

New-Member proposal process – 2017-18 –

[Based on club bylaws, Article 13, available on web site]

1. Potential new member identification
 - Rotarian proposer (sponsor) identifies potential new member OR
 - Potential new member indicates interest through a sponsor OR
 - Proposal may come from another club for a transfer if in good standing
 - Proposals should be kept confidential until approval by Board of Directors (BOD)
2. Conversation, Q&A, prospective member attends club meetings with sponsor
3. When a desire to join is confirmed:
 - Fill out New-Member Proposal form (from secretary or download from web site)
 - Personal info, including past Rotary affiliation (with member #)
 - Discuss interests and potential classification
 - Proposal delivered to club secretary
4. Secretary submits proposal to BOD for approval (at a meeting or via email)
5. BOD approves or disapproves within 30 days (at a meeting or via email). If approved ...
 - Potential new member info published (posted in Appleseed and/or web site)
 - If no objections* within 7 days, proposal is confirmed upon payment of admission fee
 - Sponsor explains costs as set by the BOD, currently ...
 - \$95 admission fee paid before joining
 - \$210 dues per 6 months (1/2 if under 35) paid in June and December
6. President and/or sponsor will arrange for orientation and induction of the new member, and provide literature and ID badge. The secretary will assist as needed, including registering the member into the club/International data base and notifying the club treasurer.

Sponsor and/or chosen mentor should conduct in depth orientation with new member to discuss history and character of the club, dues, attendance, Foundation, mentorship program, etc.. A checklist/outline is available for this conversation (see next page). It should include another Rotarian and be accomplished within 30 days. Hopefully this outline will clarify what has sometimes been a murky process and will help to encourage and expedite recruitment and club-building. A key ingredient is to make new recruits feel welcome, needed, and ready to get involved. The process should be steady but not rushed.

*Note – There is a process for BOD to handle objections

Rotary New Member talking points

This list is not meant to be exhaustive, but rather an outline of important points that will stimulate a conversation with new members. If you think of other things that need to be on this list, please communicate those to Don Myers and he'll add them. **Added thoughts to consider if time permits**

- What is Rotary?
 - Leadership organization...**Humanitarian focus...**
 - **Diverse global network of community, business, professional leaders**
 - **Working since 1985 with WHO & Gates Fdn to eradicate polio worldwide**
 - Object of Rotary: service, ethical integrity, local and international impact *
 - Four Way test...**Service Above Self**
 - 33,000 clubs, 1.2 M members, **in more than 200 countries & geo areas**
 - **5 Avenues of service: Club, Vocational, Community, International, Youth...**
- History
 - First club 1905, Chicago, Paul Harris + 3 others
 - Our first club 2/1/1921 815th Rotary club
 - Dr. Ed Cadman, PRIP
- Structure
 - Club, district, international
 - Local foundation (WRF)
 - International foundation (TRF)
- Local flavor
 - Noon meetings, special meetings, satellite mtg, **social media, web site**
 - Interact **Rotaract (sometimes)**
 - Projects: Rotary Park, Westside, Women's Resource Center, etc
 - Youth exchange
 - Auction
- Importance of involvement
 - Committees and projects
 - Involvement with other Rotarians – Mentor program
 - Paul Scea, Paul Harris fellowships
 - Attendance
 - 50%, 30%
 - Makeups
 - Propose a new member
- Practicals
 - Annual Dues+ joining fee (\$420 + 95)
 - Sustaining member = \$100 per year to TRF
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* The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, 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.