

Welcome!

You're considering joining Rotary, the world's oldest and largest service organization – and specifically the Rotary Club of Milford NH which has proudly served the communities of Milford, Amherst, Mont Vernon, Lyndeborough and Wilton since 1950!

More than just weekly luncheon meetings

Membership in Rotary involves a commitment of your time and talents. You will find that you make strong friendships and valuable business and community connections through your participation in Rotary. Members are expected to attend as many of our weekly luncheon meetings as possible. We do however understand that there are times when you will need to miss a luncheon meeting. We hope that you will be able to attend at least one meeting each month. There are several ways to "make up" a missed meeting, including but not limited to visiting another Rotary Club anywhere in the world!

Participation is the key! To get the most from your membership in Rotary, we encourage you to serve on a committee, attend some club social events, work actively on our community service projects and fundraising events, and consider serving in a leadership role within the club. Participation in these types of activities will enrich your experience and support the club.

A financial commitment

Rotarians often 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 financial commitment:

- Annual Dues – by membership category; *all dues are billed semi-annually*
 - Individual - \$300 per year
 - Young Entrepreneur (ages 18-24) - \$150 annually
 - Corporate (over 25 employees) - \$300 for primary member; \$200 each for up to 3 additional members
 - Smaller Business (1-25 employees) - \$300 for primary member; \$150 each for up to 3 additional members
 - Non-Profit - \$300 for primary member; \$150 each for up to 3 additional members
 - Governmental - \$300 for primary member; \$150 each for up to 3 additional members
 - Family - \$300 for primary member; \$150 each for up to 3 additional members from the same household

Annual Dues can be paid by check or cash; payment by credit or debit card is subject to a \$5 convenience charge.

- Cost of Weekly Lunch – \$680 annually, billed every six months (\$340) with the dues bill. Our Chef is great and is very helpful accommodating food allergies and dietary restrictions.
- Additional obligations –
 - *100 Holes Of Golf In One Day Tournament* – our premier annual fundraiser. Each member is expected to sell or buy at least 10 raffle tickets. Total cost is \$200. (We encourage you to *sell* your tickets and to sell more than 10!)
 - *Pancake Breakfast* – an annual fundraiser. Each member is expected to purchase \$35 worth of pancake breakfast tickets to share with friends, family and colleagues. The more attendees, the better for our sponsors!
- Happy Fines - are collected at each weekly meeting by our fabulous Fine Masters. A dollar per person is the usual contribution but larger donations are gladly accepted as we celebrate your good news!

Your service commitment

Rotarians are committed to making the world a better place, by applying their time, talents and financial resources to local, regional and international Rotary service projects. The service commitment Rotarians make is to provide "Service Above Self".

All members of our club commit to:

- Attendance at weekly luncheon meetings (at least one per month)
- Periodically assisting with meeting duties
- Participation in our various community service and fundraising events
- Membership on a committee or special project group

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 and give back to the club and community:

- Attend other Rotary Club meetings
- Attend the annual District Conference, District Assemblies, and Leadership Training Seminars
- Attend the annual Rotary International Convention
- Serve on Area or District committees



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?

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. This will give you and “us” an opportunity to get to know each other. Prospective members are welcome and encouraged to volunteer at any of our service or fundraising events.
2. You and your sponsor complete the application form and submit it to the President or Secretary. For group memberships, a separate application form is required for each member of the group.
3. The Board of Directors will review your application at their monthly meeting (second Tuesday of each month).
4. Upon approval from the Board, the Club President will verbally announce, at the next Club meeting, that a prospective member has been posted for membership.
5. After a seven day posting, if no objections are submitted, you will be invited to schedule a Fireside Chat with one of our senior members. This orientation is a one-hour session and will provide you with an overview about Rotary at the Club, District and International levels. Don’t hesitate to bring and/or ask any questions you might have!
6. Once the Fireside Chat has been completed, the President will work with you to schedule your induction at a regularly scheduled meeting. At that meeting you will receive a *New Member* packet including an invoice for your dues, along with your Rotary pin – wear it proudly!
7. At the close of your induction meeting, you will be asked to greet the other club members at the main door as they leave the Community House. This affords them each an opportunity to welcome you into the club!
8. Four to six weeks after your induction, you will be asked to give a *Classification Speech* during a regular weekly meeting. This is an opportunity for you to take 2-5 minutes to tell us more about yourself! Past Classification Speeches have included funny life tidbits and stories – feel free to share!
9. Your Sponsor’s role is to help you embark on your Rotary experience and fully participate in the Club. They are there to introduce you to other members, to answer any questions you may have, and to make you feel welcome.
10. Milford Rotary has several social events to help you become better acquainted with your fellow Rotarians. Be sure to check the calendar on our website - MilfordRotaryClub.org.

11. And LIKE us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram - @MilfordNHRotary and on LinkedIN

Thank you for your interest in the Milford NH Rotary Club!!



THE OBJECT OF ROTARY

The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

- FIRST** The development of an acquaintance as an opportunity of service;
- SECOND** High ethical standards in business and professions, the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations, and the dignifying of each Rotarian’s occupation as an opportunity to serve society;
- THIRD** The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian’s personal, business and community life;
- FOURTH** The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.



New Member Induction June 2019

Note – the Membership Committee will be looking at ways to improve the *New Member* experience including suggestions to revive our Mentorship Program and implementing a 4-6 month follow-up meeting with new members. *Please feel free to share any ideas that you might have!*

New Member Application Form

Process:

1. Prospective member completes their part, signs and gives completed application to sponsor
2. Sponsor completes their portion, signs and gives the form to the President or Secretary

This is an application for (select one): Individual Membership Young Entrepreneur Membership
 Smaller Business Group (primary member) Smaller Business Group (additional member)
 Corporate Group (primary member) Corporate Group (additional member)
 Non-Profit Group (primary member) Non-Profit Group (additional member)
 Governmental Group (primary member) Governmental Group (additional member)
 Family Group (primary member) Family Group (additional member)

Group name - _____

Personal Information *(To be completed by Applicant)*

Prospective Member Full Name: _____

Prospective Member Nickname: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Business

Business Name/Former employer (ret.): _____

Years of employment at current/former business: _____

Position or Title: _____

Business Address: _____

Business Landline Number: _____ Business Cellular Number: _____

Fax Number: _____

Email: _____

Residence

Residence Address: _____

Residence Landline Number: _____ Residence Cellular Number: _____

Fax Number: _____

Email: _____

Other

Were you previously a Rotarian? No Yes If Yes, RI member ID# _____

If Yes, Club(s) name & District number: _____ from: _____ to: _____

Preferred Email address: _____ Preferred Phone Number: _____

Military Service (Branch, Rank, Service Dates) _____

Are you a First Responder or a Frontline Worker? _____

Please tell us about any of your activities that would enhance our consideration of your application (volunteer activities, community involvement, special interests or skills etc.):

Please share your thoughts about why you are interested in joining the Milford Rotary Club and what you hope to gain as a member of this club?

Is there anything else you would like to share about yourself or your family?

I hereby certify that I am qualified for active membership by my current or former status as a business, professional, or community leader, or as a Rotary Foundation alumnus/a, and by having a place of residence or business location within the club's locality or surrounding area.

I understand that, if accepted for membership, it will be my duty to exemplify the Object of Rotary in all my daily contacts and activities and to abide by the constitutional documents of Rotary International and the club. I agree to pay annual dues in accordance with the club bylaws and additional event related expenses as outlined above. I hereby give permission to the club to publish my name and assigned classification, if applicable, to its membership.

Proposed Member's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Sponsor (To be completed by Sponsoring Rotarian)

Sponsoring Rotarian should be a member in good standing of the Rotary Club of Milford NH

By signing this form, you agree that you are committed to ensuring that the applicant remains an engaged, active member of the club?

Sponsor's name: _____

Sponsor's Signature: _____ Date: _____

President/Secretary - Date received: _____ **Date entered as Prospective:** _____

Date of BOD review: _____ **Date Posted:** _____ **Date of Activation:** _____

Assigned classification: _____ (Ver. March 2023)