

Welcome!

Thank you for considering our Rotary Club as the Primary Member of an Organizational Membership. Rotary is the world's oldest and largest service organization. Moreover, our Rotary Club of Jamestown, NY 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, require attendance at 12 meetings per year (including make-ups). Organizational members are subject to the same responsibility. There are several ways to make up for 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
 - \$180.00 Yearly Individual/Primary Organizational Membership Dues (**pro-rated in the first year**)
 - \$25.00 One-time joining fee due upon induction (*excludes returning/transferring Rotarians*)
 - \$70.00 Each for up to three (3) Organizational Alternate Members
- Weekly luncheon meetings **\$20 cash/\$21 card.**

- **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 meetings of other Rotary Club
- Attend the annual District 7090 Conference, District Assemblies, and Leadership Training Seminars
- Attend the annual Rotary International Convention
- Serve on Area or District committees
- Host a Foreign Exchange Student

- **Application Process**

- A member in good standing of our club must "sponsor" you as the *Primary* for an Organizational membership.¹ The process is as follows **for both Primary and Alternate members**:
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. **As part of the Induction, you are encouraged to address the Club members, sharing something about yourself (2 minutes).** You will also receive your name badge, Rotary pin, etc. **Your primary member 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

¹ **If you are a current Individual Jamestown Rotary Club member in good standing, you do not need a new sponsor.** Please insert the name of your original Club sponsor. If that sponsor is no longer a member in good standing of the Club, you will be responsible for securing a new sponsor.

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.

Rotary International's Seven areas of focus reflect the humanitarian

needs and issues that Rotarians address around the world:

- 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 mottos 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?