

# Information for Prospective Members

## Rotary Club of Ottawa Kanata Sunrise

**What Rotarians get out of Rotary depends largely on what they put into it.** Many membership requirements are designed to help club members more fully participate in and enjoy their Rotary experience.

### Welcome!

We are proud to be members of the world's oldest service club, founded in 1905, and to be associated with its strong record of local and international community service. The Rotary Club of Ottawa Kanata Sunrise (ROKS) has existed since 1999, serving West Ottawa and Kanata. The ROKS club currently counts 20+ members, drawn from many business fields.

### Is Rotary right for me?

Prospective members must:

- Hold (or be retired from) a professional, proprietary, executive, managerial, or community position
- Have demonstrated a commitment to service through personal involvement
- Be able to meet the club's weekly attendance or community project participation requirements
- Live or work within the vicinity of the club or surrounding area

### What is the minimum age to be in Rotary?

There is no minimum age to join Rotary. You may be invited to join Rotary at any age after you become established in a career and have the time and financial resources to meet all Rotary club membership requirements.

### The Classification Principle

Virtually all membership in Rotary is based upon a classification which describes the distinct business or professional service that the Rotarian renders to society.

The principle of Rotary classification is somewhat more specific and precise. In determining the classification of a Rotarian it is necessary to look at the principle or recognized business or professional activity of the firm, company, or institution.

It should be clearly understood that classifications are determined by activities or services to society rather than by position held by a particular individual. In other words, if a person is the president of a bank, he or she is not classified as bank president but under the classification banking.

It is the principal and recognized activity of a business or professional establishment or the individual's principal and recognized business or professional activity that determines the classification to be established and loaned as a qualified person. For example, the permanently employed electrical engineer of a manufacturing company may be considered for membership as a representative of the particular work he or she may be doing personally or as a representative of the firm, company, or institution for which the professional service is being done.

The classification principle also permits business and industries to be separated into distinct functions such as manufacturing, distributing, retailing, and servicing. Classifications may also be specified as distinct and independent divisions of a larger corporation or university within the club's territory, such as a school of business or a school of engineering.

The classification principle is a necessary concept in assuring that each Rotary club represents a cross section of the business and professional service of the community.

## **Attendance**

Attending the weekly ROKS meetings fosters fellowship among club members, provides opportunities to meet new people and reconnect with long-time friends, enriches one's professional and personal knowledge, keeps you current on club, district, and Rotary International news and events, and helps you meet other business leaders in your community.

### **ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS**

Meeting the minimum attendance requirement is your responsibility as a Rotarian.

Members must commit to:

- Attend or make up at least 50% of ROKS meetings in each 6 month period.
- Attend at least 30% of the ROKS club meetings in each 6 month period.
- A member may not miss, or fail to make up, four consecutive meetings.

**ROKS Meeting Time:** 07:00 Wednesday

**Meeting location:** 350 Terry Fox Dr, Kanata, ON (back of building)

### **MAKE-UPS**

A member is encouraged to make-up any 'missed' meeting. There are many ways that you can still receive attendance credit if you cannot attend your club meeting:

- Attend a meeting of another club anywhere in the world, within 14 days before or after the missed meeting
- Attend a meeting of a Rotaract or Interact club, Rotary Community Corps, or Rotary Fellowship
- Attend certain district or RI meetings
- Participate in a club-sponsored event or service project
- Attend a club board or service committee meeting with authorization of the club board

In the Ottawa area, two other Rotary Clubs meet at lunchtime on Tuesday and Wednesday, two Clubs meet in the evening and three others at breakfast time. Other Clubs enjoy participation of 'make-ups' from members of other clubs.

The Rotary lapel badge entitles a member to attend any meetings of the 33,000 Clubs throughout the world. Usually wearing the Rotary badge is sufficient, but some Clubs may ask to see a member's credentials - an ID Card will be provided by the Club Secretary once you are a member.

## Service

By participating in local and international service projects, members can volunteer their time and talents where they are most needed.

The following four **Avenues of Service** are Rotary's philosophical cornerstone and the foundation on which our club's activity is based.

- **Club Service** focuses on strengthening fellowship and ensuring the club's effective functioning.
- **Vocational Service** encourages Rotarians to serve others through their vocations and to practice high ethical standards.
- **Community Service** covers the projects and activities the club undertakes to improve life in its community.
- **International Service** encompasses actions taken to expand Rotary's humanitarian reach around the globe and to promote world understanding and peace.

ROKS is still in the process of developing all four areas. In accordance with their respective talents, our members are expected to support in the creation of the various services.

## Finding and keeping members

To keep the group strong, every member shares the responsibility of bringing new people into Rotary. Even new members can bring guests to club meetings or invite them to participate in a service project.

Keeping members involved in Rotary is another responsibility. Fostering strong fellowship and encouraging early participation in service projects are two of the best ways to sustain our club's membership.

## Dues

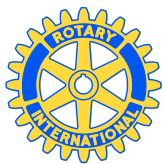
The annual dues are **\$ 600 (\$ 200 payable in July, November and March)** and includes breakfast, all fees towards Rotary International/Rotary Foundation, and the monthly subscription of both the American "The Rotarian" and the Canadian "Rotary Canada".

## Leadership

Club members are encouraged to volunteer for leadership roles at the club level and beyond. To learn more about leadership opportunities in your district, see the district leadership seminar page and the club committees page.

## I'm Interested: How do I become a member of Rotary?

If you're interested in joining our club, submit a Prospective Member form. Note that individuals must be sponsored or proposed for membership into a club. Often, a person being considered for membership is invited by a club member, or sponsor, to attend one or more club meetings to learn more about Rotary. In this case, the sponsor submits the candidate's name to the club's membership committee.



## For More Information

Rotary Club of Ottawa Kanata Sunrise [www.kanatarotary.com](http://www.kanatarotary.com)

Rotary District 7040 [www.rotary7040.com](http://www.rotary7040.com)

Rotary International [rotary.org](http://rotary.org)

The Rotarian <http://rotary.org/en/MediaAndNews/TheRotarian/Pages/ridefault.aspx>

Rotary Canada <http://rotary.org/en/MediaAndNews/MorePublications/RotaryCanada/Pages/ridefault.aspx>