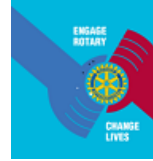




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## **Why Join Rotary**

### **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.