



Welcome! You're considering joining Rotary, the world's oldest and largest service organization – and specifically the Rotary Club of Jamestown, NY. Our Rotary Club dates back to 1919, just 14 years after Paul Harris founded Rotary in 1905.

More than just weekly luncheon meetings.

Membership in Rotary involves a commitment of your time. Members are expected to attend our weekly luncheon meetings. We do however understand that there are times when you will need to miss a luncheon meeting. There are several ways to make up a missed meeting, including but not limited to participating in club service and fundraising activities, or visiting another Rotary Club anywhere in the world!

To get the most from Rotary, we also encourage you to serve on a committee for one of the club's Avenues of Service (Club, Vocational, Community, International or Youth), attend some club Fellowship events and work actively on fundraising activities. Participation in committee work also helps you meet attendance commitments.

A financial commitment

Rotarians often find they are committing far more than just annual dues to our club, Rotary International and our community activities. We think it is important for you to be aware of the financial expectations before you commit to becoming a Rotarian:

Your minimum financial commitment:

- Annual Dues/Membership Fee due upon induction
 - \$25.00 One-time joining fee (*excludes returning/transferring Rotarians*) PLUS
 - \$180.00 Yearly Membership Dues (if joining Rotary after July 1st, dues are pro-rated)
- Noon meeting expense of \$21, discounted to \$20 if paying by cash or \$5 if attending remotely

Your service commitment

Although you will find that you make strong friendships and valuable business connections, Rotarians are committed to making the world a better place, by applying their time, effort and financial resources to local and international Rotary service projects. The service commitment Rotarians make is to provide "service above self".

All members of our club commit to:

- Attendance at weekly luncheon meetings
- Membership and active participation on an Avenue of Service committee and attendance at committee meetings

Opportunities to get involved

Once you've been a Rotarian for a while, and as you learn more about the club, you may find yourself motivated to become more involved and give back to the club and community:

- Attend other Rotary Club meetings
- Attend the annual District Conference, District Assemblies, and Leadership Training Seminars
- Attend the annual Rotary International Convention
- Serve on Area or District committees
- Host an exchange student

Application Process

A member in good standing of our club must "sponsor" you for membership. The process is as follows:

1. You attend at least three club meetings in-person.
2. You and your sponsor complete the application form and submit it to the Membership Chair.
3. The Membership Committee and Board of Directors will review your application (Board Meetings take place the third Friday of each month).
4. Upon approval from the Board, you will be invited to register for a Rotary Orientation. The orientation is a one-hour session, which provides you with an overview about Rotary at the Club, District and International levels.
5. Once orientation is completed, the Club President will verbally announce, at the next Club meeting, that your name is standing for membership consideration (You are on "ten days notice").
6. Typically, as soon as practical after the "ten days" has passed you will be inducted into the Club. You are encouraged to say hello to the Club and tell us about yourself (2 minutes). You will also receive your name badge, Rotary pin, etc. **Your dues will be payable the day of your induction** (invoice emailed to you in advance).
7. The Membership Committee will appoint an experienced Mentor, if your sponsor is not available, to help you fully participate in the Club, introduce you to other members, answer any questions you may have, and make you feel welcome.
8. Rotary Club of Jamestown, NY has several social events to help you become better acquainted with your fellow Rotarians. Be sure to check the calendar.

www.jamestownnyrotary.org/events/calendar

*Thank you for your interest in the
Rotary Club of Jamestown, NY*

Object of Rotary

The object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise, in particular, to encourage and foster:

- **FIRST:** The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;
- **SECOND:** High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;
- **THIRD:** The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;
- **FOURTH:** The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

Avenues of Service

We channel our commitment to service at home and abroad through five Avenues of Service, which are the foundation of club activity.

- **Club Service** focuses on making clubs strong. A thriving club is anchored by strong relationships and an active membership plan.
- **Vocational Service** calls on every Rotarian to work with integrity and contribute their expertise to the problems and needs of society.
- **Community Service** encourages every Rotarian to find ways to improve the quality of life for people in their communities and to serve the public interest.
- **International Service** exemplifies our global reach in promoting peace and understanding. We support this service avenue by sponsoring or volunteering on international projects, seeking partners abroad, and more.
- **Youth Service** recognizes the importance of empowering youth and young professionals through leadership development programs such as Interact, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards, and Rotary Youth Exchange.

Areas of Focus

We direct our efforts to enhance our local and global impact. Our most successful and sustainable projects and activities tend to fall within the following areas:

- Promoting peace
- Fighting disease
- Providing clean water
- Saving mothers and children
- Supporting education
- Growing local economies
- Protecting the Environment

Rotary's Two Official Mottos

Rotary's official mottoes, can be traced back to the early days of the organization.

- *Service Above Self*
- *One Profits Most Who Serves Best*

The Four-Way Test

Of the things we think, say or do

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?



New Member Application Form

Process:

1. Prospective member completes their part, signs and emails completed application to sponsor
2. Sponsor completes their portion, signs and emails to Membership Chair

PERSONAL INFORMATION (TO BE COMPLETED BY APPLICANT)

Prospective Member Full Name: _____

Prospective Member Nickname (If Any): _____ Date of Birth: _____

Optional - Preferred Pronouns: _____ Race/Ethnicity: _____

BUSINESS

Business Name/Former employer (ret.): _____

Years of employment at current business: _____

Position or Title: _____

Business Address: _____

Business Phone: _____ Business Cell: _____

Fax Number: _____ Email: _____

RESIDENCE

Residence Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Personal Cell: _____

Email: _____

OTHER

Proposed classification (*for committee determination*): _____

Were you previously a Rotarian?

Yes Club(s) name: _____ from: _____ to: _____
RI ID# _____

No

Preferred Email Address: _____ Preferred Phone Number: _____

Please indicate activities or relevant experiences that would enhance consideration as an engaged Rotarian (volunteer activities or community involvement you would like to share with us):

Please provide a brief bio that we can use when we introduce you to the members:

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/a, and by having a place or residence with 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 required by the club 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.

Proposed Member's Signature: _____ Date: _____

SPONSOR (TO BE COMPLETED BY SPONSORING ROTARIAN)

** Sponsoring Rotarian should be a member in good standing of the Rotary Club of Jamestown, NY and preferably has known the potential member for more than 12 months.*

Sponsor's Name: _____ Date: _____

Commitment to ensuring that the applicant remains an engaged active member of the club?

Sponsor or Mentor Signature: _____ Date: _____

** Applicant: If you have not known a member of the Rotary Club of Jamestown NY for longer than 12 months, along with your completed application, please submit 2 letters of reference.*