

Why Join Your Local Rotary Club?

The Opportunity to Serve

Rotarians provide service at the local and international levels that addresses health-care needs, hunger and poverty, illiteracy, disaster relief, and environmental issues, to name just a few areas of Rotarian activity. Through participation in these projects, members experience the fulfillment that comes from giving back to the community.

Professional Networking

A founding principle of Rotary was to provide a forum for professional and business leaders. Today's membership includes leaders in business, industry, the professions, the arts, government, sports, the military, and religion who make critical decisions and influence policy. Rotary offers the opportunity to meet people of this high caliber and work with them in serving others.

Personal Growth and Development

Membership in Rotary ensures continuing personal and professional development. Rotarians have countless opportunities to further enhance their leadership skills, as well as gain experience in public speaking and communication, organization and planning, team building, fundraising and teaching.

Friendship

Fellowship was a primary reason Rotary started in 1905, and it remains a major attraction. Today, with more than 31,000 Rotary clubs in some 165 countries, Rotarians have friends wherever they go. Rotary helps to build a sense of community as well as enduring individual friendships.

Cultural Diversity

Rotary International is an association of local clubs in many countries. Membership is open to business and professional leaders from every ethnic group, political

persuasion, cultural background, and religion. Rotarians value this cultural diversity and practice and promote tolerance.

Good Citizenship

Membership in Rotary makes one a better citizen. Weekly Rotary club programs keep members informed about what is taking place in the community, nation, and world. Rotary's expansive network of clubs and programs provides extensive opportunities for service and cross-cultural exchange.

World Understanding

Rotary members gain an understanding of humanitarian issues and have a significant impact on them through international service projects and exchange programs of RI and its Foundation. Promoting peace is one of Rotary's foremost objectives.

Entertainment

Every Rotary club and district hosts parties and activities that offer diversion from life's demands. Conferences, conventions, assemblies, and social events provide entertainment as well as Rotary information, education, and service.

Future Generations

Rotary sponsors some of the world's largest cultural and educational exchange and scholarship programs. Rotary clubs provide innovative training opportunities and mentoring for future leaders.

Ethical Environment

Rotarians practice the Four-Way Test, which measures words and actions by their truthfulness, fairness, goodwill, and benefits to all. Encouraging high ethical standards in one's profession and respect for all worthy vocations has been a hallmark of Rotary from its earliest days.

Your privileges as a Rotarian

- ❑ Fellowship with people of like ideals;
- ❑ Proposing new members of your club;
- ❑ Meaningful service to your community and your vocation
- ❑ Unique opportunities to promote international friendship
- ❑ Broad acquaintance with leaders of other businesses and professions;
- ❑ Participation in stimulating programs at weekly meetings;
- ❑ Development of leadership skills while service on committees;
- ❑ Meeting Rotarians when making up attendance at other Rotary clubs, both locally and around the globe; and
- ❑ Participation in the district conference and the Rotary International Convention.

Every privilege has a corresponding responsibility. For example, proposing new members is both a privilege and a responsibility. In the same way, attendance at weekly meetings is both an opportunity to expand Rotary acquaintance and knowledge and an obligation. Rotarians have their membership terminated automatically if they are absent four consecutive times without making up attendance or attend less than 60 percent of the meetings during either six-month period of the club's fiscal year without being excused by the board.
