



Membership Application

The Rotary Club of Greater Van Nuys

Congratulations! You're considering joining Rotary, the world's oldest and largest service organization – and specifically the Rotary Club of Greater Van Nuys, one of the oldest Rotary Clubs in California. Our Rotary Club dates back 89 years ago.

More than just luncheon meetings...

Membership in Rotary requires a consistent and ongoing commitment of your time. At a bare minimum, all members are expected to attend weekly meetings, missing no more than one meeting a month, or doing "make-up" meetings at another Rotary Club. Many Rotarians strive for perfect attendance and we encourage it!

To get the most from Rotary, we also encourage you to serve on a committee for one of the club's Avenues of Service (Club, Vocational, Community or International), to attend some club Fellowship events and to work actively on a fundraising activity. Participation in committee work also helps you meet attendance commitments.

A financial commitment....

We want you to know, coming into our club that most Rotarians find they are committing far more than just annual dues to our club, Rotary International and our community activities. We think it is important for you to be aware of the financial expectations, before you commit to becoming a Rotarian:

Your annual commitment:

- Annual Dues = \$40.00 (per month)
- Administration/Initiation fee = \$75.00 when you join, invoiced upon induction
- Weekly luncheon meetings = \$22.00 and \$7.00 (if you do not partake in lunch)
- Fines to Sergeant-at-Arms
- Sustaining member of RI Foundation = \$100(US)
- Mandatory to attend every demotion party
- Various fellowship events, etc = \$30-\$200

"Service above Self"

Rotary is much more than a networking club, although you will find that you make strong friendships and valuable business connections here. Rotarians are committed to making the world a better place, by applying their time, effort and financial resources to local and international service projects.

All members of our club are expected as a minimum to commit to:

- Attendance at weekly meetings
- Membership on an Avenue of Service committee and attendance at meetings
- Active participation in a Fundraising project

Opportunities to get involved....

Once you've been a Rotarian for a while, and as you learn more about the club, you may find yourself motivated to become more involved:

- Service on the Club Board of Directors
- Attend other Rotary Club meetings
- Attend Area meetings
- Attend the annual District Conference, District Assemblies, and Leadership Training Seminars
- Attend the annual Rotary International Convention
- Serve on Area or District committees
- Host an exchange student for several months in your home
- Involve an exchange student in your family activities from time to time
- Travel overseas for PolioPlus vaccinations
- Lead an overseas Group Study Exchange

Application Process....

A member in good standing of our club must "sponsor" you for membership. The process is as follows:

1. You attend at least three club meetings
2. You and your sponsor complete the application form and submit it
3. The Board of Directors will review your application and will announce to the Club, through the weekly newsletter, that your name is standing for membership consideration.
4. After two weeks without objection, you will be invited to Rotary School. Rotary School is a one-hour session, which provides you with an overview about Rotary at the Club, District and International level.
5. A formal induction ceremony will take place at the next club meeting, where you receive your official welcome to the Club, along with name badge, Rotary pin, etc. Your dues will be payable the day of your induction (invoice will be in your kit).
6. The Membership Committee will appoint an experienced Mentor to help you fully participate in the Club, introduce you to other members, answer any questions you may have and generally make you feel at home.
7. The Membership Committee also has social events to help you become better acquainted with your new friends at Rotary. Events such as new member's potluck suppers, after-work socials, etc. help you to get to know Rotarians outside of the weekly meetings.



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www.greatervannuysrotary.org

New Member Application Form

Personal Information *(To be completed by Applicant)*

Prospective Member Name: _____

Business

Business Name/Former employer (ret.): _____

Position or Title: _____

Business Address: _____

Business Telephone Number: _____

Fax Number: _____

Email: _____

Residence

Residence Address: _____

Residence Telephone Number: _____

Fax Number: _____

Email: _____

Were you previously a Rotarian?

Yes Club(s) name: _____ from: _____ to: _____
RI ID# _____

No

Sponsor *(To be completed by Sponsoring Rotarian)*

Sponsoring Rotarian must be a member in good standing of the Rotary Club of Greater Van Nuys and has known the potential member for more than 12 months.

Sponsor's name, please print: _____

Are you committed to ensuring that the applicant remains an engaged, active member of the club?

Sponsor's Signature: _____

Date: _____

If you have not known a member of the Rotary Club of Greater Van Nuys for longer than 12 months, along with your completed application, please submit a complete curriculum vitae/resume and 2 letters of reference.