community and business leaders.

Through Rotary's service programs, a Rotary Club can have a significant effect on the quality of life in its community. Rotary Foundation programs offer opportunities to form international partnerships that help people in need worldwide. Some 1.2 million Rotarians in 30,000 Clubs in more than 160 countries make significant contributions to the quality of life at home and around the globe.

## 2. Niles (Fremont) Rotary Club

### History of Niles (Fremont) Rotary Club

Our Rotary Club was founded 9 December 1937. The assigned Club number was 4455 and our motto was ‘Double Four, Double Five, Small Club, but Doubly Alive’. The Hayward Rotary Club sponsored the Club and our charter meeting was at the Veterans Memorial Building on Second Street in Niles. Chuck Kraft was the charter president.

Weekly meetings began at the historic Hotel Belvoir on Mission Boulevard, and later moved to the Florence Restaurant (now a biker bar) in Niles. Subsequently the Club moved to the International Kitchen on Mowry (which later became Mission Gardens) and at one time the Club met at Niles Hall. The Century House in Centerville has been our home for the past several years.

For many years the Niles Club was the only Rotary Club in what is now known as the Tri-Cities (Fremont, Newark, and Union City). In 1956 it was suggested that we change our Club’s name to Fremont to reflect the creation of the new city, but members wanted to retain the historic link with Niles and thus sponsored the Fremont Club to carry the city name. We also sponsored Newark, and our ‘daughter Clubs’ sponsored Fremont Sunrise, Warm Springs, and Mission San Jose Clubs.

Our Club has been active in many local projects. We’ve built stables at Ardenwood, a fishing dock at Central Park, and donated the flagpole for the Fremont City Hall. Niles is clearly the premier Rotary Club in the city, and has earned a long-standing reputation as one of the best Clubs in our Rotary District. Membership has always hovered around 100 + members, but at 1 July 1998 the Club had 110 members.

### Communications

Rotary International publishes a monthly magazine called “The Rotarian” A subscription is included in your annual dues. Rotary International also has a web site at [www.Rotary.org](http://www.Rotary.org)

District 5170 publishes a monthly newsletter that is circulated electronically. If you provide your e-mail address to Dick Aston (newsletter editor) you will be added to the list. The District website is [www.Rotary5170.org](http://www.Rotary5170.org) Our Club bulletin is “**The Pinion**” which is currently published quarterly and is sent by mail.

You will also be furnished with a binder that includes a Roster listing the names, addressees and phone numbers of the members. The Club roster is intended for Club use and not to be used as a contact or mailing list for business purposes.



*Inner Wheel*

***“Rotary and Inner Wheel Side by side”  
Together We Are Stronger***

**Theme 2003/2004**

**Make the Friendship Positive**

INNER Wheel Clubs began in the early 1920's when wives of Rotarians in Great Britain and Ireland banded together to help their husbands with Rotary projects and service work

NOW this group has grown to over 103,000 members in over 100 geographical locations, which makes it one of the largest service organizations in the world!

NEW young Clubs need to be formed in both Rotary and Inner Wheel in order to meet the challenges of future generations.

EACH member is committed to the aims of Inner Wheel: to Promote True Friendship, To Encourage the Ideals of Personal Service, and to Foster International Understanding.

ROTARY Clubs sponsor Inner Wheel Clubs. A Club is named for its supporting Rotary Club and may be chartered with only 12 members. Membership is open to spouse, mother, widow, widower, sister, brother or children over 18 years of age of a Rotarian or former Rotarian.

WORKING with Rotary — Side by Side — Inner Wheel helps to serve Communities Worldwide.

HELP is provided to children through the Inner Wheel Foundation, which was founded in 1987 and patterned after the Rotary Foundation. Myo-Electric limb banks have been established at The Rehabilitation Engineering Center at Lucile Packard Children's Hospital in Palo Alto, California and Newington Children's Hospital, affiliated with Connecticut Children's Center.

EVERY Inner Wheel Club is governed by the International Inner Wheel office and officers, which are located in Manchester England. The national association within the United States is known as Inner Wheel USA and elects its own national officers.

EACH Club is flexible in setting meetings, programs, socials, charities and channels of service. At all times Rotarians and Inner Wheel members support one another.

### **3. Key Rotary Principles**

**2003 - 2004 Theme:**

**The Four Way Test:**



- Is it the Truth?
- Is it Fair to all concerned?
- Will it build Goodwill and Better Friendships?
- Will it be Beneficial to all concerned?

**Rotary Slogan: Service Above Self**

**The Object of Rotary:**

The object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

1. The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;
2. High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying by each Rotarian of his occupation as an opportunity to serve society;
3. The application of the ideal of service by every Rotarian to his personal, business and community life;
4. The advancement of international understanding, good will, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional men and women united in the ideal of service

## **4. Foundations**

### **The Niles (Fremont) Foundation**

The Niles Club funds and manages a charitable trust fund for our local charitable projects. All of the funds we raise go into this foundation, which is then used to support designated. The operational expense of the foundation is carried by the Club budget. In some cases we can get matching funds from our Rotary District and Rotary International to augment this outreach. Surplus operating funds from the Club are also traditionally transferred to our foundation each July 1st. The Foundation typically donates from \$20,000 to \$25,000 each year to the local community.

The Niles Rotary Foundation has supported the following local charities, among others:

Centerville Free Dining Room  
Youth Sports  
Campfire  
Fremont Cultural Arts Council  
D.A.R.E.  
Tri-City Homeless Coalition  
Young Parents Program  
Youth Scholarships

Youth Scholarships  
Tri-City Salvation Army  
Young Life  
Fremont/Newark Y.M.C.A.  
Fremont Symphony Orchestra  
Grad Night  
House Painting Program

### **The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International**

The mission of The Rotary Foundation is to support the efforts of Rotary International in the fulfillment of the Object of Rotary, Rotary's mission, and the achievement of world understanding and peace through local, national, and international humanitarian, educational, and cultural programs. This foundation is for international projects and should not be confused with the charitable Foundation established by the Niles Club in 1988 to support our local work.

The Foundation was created in 1917 as an endowment fund for Rotary "to do good in the world." It has grown from an initial contribution of US\$26.50 to US\$90 million contributed in 2002. It is the world's largest privately funded international scholarships program. Some of the programs the Foundation funds:

**Scholarships** - The purpose of the Ambassadorial Scholarships program is to further international understanding and friendly relations among people of different countries. Graduate scholarships, undergraduate scholarships, vocational scholarships, teachers of the Handicapped scholarships, and scholarships in journalism. Each scholarship is for one year of study in a country other than

ones own and is worth up to \$20,000. More than 1,100 scholarships a year are given to recipients from some 69 countries that studied in more than 64 nations.

**Rotary World Peace Scholarships** - The Rotary Foundation has partnered with eight leading universities around the world to establish the Rotary Centers for International Studies in peace and conflict resolution. Each year, Rotary will select 70 scholars to study at one of the seven Rotary Centers worldwide. The selected Rotary World Peace Scholars will begin two-year master's-level degree programs in conflict resolution, peace studies, and international relations.

**The Group Study Exchange** - The Group Study Exchange (GSE) program of The Rotary Foundation is a unique cultural and vocational exchange opportunity for young business and professional men and women between the ages of 25 and 40 and in the early years of their professional lives. The program provides travel grants for teams to exchange visits between paired areas in different countries. For four to six weeks, team members experience the host country's institutions and ways of life, observe their own vocations as practiced abroad, develop personal and professional relationships, and exchange ideas.

For each team member, The Rotary Foundation provides the most economical round-trip air ticket between the home and host countries. Local Rotarians in the host area provide for meals, lodging, and group travel within their district.

**Health, Hunger and Humanity (3-H)** - 3-H Grants are awarded to fund long-term, self-help grassroots development projects which are too large for one Club or district to implement on their own. Projects must be self-sustaining after the 3-H grant funds have been expended. All projects must involve Rotary Clubs and Districts in at least two different countries with a significant number of Rotarians actively participating in the project. The projects must be clearly identified with Rotary. 3-H Grants range from US\$100,000 to US\$300,000, and are considered twice annually and awarded in May and November. *(the Trustees placed a moratorium on new 3-H Grants applications as of 1 July 2001 until funds become available.)*

**Special Matching Grants** - The Rotary Foundation matches, dollar for dollar, contributions raised by local Rotary Clubs for International programs of their choosing involving Rotary Clubs in two or more countries. Nilas Rotary raised \$40,000 to send a mammography unit to Horta in the Azores in 1993.

**Polio Plus** - In 1985, Rotary launched the PolioPlus program to protect children worldwide from the cruel and fatal consequences of polio. Approximately 528,755,000 children are to be immunized against polio and other childhood diseases around the world by the year 2,000. To date, over 300,000,000 children have been immunized. This has virtually eliminated polio in some countries where immunization has been completed. Rotarians stand at the brink of a great victory

and look forward to celebrating the global eradication of polio in 2005, the organization's centennial year.

*"From Seattle to Santiago, from Bogota to Bombay, and everywhere in between, the children of the world are waiting. They are the hope of the future, and you are their hope that the future will be bright. I thank you, Rotary, for alleviating the suffering of children."*

*Audrey Hepburn  
discussing the PolioPlus program on behalf of UNICEF*

You join the Foundation by contributing \$1,000 to the fund and become a Paul Harris Fellow. Paul Harris Fellowship is an honor you may elect for yourself or another. The presentation of Paul Harris Recognition is the Rotary Foundation's way of expressing appreciation for a substantial contribution to its humanitarian and educational programs. It is named for Rotary's founder, Paul Harris.

Niles Rotary makes a special presentation of the Paul Harris pin, certificate, and medallion to new Paul Harris Fellow recipients at one of our Club meeting. Each \$1,000 contributed qualifies you for an additional Paul Harris Recognition.

## 5. Agreement to Join Niles Rotary Club

### Your Obligation in Rotary

#### Participation

To be a Niles Rotarian you are expected to give your time and talents to the following:

- Community service
- Club social functions
- Club and District activities

#### Attendance

Attendance at weekly meetings is extremely important, and 100% attendance is urged and honored in Rotary. If you are unable to attend at your own Club you can attend other Rotary Clubs for a 'make-up' meeting, and District events count towards attendance. At the Niles Club you can also make-up by attending one of the Interact meetings at the local high schools.

The minimum requirement is to maintain a level of at least 60% attendance. Of this, 30% must be at your own Club, while the balance can be make-up meetings. Make-up meetings can be any time two weeks prior to the meeting or two weeks after the missed meeting. Such flexibility permits you to plan for business trips, vacations and other occasions where you will not be able to attend your own Club.

You can make up by:

- Attending another Rotary Club, anywhere in the world
- Attending a meeting at an Interact or Rotaract Club
- Attending a District Assembly or International Convention

*Failure to attend or make-up four consecutive meetings automatically terminates your membership in the Niles Club.*

### Make-Ups in Our Area

Monday:	Milpitas	Crown Plaza Hotel	12:15 PM
Tuesday:	Warm Springs	Courtyard by Marriott 47000 Lakeview Blvd., Fremont	7:15 AM

Tuesday:	Newark	Beck's Steak House 3665 Cedar Blvd., Newark <a href="http://www.newarkrotary.org">www.newarkrotary.org</a>	12:15 PM
Tuesday:	Fremont Union City	Newark (FUN)(Provisional) La Quinta Inn & Suites 46200 Landing Pkwy, Fremont	6:30 PM
Wednesday:	Fremont Sunrise	Ancestros Mexican Bar & Grill 39200 Fremont Blvd., Fremont	7:15 AM
Wednesday:	Fremont	Massimo's 5200 Mowry Ave., Fremont	12:15PM
Friday:	Mission San Jose	Nina' Fine Dining 43543 Mission Blvd., Fremont	12:15 PM

### **Rotary's Obligation to You**

- 1) Provide an opportunity to serve:
  - the Club
  - the community
  - the world
  
- 2) Help you grow as a person
  - new friends
  - new activities
  - new challenges
  
- 3) Offer fellowship
  - within our Club
  - with other Rotary Clubs meeting anywhere in the world
  - with Rotarians in other countries

## **Your Financial Requirements**

To Join:

- Initiation fee (one time only) \$100
- Annual Dues (pro-rated) @ \$12.50/month \$150
- Paul Harris sustaining membership \$ 50

Annually:

- Dues \$150
- Birthday recognition \$ 10
- Anniversary recognition \$ 10
- Fines in general \$ 80
- Rotary Int'l. Foundation Annual Giving \$100 (towards Paul Harris)
- Double Sustainer \$100 (towards Paul Harris)
- Niles Rotary Foundation Annual Raffle \$100 per ticket
- Four Social Events (est. \$75 per couple) \$300
- Lunch per week \$ 15
- Missed meeting fine \$ 15
- Non-eater \$ 10
- Duck-out (discouraged) \$ 10

Since Rotary qualifies as a non-profit organization under Section 501 (c)(3), these costs are tax deductible by businesses and individuals, except for the value of meals and prizes received.



## **COGS (Club Operations Group Service)**

Every Red Badge member is automatically assigned to this committee, which consists of the most recent members of the Club. In addition to integrating new members into the Club, COGS activities help introduce Red Badge members to the Club, and equally important, the Club to the new member.

COGS is responsible for meeting set-up and operation, and assignments are as follows:

### **Set-up**

Be at the meeting room at 11:30 to set out the podium, songbooks, flag, banners and bell. As members start to arrive each person will have a specific task, e.g., one will take attendance, another will sell meal tickets, and another will sell raffle tickets. Ask any member who arrives early to serve as *greeter*. Leave at the end of the meeting.

### **Take Down**

This person(s) stay after the meeting to return all the various items to the storage area.

Such a rotation ensures that any single COGS member will need to be involved only a few meetings each month, and assignments will vary among the different tasks. In addition to providing an important service to the Club it benefits the new member. Taking attendance, for example, helps you to meet existing members as they arrive and sign in. Same for selling meal tickets and raffle tickets. Handling the fine box helps existing Club members know you. The COGS committee is under the Sergeant at Arms who assigns the activities typically three or four weeks in advance. Assignments can be exchanged with any Club member, so schedule conflicts can be easily handled.

## ROSTER INFORMATION

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Nickname: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Wedding Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_ Fax: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_ Fax: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Classification: \_\_\_\_\_ Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

Initiation Fee Paid:	\$ 100.00
Dues Paid: \$12.50 / month for <u>9</u> months =	\$ 112.50
Paul Harris Sustaining Membership:	\$ <u>50.00</u>
<b><u>Total: \$ 262.50</u></b>	

Received by Club Secretary, Mary Ellen Gallagher, on \_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Induction date: \_\_\_\_\_