



Rotary Club of Kitchener Grand River Prospective Member Information

Membership:

An engaged, enthusiastic membership committed to service above self is the essence of Rotary. Without members, Rotary would not exist, and much good in our community and around the world would not be accomplished. At the heart of Rotary are its members.

Membership will appeal to those who want to join a community of business and professional people who are at a stage in life where they want to get involved in and give back to community. Membership in Rotary offers an opportunity to contribute to worthy community projects with one's time and financial resources. It offers an opportunity to network with like-minded people. The fellowship of Rotary is rewarding. The networking with like-minded business and professional people will enhance your life, and may enhance your own business as a by-product.

The Membership Process:

New members must be proposed by existing members. Prospective members are encouraged to attend several meetings as guests of a current member prior to seeking to join. This allows the prospective member to get to know the club and ensure there is alignment with his/her goals of membership.

If a prospective member does not know anyone in the club, the club can facilitate an introduction to a current member who will be pleased to introduce the guest to the club and discuss membership.

After a decision that this is the right club for you, an application for membership is submitted. It must include a current club member as proposer. An interview with a member of the Membership Committee will follow. If membership is recommended the prospective member's name is published for two weeks in the member newsletter by way of notice. Assuming there are no objections, the prospective member is approved by the Board. The member application process may take 6-8 weeks. Once your membership has been approved, you will be formally inducted into the Rotary Club of Kitchener Grand River. You are encouraged to bring family members to that meeting to share in the special occasion. You will be assigned a mentor within the club to help continue your introduction and orientation to Rotary. Within three months of joining, you will be invited to attend a formal orientation evening or "fireside" to learn more about Rotary.

Cost of Membership

The annual cost of membership is approximately \$1000. Members receive quarterly invoices for the Rotary International membership fee and meal costs. Annual membership fees are \$150 and meal costs are \$15 per week invoiced quarterly. Meals are invoiced whether you are in attendance or not. **Fellowship and fundraising events** (optional): prices range from \$30-\$100 per event. **Donation opportunities** (optional) Rotary International Foundation (\$100/year, invoiced quarterly), plus local programs: as individual wishes

Membership Attendance Expectations

Rotary meets weekly. Our expectation is that you will strive for 100% attendance. However, the minimum expectation is 60% attendance. If you cannot attend the regular meeting of the Rotary Club of Kitchener Grand River, you may attend another Rotary Club's meeting or attend an "E Club" meeting online.

The Responsibility of Membership:

It is the responsibility of each member to live up to the ideals of Rotary, to attend meetings regularly, to participate in Club fellowship and fundraising activities, to join a committee and help advance the work of Rotary in the community. An engaged, enthusiastic membership committed to service above self is the essence of Rotary. At the heart of Rotary are its members.

Corporate Membership:

Recognizing the growing importance that corporations place on corporate social responsibility, the Club has created a corporate membership initiative. Major corporations may value the structure and highly organized system of Rotary as a way to deliver on their corporate social responsibility. Participation in Rotary offers an excellent vehicle for staff training and leadership development. Through Rotary, the corporation can learn about community needs that may enhance its corporate giving program. As a corporate member, a company names a primary member, and up to three associate members who share in the Rotary experience. The company, as well as the individuals named, is approved for membership in the same process as the individual membership process.

If you have further questions, please email our Membership Committee Chairperson, Spiro Dracopoulos sdracopoulos@bingemans.com or speak to one of the membership committee members.

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MEMBERSHIP PROPOSAL FORM ROTARY CLUB OF KITCHENER GRAND RIVER

Please print information clearly – page one to be completed by proposed member

Full Name: _____

Home Email Address: _____ **Work Email Address:** _____

I prefer to receive email at Home ___ **Work** ___

Company: _____

Position in Company: _____

Work Address: _____

Home Address: _____

Telephone numbers

Home: _____ **Cell Phone:** _____

Work: _____

If past Rotarian, please indicate where and when: _____

Past Rotary International Program Experience (if applicable): _____

Activities that would enhance consideration as a Rotarian: _____

Why do you want to belong to the Rotary Club of Kitchener Grand River: _____

I understand that the membership process and approval make take up to one month following completion of this membership application form. I hereby certify that I am qualified for active membership by my current or former status as a business, professional or community leader or as a Rotary Foundation alumnus and by having a place of business or residence within the club's locality or surrounding area. I understand that, if accepted for membership, it will be my duty to exemplify the Object of Rotary in all my daily contacts and activities and to abide by the constitutional documents of Rotary International and the club. I agree to pay any admission fees and to pay annual dues in accordance with the club bylaws. I hereby give permission to the club to publish my name and proposed classification, if applicable, to its membership.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Proposed by Rotarian: _____

Proposed Classification: _____

Submit completed form to Membership Committee Chairperson.