



Membership Application

THE ROTARY CLUB OF LONDON SOUTH

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Congratulations! You're considering joining Rotary, the world's oldest and largest service organization — and specifically the Rotary Club of London South, our region's most dynamic and fun group! It's important to us that you know what you're getting into, so please read this document carefully, and ask questions of your sponsor.

More than just breakfast meetings.

Membership in Rotary requires a consistent, ongoing commitment of your time — at least 10 hours a month. At a bare minimum, all members are required to attend weekly meetings, missing no more than two per month, or doing "make-up" meetings at other clubs. Many Rotarians strive for perfect attendance, and we encourage it.

You are also required to serve on a committee for one of the club's Avenues of Service (Club, International, Vocational, New Generations or Community), to attend some club Fellowship events (BBQ, Gourmet Dinner, Christmas Party, Skeet Shooting, Golf Tournament, Curling Spiel, etc.), and to work actively on a committee project.

Your annual commitment:

- At least 36 meetings x 2 hrs = 72 hrs
- 12 monthly committee meetings = 12 hrs
- Committee project work = 12 hrs
- Several Fellowship events = 20 hrs

Total: About 120 hrs/yr, or 10 hrs/month

A financial commitment. We want you to know, coming into our club, that most Rotarians find they are committing far more than just annual dues to our club, Rotary International, and our community activities. We think it's important for you to be aware of the financial expectations, before you commit to becoming a Rotarian:

Your annual commitment:

- Annual Dues = \$230
- 36-50 Weekly Breakfast Fees = \$468 - \$650

- Fines to Sergeant-at-Arms = \$25 - \$100/year
- Sustaining member of RI Foundation = \$130 (*\$3 per week*)/year
- Various fellowship events, etc. = \$50 - \$200

Total: \$903 - \$1,310 or more

"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, effort, and financial resources to local and international service projects.

All members of our club are expected as a minimum to commit to:

- Membership on an Avenue of Service committee, attendance at monthly meetings
- Active participation on a Service project
- Active involvement in a Fundraising project
- Collect at least 2 items worth \$100 each for the Internet Auction each fall
- Serve on the front desk or as a greeter for at least four meetings

Opportunities to get more involved.

Once you've been a Rotarian for a while, and as you learn more, you may find yourself motivated to become more involved:

- Serve 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



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- Participate in Junior Achievement's ESIS (Economics of Staying in School)
- Travel overseas for Polio Plus vaccinations
- Lead an overseas Group Study Exchange

None of these things are expected or required of club members, but we thought you should know that there are broad opportunities for you to get more involved in Rotary on a national and international scale.

Membership Criteria

The Constitution of Rotary International specifies several criteria that *must* be met by any proposed member of a Rotary Club before they can be considered for membership. Rotary Clubs have no authority to alter these requirements:

Rotarians must be **adult persons of good character**, possessing a good business and personal reputation, committed to ethical business practices. Our club confirms these qualities through reference checks, the recommendation of the sponsoring Rotarian, and a personal interview with prospective members.

Rotarians must also be active or retired **owners, professionals or managers**, as somewhat narrowly defined by Rotary International. Rotarians must hold an important position with executive capacity and discretionary authority over their own time and budget, *or* be engaged as a proprietor, partner, corporate officer, or manager of any worthy and recognized business or profession.

Rotary Clubs operate within a **classification system**, intended to ensure that the club draws a representative cross-section of the local business community. With just under 50 members, our club can have no more than 5 members from the same professional classification. (Please address any questions regarding membership criteria and classifications to the Membership Development chair, currently Neil McGrath.)

Finally, members of our club need to **live or work within the municipality of London**, or its immediate area.

Application Process

If you meet the criteria outlined above, a member in good standing of our club can "sponsor" you for membership. The process is as follows:

1. You attend at least three consecutive club meetings. (Usually your sponsor will pay for the first.)
2. You and your sponsor complete the application form, and submit it to the Club Secretary (currently Barb Fraser) with a \$35 cheque payable to the "Rotary Club of London South."
3. The Membership Development committee will arrange a personal interview with you and your sponsor.
4. At its next monthly meeting, the Club Executive will review your application, and will likely announce it to the club for consideration.
5. After 7 days without objection, and upon payment of the full annual membership dues (currently \$230), you will officially become a full member of the club. Attendance requirements commence immediately.
6. Later, at a formal induction ceremony, you will receive your official welcome to the club, along with name badges, certificates, etc.
7. The club will appoint an experienced Mentor (possibly your sponsor, but not necessarily) to help you fully participate in the club, introduce you to other members, answer any questions you may have, and make you feel at home. Your Mentor will help monitor your attendance, and help you find opportunities to do "make-up" meetings as required.
8. Hopefully before long, you will feel inspired to share your Rotary experience, by sponsoring a new member yourself!



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New Member Application Form

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Personal Information *(To be completed by Applicant)*

Prospective Member Name:

Position or Title:

Business or Organization:

Classification:

Birthdate:

Spouse/Partner (if any):

Languages *(other than English)*:

Business Address:

City:

Province:

Postal Code:

Business Phone:

Fax:

Cellular:

Home Address:

City:

Province:

Postal Code:

Home Phone:

Email Address:

Former Experience with Rotary:

Former Rotarian Rotaractor Interactor Ambassadorial Scholar Group Study Exchange

Former Exchange Student Past District Governor Past Club President Past Club Director

If you are a past Rotarian, in which club?

Why do you want to join Rotary?

Signature:

Date:



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References *(To be completed by Applicant)*

Personal Reference:

Phone:

Position/Title:

Company/Organization:

Professional Reference:

Phone:

Position/Title:

Company/Organization:

Professional Reference:

Phone:

Position/Title:

Company/Organization:

Sponsor *(To be completed by Sponsoring Rotarian)*

Sponsoring Rotarian *(must be a member in good standing of the Rotary Club of London South):*

Why do you believe this applicant would make an exemplary Rotarian?

Are you committed to ensuring they remain an engaged, active member of the club?

Sponsor's Signature:

Date:

Approvals *(To be completed by Club Secretary)*

Date Received with \$35 application fee (cheque payable to "The Rotary Club of London South"):

Date Forwarded to Membership Development Committee:

Date Interviewed by Membership Development Committee:

Recommendation to Club Executive:

Date Reviewed by Club Executive:

Decision:

Date Announced to Club:

Date of Induction:

Date Annual Membership Dues Received (\$230):