



## Joining the Rotary Club of Seattle

### 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 a community's 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, literacy, and the environment. Rotarians experience the fulfillment that comes from giving back to the community.

### International Awareness

With more than 32,000 clubs in more than 200 countries and 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.

### Fellowship

Rotary was founded on fellowship, an ideal that remains a major attraction of membership today. Club members enjoy the camaraderie of 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 motivate them to make a difference.

### Ethical Environment

Encouraging high ethical standards in one's profession and respect for all worthy vocations has been a hallmark of Rotary since its earliest days. In their business and professional lives, Rotarians abide by 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?



## Application Process Outline

New member applications take approximately 4-6 weeks to process. While your application is being reviewed, you are welcome and encouraged to attend Wednesday luncheons as a guest to start getting to know the club.

1. Membership applications are available on our website, [www.seattlerotary.org](http://www.seattlerotary.org) in the “Membership” section, via email from the Rotary office, and at each weekly meeting.
2. All applicants are required to have a proposer who is a current member of the Rotary club of Seattle. The proposer assists the applicant in filling out the application, then reviews the proposed member’s application for completion and submits all paperwork to the Rotary office.
3. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis. To be reviewed in a given month, applications must be complete and submitted by the first Tuesday of the month.
4. The Rotary office assigns a member of the Classification Committee to review paperwork, interview references, make recommendations and report at its next monthly meeting. The Classification Committee meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month.
5. The board approves the candidate's membership (unless additional information is needed). The board normally meets on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month.
6. The candidate's name is published in the next *Totem* newsletter with seven days allowed for member comments.
7. After a satisfactory conclusion to this process, the Rotary office sends a welcome letter, invoice, and dates for the new member to schedule a formal Rotary introduction at an upcoming Wednesday luncheon and to RSVP for an orientation.

Questions can be directed to your proposer or the Seattle Rotary office at 206-623-0023.

**Caroline Bobanick, Executive Director ([caroline@seattlerotary.org](mailto:caroline@seattlerotary.org))**

**Mariah Kimpton, Program Manager ([mariah@seattlerotary.org](mailto:mariah@seattlerotary.org))**

## Joining Rotary

Please fill out the membership application form completely. We welcome you to include a resume and digital photo which will be used for our directory. Applications can be submitted to Executive Director, Caroline Bobanick, in person at a Wednesday luncheon or by email to [Caroline@SeattleRotary.org](mailto:Caroline@SeattleRotary.org).

## Professional Information

Last Name		First Name		Nickname		Date of Birth	
Business/Organization Name			What Product/Service does your Business/Organization Provide?				
Business Address			City	St	ZIP		
Business Phone		Business Email Address		Cell Phone		Fax	
Current Position/Job Title		Describe your current role in your business or organization					
Years at Current Company/Org.		Financial interest in Company? None <input type="checkbox"/> Moderate <input type="checkbox"/> Substantial <input type="checkbox"/>					
Alma Mater			Degree(s)				
Please list your position immediately prior to your present position:							
Prior Business/Organization Name				Position			

## Personal Information

Home Address		City	State	ZIP
Home Phone	Home Email Address		Spouse/Partner Name	

## Preferred Contact Method:

Email:  Personal  Business  
Phone:  Cell  Business  Home

## Professional or Personal References

List the names of at least three (3) members of the business and professional community with whom you are well acquainted and who can speak to your potential membership in Seattle Rotary. Please indicate the number of years you have known each as well as their email address and phone number. These references are in addition to your Proposer and Secunder.

Note: Please notify all references that a member of the Classification Committee will contact them.

	<i>Rotarian or Reference Name</i>	<i>Years Acquainted</i>	<i>Phone</i>	<i>Email Address</i>
1)	_____	_____	_____	_____
2)	_____	_____	_____	_____
3)	_____	_____	_____	_____

## Community Service Information Please List Community Service Activities

Organization	Position	From (yyyy)	To (yyyy)
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## Membership Type

Seattle Rotary offers three membership types. Please review the descriptions below and the financial obligations on the inside page and indicate which membership type for which you are applying.

Membership Type: \_\_\_\_\_

### Individual

The traditional Rotary membership. Individual members gain all the privileges, opportunities, and responsibilities that come with being a Rotarian. This is our standard membership type.

### Corporate

In addition to the benefits of the individual membership, when a corporate member is not able to attend a Wednesday luncheon, any associate from the organization can be sent in their stead for meal and attendance purposes – no advance notice, reservation or RSVP is required.

### Young Rotary Leader (YRL)

The Young Rotary Leaders membership program is for those 35 and under who strive to become leaders in the years ahead. YRLs must demonstrate leadership in their profession, and meet all the qualifications of Rotary membership. Young Rotary Leaders pay reduced fees for their first five years of membership.

## Financial Obligations of Membership

The fees shown are a requirement of membership. The initiation fee, dues and program plan will be billed upon acceptance. The Seattle Rotary Service Foundation (SRSF) annual appeal is sent each fall.

	Individual	Corporate	Young Rotary Leader (Under 36)
Initiation Fee (one time)	\$450	\$750	\$150
Membership Dues (Annual)	\$720	\$720	\$360
Program Plan (Annual)	\$1440	\$1440	\$1440
Annual Contribution to Seattle Rotary Service	\$400	\$400	\$150
Annual Contribution to The Rotary International Foundation (suggested)	\$100	\$100	\$100

For your convenience, we offer annual or monthly invoicing for membership dues and the program plan. Please indicate your preference:

Monthly       Annual

Billing Contact: Please let us know if you'd like us to cc anyone on your billing email.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Invoices and statements are sent by email. Please add **maildelivery@freshbooks.com** to your safe senders list to ensure they are received. Payments are accepted online by credit card or by check. Monthly invoices are sent one month in advance on the first of the month. Annual invoices are sent on June 1 and cover July 1 - June 30. Initial invoices are pro-rated to the month of acceptance.

## Prior Rotary Membership *(if applicable)*

Name of Rotary Club	Location	From (mm/yy)	To (mm/yy)	Reason for Leaving
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## Membership Classification

Classifications help members find other members in their own industry, or in a field where they are looking for services through our online membership directory. They are a great tool for building your professional network within Rotary. Please choose a classification from the options below.

Suggested Classification: \_\_\_\_\_

Accounting	Education	Hospitality	Media
Aerospace	Energy	Human & Community Services	Military
Agriculture	Engineering	Insurance	Real Estate
Architecture & Design	Fashion & Design	Investments	Religious Organizations
Associations & Clubs	Financial Advising	Law Practice	Retail
Athletics & Sporting Events	Food & Beverage	Leadership Development	Technology
Banking	Forestry & Timber	Legal Services	Telecommunications
Business Consultants & Services	Foundations & Philanthropy	Manufacturing	Transportation & Logistics
Cultural Institutions	Government & Policy	Maritime	Travel & Leisure
Construction	Health Care	Marketing & Public Relations	Wholesale

## Terms of Membership

Members are expected to serve on a Rotary committee, attend its meetings and engage in its activities. The tradition of Seattle Rotary is that its members willingly respond to requests for Rotary service – unless there are compelling reasons why they cannot do so.

The undersigned Proposer and Candidate have read and understand the application, the amounts of required dues and fees (and agrees to pay same when invoiced), and the membership expectations. If the application is approved, the Candidate's name will be published in the *Totem* newsletter and if no objections are received within the specified time, the Candidate will be welcomed to membership. This process may take several weeks and candidates are invited to attend weekly meetings as a guest during that time.

Candidate Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## To be Completed by the Proposer:

I believe this candidate to be:

- 1) Fully informed of the requirements of Rotary membership
- 2) Associated with a company/organization regarded as ethical, and
- 3) In a position that enables him/her to exercise influence over the operations of their position/ company/organization

Proposer Name \_\_\_\_\_ Secondar (if app.) \_\_\_\_\_

Proposer Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Secondar \_\_\_\_\_

Proposer/Secondar has known the candidate for P: \_\_\_\_\_ Years/Months S: \_\_\_\_\_ Years/Months