***Top 10 Reasons to Join Rotary***

**Professional Networking**

A founding principle of Rotary was to meet periodically to enjoy camaraderie and  
enlarge one’s circle of business and professional acquaintances. As the oldest  
service club in the world, Rotary club members represent a cross-section of the  
community’s owners, executives, managers, political leaders, and professionals  
– people who make decisions and influence policy.

**Service Opportunities**

Club members have many opportunities for humanitarian service, both locally  
and internationally. Service programs address such concerns as health care,  
hunger, poverty, illiteracy, and the environment. Rotarians experience the  
fulfillment that comes from giving back to the community.

**International Awareness**

With more than 32,000 clubs in over 200 countries & geographical areas,  
Rotarians gain an understanding of humanitarian issues through international  
service projects and exchange programs. One of Rotary’s highest objectives is to  
build goodwill and peace throughout the world.

**Friendship**

Rotary was founded on fellowship, an ideal that remains a major attraction of  
membership today. Club members enjoy the camaraderie with like-minded  
professionals, and club projects offer additional opportunities to develop enduring  
friendships. Rotary club members who travel have friendly contacts in almost  
every city in the world.

**Good Citizenship**

Weekly Rotary club programs keep members informed about what is taking place  
in the community, nation, and world and motivated to make a difference.

**Family Foundations**

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

**Entertainment**

Social activities give Rotarians a chance to let loose and have fun. Every Rotary  
club and district hosts parties and activities that offer diversions from today’s  
demanding professional and personal schedules. Conferences, conventions,  
assemblies, and social events provide entertainment as well as Rotary  
information, education, and service.

**Ethical Environment**

Encouraging high ethical standards in one’s profession 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 this TEST & CODE:

**The Four-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?

**Rotary Code of Conduct**

AS A ROTARIAN, I will

1. Exemplify the core value of integrity in all behaviors and activities

2. Use my vocational experience and talents to serve in Rotary

3. Conduct all of my personal, business, and professional affairs ethically,

encouraging and fostering high ethical standards as an example to others

4. Be fair in all dealings with others and treat them with the respect due

to them as fellow human beings

5. Promote recognition and respect for all occupations which are useful to society

6. Offer my vocational talents: to provide opportunities for young people, to work

for the relief of the special needs of others, and to improve the quality of life in

my community

7. Honor the trust that Rotary and fellow Rotarians provide and not do anything

that will bring disfavor or reflect adversely on Rotary or fellow Rotarians

8. Not seek from a fellow Rotarian a privilege or advantage not normally accorded

others in a business or professional relationship

**Leadership Development**

Rotary is an organization of successful professionals. Team building, fundraising,  
public speaking, planning, organization, and communication are just a sampling  
of the leadership skills that club members can exercise and enhance. Being a  
Rotary leader provides further experience in learning how to motivate, inspire,  
and guide others.

**Diversity in Membership**

Rotary’s classification system ensures that a club’s membership represents a  
variety of the community’s professional men and women, including leaders in  
business, industry, the arts, government, sports, the military, and religion. Rotary  
clubs are nonpolitical, nonreligious, and open to all cultures, races, and creeds.