



# Membership Application

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The Rotary Club of South Cowichan  
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**Congratulations!** You're considering joining Rotary, the world's oldest and largest service organization. The Rotary Club of South Cowichan dates back to 1991.

## **More than just breakfast meetings...**

Being a member of Rotary requires you to commit yourself to attending weekly meeting and making a commitment to help with projects and participate in club activities. All members are expected to attend weekly meetings as their business schedule allows. A 50% attendance level is the minimum. Many Rotarians enjoy the weekly meetings and strive for perfect attendance. This is something we encourage!

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 or International). Fellowship is a very important part for our members and attend some club Fellowship events and/or working actively on a fundraising activity will give you the opportunity to meet and get to know your fellow members. Participation in committee work also helps you meet attendance commitments.

## **A financial commitment....**

We want you to know, coming into our club there is a commitment that goes beyond just annual dues to our club. We think it is important for you to be aware of the financial expectations, before you commit to becoming a Rotarian:

### *Your annual commitment:*

- Annual Dues = \$275.00
  - ✓ One time administration fee of \$100 when you join, invoiced upon induction
- Weekly breakfast meeting cost
- Small meeting fines to Sergeant-at-Arms
- Sustaining member of RI Foundation = \$100(US)
- Various fellowship events, etc = \$30-\$200

## **“Service above Self”**

Rotary is much more than a networking club, although you will find that you make strong friendships and valuable business connections here. Rotarians are committed to making the world a better place, by applying their time, energy and financial resources to local and international service projects.

## **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:

- Service on the Club Board of Directors
- Attend other Rotary Club meetings
- Attend Area 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 for several months in your home
- Involve an exchange student in your family activities from time to time
- Travel overseas for International projects
- Lead an overseas Group Study Exchange

## **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 prior to becoming a member. This allows us to get to know you and you to get to know us.
2. You and your sponsor complete the application form and submit it.
3. The membership committee will arrange to meet with you to discuss your application and answer any questions you may have.
4. The Membership committee will then submit your application to the Board of Directors for approval. Once the Board has approved the application your name will be announced to the Club, through the weekly meeting and newsletter, indicating you are being considered for membership. Your written application will be handled in a confidential manner.
5. A formal induction ceremony will take place at a club meeting, where you will receive your official welcome to the Club, along with name badge, Rotary pin, etc. Your dues will be payable the day of your induction.
6. This process will be conducted in a timely manner but could take up to 60 days, after which, you will be invited to Rotary School. Rotary School is a one-hour session, which provides you with an overview about Rotary at the Club, District and International level.
7. The Membership Committee will appoint an experienced Mentor to help you fully participate in the Club, introduce you to other members, answer any questions you may have and generally make you feel at home.



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# New Member Form

The Rotary Club of South Cowichan

**Personal Information** *(To be completed by Applicant)* Please include a brief resume with your application.

Prospective Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Business**

Business Name/Former employer (ret.): \_\_\_\_\_

Position or Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Residence**

Residence Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Residence Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Were you previously a Rotarian?

- Yes Club(s) name: \_\_\_\_\_ from: \_\_\_\_\_ to: \_\_\_\_\_  
RI ID# \_\_\_\_\_
- No

Please indicate some of the skills you bring to Rotary: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Sponsor** *(To be completed by Sponsoring Rotarian)*

*Sponsoring Rotarian must be a member in good standing of the Rotary Club of South Cowichan and has known the potential member for more than 12 months.*

Sponsor's name, please print: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you committed to ensuring that the applicant remains an engaged, active member of the club?

Sponsor's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_