



## 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 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 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.

### Friendship

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.

### Leadership

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.

### 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

1. Applications are submitted through our **on-line form**. If you need a hard copy form please contact us.
2. All applicants are required to have a proposer who is a current member of the Rotary Club of Seattle. The proposer will attest to the proposed members compatibility with Rotary's objectives. If assistance is needed to find a proposer, please contact Fiona Ronyai for an invitation to a meeting. We have a Welcome Table hosted by members that can assist you. A seconder can also be provided if known. If no seconder is known then a member of the Classification Committee will contact the the applicant directly. Three business or professional references are also required. Rotary members **can be** included as references, however references **do not need to be** Rotary Club members. **Do not** include your proposer/seconder as references.
3. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis and submitted to the Classifications Committee on the first Tuesday of each month for review. Applications will be approved at the Board Meeting on the 4th Thursday of the month and the names of new members will be published in our weekly Newsletter the week following. Once the application is received you are welcome to join our weekly meetings.
4. After a satisfactory conclusion to this process you will receive from the Rotary office:
  - A) Welcome email—including a password to access the membership portal
  - B) Invitation to a new member orientation meeting on Zoom which will introduce you to some other new and existing members. It is a great way to get to know how to maximize the benefit of your membership.
  - C) First invoice to include initiation fee, first two months of dues and program plan
  - D) An invitation to set a date for a formal introduction to membership at one of our weekly meetings.

**Questions can be directed to:**

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