

Prospective Member Guide

Rewards and Obligations of Membership



Service Above Self since 1926

Rotary Club of DeLand

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Brief History

Rotary began as the world's first service Club. The Rotary Club of Chicago, Illinois was formed on February 23, 1905 by Paul Harris, an attorney who had the vision to begin an organization made up of businessmen from different occupations without restrictions of politics or religion. As the original group began rotating their meetings from office to office, the name "Rotary" became the organization's name. Although focus of the group was fellowship, it soon adopted the philosophy "service to others". In 1912, clubs were started in Canada and Great Britain, when the name was changed to Rotary International. Rotary's motto, "**Service Above Self**", exemplifies the humanitarian spirit of the more than 1.4 million members worldwide.

The Object of Rotary

The object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and to encourage peace and goodwill.

The Five Avenues of Service

The Five Avenues of Service, based on the Object of Rotary, are Rotary's philosophical cornerstone and the foundation on which club activity is based: **Club Service, Vocational Service, Community Service, International Service, and Youth Service.**

The 4-way Test of the Things We Think, Say or Do:

1. Is it the **TRUTH**?
2. Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
3. Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER** friendships?
4. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?



Rewards of Membership

Rotarians are business and professional leaders who take an active role in their communities while greatly enriching their personal and professional lives. Each member is assigned a classification, based on their business. This system ensures that the Club’s membership reflects the business composition of our community, and encourages membership from various professions. The Rotary Club of DeLand is proud to have a diverse group of members. Why join?

Membership in our Rotary Club offers a number of opportunities, some including:

- Leadership Development in a diverse membership organization
- Developing relationships with our community and business leaders
- Stimulating weekly programs
- International humanitarian work
- Ethical Environment & Good Citizenship in our community
- Fellowship & Friendship with other Rotarians that share your interest of service to the community, knowing they also share high ethical standards
- Establish a contact with an international network of professionals
- Service Opportunities allow you to participate in district and worldwide projects through the Rotary International. The combined efforts of Rotarians around the world address the many global needs of 1he population.

Obligations of Rotary Membership

Membership in Rotary carries certain responsibilities:

ATTENDANCE:

- Goal - 100% attendance at weekly meetings
- Aim - 85% minimum attendance
- Minimum - 50% attendance each six months

If you are unable to meet the minumum attendance, you may request a leave of absence for medical problems or for other good reasons. The request must be given in writing to the Membership Chair and the Board of Directors for consideration for 3 months at a time.

MAKE-UPS:

Absence from a weekly meeting may be made up anytime during the Rotary year. Approved make-ups include another Rotary Club’s meeting, District Assembly or Conference, Club Board meeting, working at a Board approved project, attending a Club committee meeting, or online.

Speakers at our weekly meetings donate their time to educate or entertain us. Leaving before 1 PM is disrespectful to the speaker, and reflects poorly on our Club. “Scooting” early is strongly discouraged. While there may be an occasion when it is unavoidable, it should be rare.

Participation Expectations

MINIMUM PARTICIPATION

- Attend a committee meeting of an ongoing project once per month
- Maintain attendance requirement
- Pay dues/fees promptly
- Volunteer on our projects
- Be a greeter for several weeks
- Contribute \$50 quarterly to our Fundraising account or be a \$500 sponsor for an event.

ENCOURAGED PARTICIPATION

- Attend District Conferences/Seminars
- Attend the Annual installation banquet
- Invite others to join Rotary
- Become a Paul Harris Fellow by donating a minimum of \$25 per quarter towards this \$1,000 award. When you have contributed \$500 towards this goal, the Club will match your funds.
- Once you become a Paul Harris Fellow, continue contributing as a Sustaining member. These funds are what sustains the International Projects.
- Become a Rotary Foundation Benefactor - commit in writing a minimum of \$1,000 in cash or life insurance proceeds through your estate.
- Consider becoming a Bequest Society Member of the Foundation by committing in writing a minimum of \$10,000 in cash or life insurance proceeds through your estate.
- Aspire to leadership or committee roles that may progress to club president.

How Much Does It Cost?

Initiation fee – One time only	\$100.00
Includes Rotary Shirt	
Background Check	\$50.00
Billed Quarterly	
Quarterly dues	\$52.50
Meals 13@ \$14.70	\$191.10
Facility Fee	\$35.75
Fundraising Obligation	\$50.00
Paul Harris Fellowship	\$25.00
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BILLING

Members are billed quarterly. Meals are billed in advance. If you miss a meeting, but make-up at another club where you paid for a meal, this should be reported to the Secretary and Treasurer. Your next quarterly bill will reflect a credit of \$14.70 for those make-ups.

Your bill includes dues, meals for the following quarter, any meals for guests you invited for the previous quarter, your fundraising obligation, special events you participated in (installation banquet, Holiday dinner), and your optional Paul Harris Fellowship contribution.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Dues should be paid within thirty days of receipt of the invoice. A convenience fee of 3% will be charged if you choose to pay by credit card.