

Dear Prospective Member,

2025-2026

Thank you for expressing your interest in The Rotary Club of Arlington Heights! We're excited about your pursuit of the Rotary motto of "Service Above Self" and for the opportunities for growth within our club.

Our club was chartered on March 28, 1956, by 20 individuals dedicated to the cause of serving both the local community and the world as a whole. Over the years we have grown to be one of the largest and most active clubs in District 6440, which is composed of 70 clubs throughout the Chicagoland area. During that time we have also been given a number of distinguished awards and recognitions that demonstrate that we are a dedicated group of individuals who want to serve our community as true Rotarians.

We want you to get the most out of your Rotary membership. In order to do this, we encourage you to participate in the numerous club activities held throughout the year. Such activities include community service projects, fundraisers that help us support local organizations, fellowship events and leadership training opportunities, to name a few. As a new member you'll also be introduced to our committee chairpersons and will be given an opportunity to learn more about what each committee contributes to the health of our club and how you can serve for the greater good.

We strongly recommend that you join us at a handful of our lunch meetings held the first through third Thursdays of the month to get to know the club better. When you have made the decision to join, simply ask for a Membership Application, and upon completion, please return it to the Membership Chairperson, Dr. Joe Musolino. Your application will be reviewed by the Membership Committee and brought to the Board of Directors at the next monthly meeting. Upon approval for induction, your application will be posted to the club website for seven days, and after that time the Membership Chairperson will coordinate with you to schedule your induction date at an upcoming lunch meeting. With the honor that comes with becoming a part of the Rotary family, we encourage you to invite family, friends and close associates to help you celebrate in your induction!

Should you have any questions while completing the application please check with the Membership Chairperson, the Club President, the Club Secretary, or your sponsor, if you have one.

Sincerely,

John Kent
President

Jim Ray
Secretary

Dr. Joe Musolino
Membership Chair

Application for Membership

General info:

Title: Mr./Mrs./Ms./Miss

Full name: _____

Sponsoring Rotarian: _____

Birthdate: ___/___/_____

Mailing address: _____ Zip code: _____

Village of _____

Cell phone: _____ Work phone: _____

Email: _____

Emergency contact name: _____ Relationship: _____

Emergency contact phone: _____

Tell us about your Rotary experience:

Previous club information (if applicable)

Rotary Club of: _____ Dates: _____

Location: _____ Previous name: _____
(if used different name at previous club)

Committees served: _____

Positions held: _____

Tell us about yourself:

Name of spouse or significant other: _____ Anniversary date: _____

Children: _____ Grandchildren: _____ Great-grandchildren: _____

Where are you originally from: _____

What brought you to the Arlington Heights area: _____

Military affiliation: _____

College affiliation: _____

Tell us about your professional background:

Name other service organizations that you have been involved with:

List some of your interests and hobbies:

We want to get to know you well so tell us a few more things about yourself:

Check all the service projects that interest you:

- EGGS and CHEESE:** Shop with a partner at Meijer for 40 dozen eggs and 40 packages of cheese, and deliver to Wheeling Township Food Pantry (commitment is about an hour, 3 opportunities to help each month)
- CLEAR VISION PROGRAM:** assist the optometrist and optician while they do vision evaluations on children in need in Palatine schools (3-4 hour commitment, one morning; 2-5 opportunities per school year)
- SUMMER SHOPPING:** Shop with a partner or two for \$500 worth of non-perishable foods and deliver to Wheeling Township Food Pantry (2-3 hour commitment; 3-4 opportunities each year)
- THANKSGIVING BOXES:** Pack and deliver 75 boxes of assorted non-perishable food for Thanksgiving Dinners at Rolling Meadows High School. (1-2 hour commitment, one afternoon before Thanksgiving)
- HOLIDAY SHOPPING:** Shop with other Rotarians and Interact Club high school students for presents for families in need in Arlington Heights. Wrap gifts and have lunch afterwards (2-3 hours, usually on a Sunday in early-mid December)
- GRANTS:** Meet with a group of Rotarians to review grant applications and award grants - this is usually a 2-3 hour evening meeting in mid-late September
- IMD GUEST HOUSE:** Prepare and serve food for up to 40 guests in the Illinois Medical District. You can prepare food, go down to serve, or both
- SANTA RUN:** Volunteer at one of several opportunities for our largest fundraiser - first Saturday in December
- ARLINGTON CLASSIC GOLF OUTING:** Volunteer or golf at our annual golf fundraiser in partnership with Special Leisure Services Foundation
- EASTER BASKET SHOPPING:** Purchase and wrap one or two Easter baskets for children - this is coordinated with WINGS
- PARADE VOLUNTEER:** Walk iVoln the 4th of July parade and hand out information on the Santa Run
- FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN:** Help package dry food packages with a group of Rotarians at the FMSC location in Schaumburg (usually a weekday evening; 2 hours; 1-2 opportunities per year)

- MEMORIAL DAY PARADE VOLUNTEER:** Help staff a water station at Memorial Park.
- COMMUNITY EVENT VOLUNTEER:** Represent Rotary and promote the Santa Run at various community events including National Night Out, Harmony Fest, Trunk or Treat, the Farmer's Market
- SUSTAINABILITY AND ENVIRONMENT:** Assist the Environmental Committee in planning, supporting or taking on at least one sustainability and environment activity per year. Assistance could include planning and logistics, donor and partner engagement, policy development, or active field work (e.g. pollinator planting, land restoration, etc.) Events are typically held in summer or fall of the year; planning, policy development and support are year-round.

Please be sure you've considered the following:

1. Rotary strongly encourages regular attendance at weekly meetings and participation on a committee. Make-up meetings can be attended at any Rotary Club meeting in the world.
2. We expect all Rotarians to volunteer their services in connection with Rotary projects and programs.
3. We encourage participation in our annual fund-raising events and ask that you contribute at least \$100.00 annually to the "Every Rotarian Every Year" program of The Rotary Foundation.
4. There is no initiation fee for new Rotarians. Quarterly dues to the club are \$122.00. Statements are sent out at the beginning of the quarter. Lunches cost \$21.00 with the option to purchase a 10-lunch prepaid punch card. We do encourage you to participate in our non-lunch fellowship activities for which you will be billed.

I, _____, hereby certify that I am qualified for active membership in The Rotary Club of Arlington Heights and I am willing to participate in the service and fundraising activities of the club.

I understand that, if accepted for membership, it will be my duty to exemplify the Rotary Four-Way Test of:

- 1) *Is it the truth,*
- 2) *Is it fair to all concerned,*
- 3) *Will it build good will and better friendships, and*
- 4) *Will it be beneficial to all concerned,*

as well as the Rotary motto of "Service Above Self," in all my daily actions and to my contacts in accordance with the constitutional documents of Rotary International and the Rotary Club of Arlington Heights. I agree to pay the quarterly dues in accordance with the club bylaws. I hereby give permission to the club to publish my name and other relevant information to its membership.

Proposed member's signature

Date

Sponsor's signature (if applicable)

Date

****It may take up to 60 days from your first informal club meeting to your official induction****

(To be completed by a club officer)

If a former member of Rotary, provide previous club and district information:

Club name: _____

District number: _____

Club ID number: _____

Dates: _____

Rotary membership ID number: _____