

Why Join Rotary?

Being a member of the Rotary Organization provides you with a valuable connection to community leaders who care about issues facing our community. As a Rotarian you will have the opportunity to learn more and develop professional skills. Through your commitment, you will also become more socially and culturally aware of needs globally and how Rotary works to make a difference through service. Rotary creates a more positive environment for promoting world's understanding and peace.

1. **Friendship:** In an increasingly complex world, Rotary provides one of the most basic human needs – the need for friends and fellowship.
2. **Personal Growth and Development:** Membership in Rotary continues one's growth in human relations and personal development. Each week, members have an opportunity to develop their people skills through Rotary's meetings, service activities, and social functions which will assist in developing confidence and skills in public communication.
3. **Leadership & Business Development:** Rotary is an organization of leaders who represent a broad cross-section of businesses within the community. Serving in Rotary is like a continuing education and leadership course which affords you the opportunity to contribute to the development of your own vocation. Each week at Rotary there is a program designed to keep one informed as to what is going on in the community, nation, and world.
4. **Our members are nice and have fun together:** Virtually every country, culture, religion, race, creed, political persuasion, language, color and ethnic identity is found in Rotary. The average Rotary club consists of the most active citizens within the community and provides opportunities for fellowship, social activities, and fun in service. Rotarians, above all, are nice people. They are important people who believe in the adage that while,
"it is nice to be important, it is more important to be nice."
5. **Citizenship in the World:** There are few places that do not have a Rotary club, which results in instant friends around the world. Rotarians who travel can quickly find a doctor, lawyer, hotel, dentist, etc. through Rotary's network.
6. **Entertainment:** Rotary offers conferences, conventions, assemblies, and institutes that provide entertainment in addition to Rotary information, education, and service.

7. **Family Programs:** Rotary provides one of the world's largest Youth Exchange programs, programs for high school age and college age students, opportunities for spouses, and activities to assist family members in the development of values.
8. **The Development of Ethics:** Rotarians practice the 4-Way Test, which governs one's ethical standards. Rotarians are expected to be ethical in business and personal relationships.
9. **Prestige:** Rotary is the oldest and most prestigious service club in the world. Its ranks include executives, managers, and professional people who make decisions and influence policy. Rotary has no secret handshake, no secret policy, no official creed, and no secret meeting rituals. It is an open society of men and women who simply believe in helping others.
10. **The Opportunity to Serve:** Rotary is a service club, its business is mankind; its product is service. This is perhaps the best reason for becoming a Rotarian is the chance to do something for somebody else while experiencing self – fulfillment the process.

In the spirit of all of the above, the Williston Richmond Rotary Club has adopted the motto:

“SERVICE ABOVE SELF”