



# ROTARY CLUB OF MINNEAPOLIS

## MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

### Membership in the Rotary Club of Minneapolis

The Rotary Club of Minneapolis welcomes your interest in learning more about our Rotary Club and membership.

- Our Club is one of almost 35,000 clubs across the globe.
- As individual Rotarians, we share Rotary International (RI) membership with 1.2 million other Rotarians worldwide.
- Our Club was the first in Minnesota and the ninth club chartered (the origin of our Club #9 nickname).
- We're currently one of six Rotary clubs in Minneapolis; our downtown club meets FRIDAYS AT NOON, at the Minneapolis Club.
- All prospective members to our Rotary Club must attend our meeting and be sponsored by two club members. The first step to your becoming a member is for us to meet and get to know you, and for you to learn more about Rotary and our Rotarians.

When you come to a FRIDAY NOON LUNCH AT THE MINNEAPOLIS CLUB, you'll be met at the registration table by club members who will invite you to complete a visitor registration form and to join them for lunch. On the visitor registration form, you can let us know that you are attending the lunch meeting as a "prospective member." A club member will accompany you at lunch. Prospective members are later contacted by a club member to initiate personal contact, the first step in learning more about our club and whether membership is of interest to you.

The information below highlights more details about becoming a member. We hope you will consider joining us at a Friday luncheon soon. Your advance call to our Club Administrator (612-337-9056) will be greatly appreciated, so that arrangements can be made for a Rotary Club member to meet with you and guide you through the noon lunch buffet line and to a seat at our Friday program. The Friday programs start at 12:00 p.m. with the buffet lunch and end by 1:15 p.m., following a brief program and speaker.

### Membership in the Rotary Club of Minneapolis begins by...

- Your coming to a noon lunch meeting to meet us and introduce yourself.
- We meet Fridays at noon, at the Minneapolis Club in downtown Minneapolis—check our website for meeting details.
- After you check in at the Friday registration table as a guest and prospective member, a Rotary Club member will serve as your host that day.
- After the meeting, a club member will initiate personal contact with you so we know your membership interests and you can learn more about our Rotary Club fellowship, joint learning on Fridays, and service activities.
- Once a Club member approaches you to join our Club under his/her sponsorship, he/she will arrange for you to get a copy of the appropriate membership form.
- After you complete the membership form and return it to your Club sponsor, the Club member sponsor completes his/her part of the application form and then gives it to the Club Administrator for follow-up club action.

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- Our Club processes all membership applications in the same way. Starting at the club administration level, applications are reviewed before being forwarded for action to a special committee of club member volunteers per club bylaws. Committee-completed applications will attach a recommended vocational classification deemed to align well to the applicant's job/work scope (this "classification" is a Rotary International tradition that serves to highlight club members' individual vocations as part of our honoring work) and then the application is forwarded to the Club board and Club membership for action. Many recognitions are in place to welcome new members to the Club after a Club membership vote to approve the new membership, along with a start date and follow-up emails to the new member with special information. This process may take up to three weeks. You are welcome to continue attending during this process.

### **Our club has TWO kinds of membership:**

Club #9 offers the single membership offered by all Rotary clubs and a unique membership created by our club to welcome certain organizations to join as Corporate Members. The dues for individual memberships and corporate memberships are summarized below. Every few years the dues/fees amounts may change slightly but no changes are executed until board action and notice to the club membership. An important part of your Rotary membership is for you to contribute as you are able to Rotary's philanthropic activities.

INDIVIDUAL active membership is open to individuals interested in participating in Rotary as an active member who attends regularly, contributes time and personal funds to supporting club activities including service to the local and international community, and benefits through fellowship with fellow community leaders who are each recognized for their work accomplishments and the values in the Rotary Four-Way Test:

Of All the things we think, say, or do:

1. "Is it the truth?"
2. "Is it fair to all concerned?"
3. "Will it be beneficial to all concerned?"
4. "Will it build good will and better friendships?"

CORPORATE active membership offers 2 for 1 value for a company or organization by providing TWO memberships: one for the "corporate sponsoring member," usually the CEO or a senior executive, and a second individual to serve as the "attending member," a designated individual from your organization to regularly attend Rotary meetings and participate in club learning, fellowship, and service. The organization benefits through affiliation with the Rotary Club of Minneapolis, recognized for long-time service contributions to local youth, adults, and groups serving others in need, as well as Rotary International causes such as worldwide polio eradication. Both members enjoy the benefits of membership, are listed in the directory as active members, and the organization is recognized as well.

### **Membership Dues/Fees:**

- Dues: Members pay approximately \$120 per month.
- One-Time Installation Fee: \$100.
- All members are billed on a semi-annual basis, but are encouraged to pay monthly, automatic billing is available.

*\*As of March 31, 2016. Amounts may change by Rotary Board action and with advance notice.*