

## Purpose

Rotary brings together people from all walks of life who want to use their expertise for good. These people have a sense of responsibility that inspires them to give back to their communities. At Rotary, we connect for good – and form lifelong friendships in the process.

Together, we empower youth, improve health, promote peace, and advance our communities in all corners of the globe. With 1.2 million members in 34,000 clubs worldwide, our global community's impact has never been greater – and it continues to grow.

## Benefits of an Individual Membership

Meet new people and get involved in your community. As a Rotary club member, you'll have the chance to:

- Connect with community leaders who care about issues facing your hometown and hometowns around the world
- Apply your personal experience and professional skills to solving challenges and creating positive change
- Network and develop your professional skills, including public speaking, fundraising, and project planning
- Involve your family and friends in your efforts to improve the world.

Our Club will benefit from your membership through an:

Increase in:

- Club membership, recruitment and retention
- Support to The Rotary Foundation (program participation and fundraising)
- Successful service projects (community and international)

Improvement in:

- Leadership and engagement opportunities for members
- Participation in club activities
- Overall diversity within the club's membership.

## How the Individual Membership Works

- 1. **Sponsorship.** New members must be sponsored by a current member of the Club by submitting a completed Proposal Form to the Membership Chair or President. The proposal is kept confidential until the Board ensures the candidate meets all Rotary's membership requirements.
- 2. **Published in Newsletter.** Club members are advised of the prospective member's nomination through the publication of their name in the Bulletin for three consecutive weeks. If there are no objections to the prospective member, the nomination will be put forward to the Board for final approval.
- 3. Inductions. The member will be inducted into membership through an induction ceremony.



- 4. **Classification.** The classification of the member will be established by the club. The new member will be scheduled for a "classification talk" at an upcoming meeting to introduce themselves, family and their profession to their fellow members.
- 5. **Financial obligations.** The financial obligations of a member are:
  - a) RI and annual club dues. (As of October 2015: \$400, invoiced quarterly)
  - b) Meal/beverage costs at each weekly meeting or event. (invoiced quarterly)
  - c) Any special event fees are included on quarterly invoices.
  - d) Optional contribution to The Rotary Foundation.
- 6. Receipt of *The Rotarian* or Rotary regional magazine. Members will receive the RI magazine.