



## Prospective Member Information

Rotary Wilmot is a service club dedicated to improving the lives of others both in our community and around the world. We meet 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Thursdays from 7:15 to 8:15 a.m. at The Meeting Place in Baden.

Rotary Wilmot offers three categories of membership:

- Regular member - pays quarterly dues of \$130 - all meal costs included
- Corporate/Family member - a corporate entity/organization or single family with a Primary Corporate/Family Member and up to 3 designees
- Associate member - allows an individual to become engaged with the Club with a view to becoming a full member within 12 months

If you would like to be a member of this active, thriving Club, then please attend a Breakfast as our guest. We would be pleased to introduce you to the Club, its members and answer any questions you may have about membership.

Listed below are just some of the reasons to consider joining Rotary Wilmot:

### 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.

**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.

**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 close to 200 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 (RI) 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. Regular 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 the Rotary Foundation. Promoting peace is one of Rotary's foremost objectives.

**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.

## Corporate/Family Membership

- ◇ A corporate entity/organization or single family can become a corporate/family member of Wilmot Rotary by having a Primary Corporate/Family Member as a regular club member. A Primary Corporate/Family Member is a member of the eligible corporation's management group.
- ◇ Once there is a Primary Corporate Member, the entity may designate up to three more corporate designees, each of whom are employed by the eligible corporation. The corporate entity may change any of its designees so long as at all times one of them is a Primary Corporate Member.
- ◇ In the case of a single family, one member will be designated as the Primary Family Member and the other member as a designee.
- ◇ Each designee will be listed as an official member of the Rotary club and will be noted in the roster that they are designees of the named eligible corporation/family and are expected to engage fully with the Club's meetings and activities
- ◇ For the purpose of general meetings and club matters, designee voting will be the same as any other regular member. As official members of the Rotary club, members would apply toward RI election voting.
- ◇ Each designee, as an individual, can hold any office in the Rotary club to which the designee is elected in the normal way. The number of designees to hold an office at any one time will be limited to one member.
- ◇ Each Primary Club Member and designee will pay the annual club dues of \$130 quarterly.
- ◇ A designee of the eligible corporation, while still an employee of the eligible corporation, may convert to an individual membership of the club. Similarly a family designee can convert to individual membership at any time.



## Associate Membership

- ◇ The Associate Membership Pilot Program will allow an individual to become engaged with a Rotary club, its members, its programs and projects, with the expectation that they will choose to become a Full Member of the Club within a designated period of time.
- ◇ The term of membership of an Associate Member will be six months from when they are inducted and there-after will be at the discretion of the Club.
- ◇ Associate members are expected to engage fully with the Club's meetings and activities and to demonstrate their engagement over each six month period by having attended at least 8 regular Club meetings and at least 1 community activity conducted by the Club.
- ◇ An Associate Member is not, for the purposes of Rotary International (RI), an official member of the Club. Associate Members will not be formally registered with RI until such time as they choose to convert their membership to that of a Full Member of the Club.
- ◇ Associate Members do not have voting rights on Club matters until they become Full Members. Associate Members are not entitled to hold office as President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer or be a Director of the Club. Associate Members will be encouraged to take up other leadership roles in support of the Club's activities such as chairing project committees.
- ◇ Each Associate Member will pay club dues of \$25 semi-annually and the applicable meal charge for any breakfast meeting attended.
- ◇ An Associate Member may apply at any time to the Secretary of the Club to have their status converted to that of a Full Member.