

Member information on proposing members to RCEN

Proposing new members is essential to achieving Rotary's goals of providing community and international service. As a Rotarian, one of your primary responsibilities is to help identify and propose new members.

Contribute to your club's membership by bringing in qualified business and professional leaders who are interested in and committed to advancing the mission of Rotary. Together with your fellow Rotarians, you can help your club fully represent your community's business and professional life.

You'll be strengthening your club and ensuring its growth and longevity.

Identifying Qualified Candidates

Qualified candidates for Rotary membership are adults of good character and good business and professional reputation, who hold or have held an executive position with discretionary authority in any worthy and recognized business or profession.

Types of Membership

Active: Full participation at meetings and as many community service and fellowship events - \$350.00

Associate: Participation at community service and fellowship events is encouraged. The member is attendance exempt - \$1,000.00

Corporate: Three representatives of member are encouraged to attend meetings, community service and fellowship events. The representatives are attendance exempt - \$2,500.00

Proposing a New Member

Once it becomes clear that the prospective member is interested in membership:

- Complete relevant Membership Proposal Form and return the form to your Club Secretary for submission to the club's board of directors.
- Wait for the club secretary to notify you of the board's decision, which should come within 30 days of the submission. Advise the proposed member of the application procedure as outlined below.

After the board approves the candidate:

- The secretary will publish the proposed member's name and classification to the club. The bylaws allow for seven days for club members to consider and file objections, if any.
- If no objections are received from the club, the Membership committee will arrange an information session for the proposed member and his/her/their proposer.
- The proposed member is inducted into the Club.
- The club secretary reports the new member to Rotary International.

Before you submit your proposal, have you...

- (1) invited the prospective member to weekly general meetings?
- (2) had the prospective member participate in the Fox Hill Run?
- (3) provided the prospective member with information about membership and responsibilities?
- (4) encouraged the prospective member to tour the RI website, www.rotary.org?
- (5) discussed your **club's projects and programs** to the prospective member?
- (6) spoken to the prospective member about the basics of Rotary?

Basics of Rotary:

Rotary is a worldwide network of inspired individuals who translate their passions into relevant social causes to change lives in communities.

Made up of over 34,000 Rotary clubs around the world, Rotary International forms a global network of business, professional, and community leaders who volunteer their time and talents to serve communities locally and around the world – and form strong, lasting friendships in the process.

Our motto, <u>Service Above Self</u>, exemplifies the humanitarian spirit of the 1.2 million Rotarians worldwide. Service efforts are directed toward our areas of focus:

- Peace and conflict prevention/resolution
- Disease prevention and treatment
- Water and sanitation
- Maternal and child health
- Basic education and literacy
- Economic and community development

There's something that all Rotary club members have in common: We take action. As community volunteers, we reach out to neighbors in need. We build, support, and organize. We save lives. We work locally and globally.

Around the world and around the corner, the 1.2 million men and women of Rotary

- Get involved in their communities
- Connect with other professionals
- Share their time and experience with young people
- Support global causes, such as eradicating polio
- Use their skills to help others