

WHY JOIN ROTARY?

NETWORKING

An original goal of Rotary was to allow club members to meet periodically and enlarge their circle of business and professional acquaintances. As members of the oldest service club in the world, Rotarians represent a cross-section of their community's business owners, executives, managers, political leaders, and professionals – people who make decisions and influence policy.

SERVICE

Club members have many opportunities for humanitarian service, both locally and globally through Rotary's areas of focus: Peace & conflict prevention/resolution; Disease prevention & treatment; Water & sanitation; Maternal & child health; Basic education & literacy; Economic & community development; Environment. Rotarians experience the fulfillment that comes from giving back to communities at home and internationally.

ETHICS

Encouraging high ethical standards and respect for all worthy vocations has been a hallmark of Rotary from its earliest days. In their business and professional lives, Rotarians abide by The Four-Way Test: Is it the TRUTH? Is it FAIR to all concerned? Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS? Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?



LEADERSHIP

Rotary is an organization of successful professionals. Team building, fundraising, public speaking, planning, organization, and communication are just some of the leadership skills that club members can exercise and enhance. Being a Rotary leader provides further experience in motivating, inspiring, and guiding others. Prominent local and national speakers provide insights into timely and relevant issues facing Central Iowa leaders at weekly meetings – in fact, our Club has long been regarded as “The Podium” of Des Moines.

FRIENDSHIP

Rotary was founded on fellowship, a cornerstone that continues to attract members today. Rotarians enjoy camaraderie with like-minded professionals, and club projects provide opportunities to develop enduring friendships. Club members who travel have friendly contacts in almost every city of the world.

FAMILY

Rotary sponsors some of the world's largest exchange and educational programs. Rotary clubs provide innovative training opportunities and mentoring for young leaders, and they involve family members in a wide range of social and service activities.

WHAT CAN I EXPECT?

FLEXIBILITY

Being a Rotarian comes with the flexibility to make your membership work well for you. Weekly meetings, service opportunities, professional development, fellowship gatherings and more are all part of a full Rotary experience.

Weekly lunch meetings are the heart of the Rotary experience. Fellowship before and after lunch provides valuable time to network and learn from one another, as well as our prominent speakers. Differences in opinion, perspectives and experiences enhance dialog and strengthen values.

ROTARY DUES

Dues are assessed quarterly to assist in budgeting, and may be paid by the individual member or employer. Additional contributions to the Rotary Club of Des Moines Foundation and Rotary International Foundation fund transformative local and global initiatives. Locally, this includes a \$40,000 community grant to a selected nonprofit organization; scholarships for Des Moines Public School students; Des Moines police, firefighter and educator of the year awards; and more. A dues incentive is offered to first-year Rotary members.



FOUR WAY TEST

The Four-Way Test is a nonpartisan and nonsectarian ethical guide for Rotarians to use for their personal and professional relationships. The test has been translated into more than 100 languages, and Rotarians recite it at club meetings. Of the things we think, say or do:

Is it the TRUTH?

Is it FAIR to all concerned?

Will it build GOODWILL and better FRIENDSHIPS?

Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

CHECK US OUT

The best way to get a “taste” of the Rotary Club of Des Moines is to join us for lunch! You’ll be hosted by a Club member for your complimentary visit. Reach out today – we’d love to meet you!

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