

Tilton-Northfield Rotary Club

Induction Program

Part 1

_____, you have been proposed and duly approved to become a member of the Tilton-Northfield Rotary Club.

When Paul Harris founded the first Rotary club in 1905, he began a movement that now encompasses 32,000 clubs and 1.2 million Rotarians in over 200 countries.

The key to Rotary is the CLUB. The club is made up of individuals who desire to serve their community and Rotary International.

Rotary can be defined as an organization of business and professional persons united worldwide who provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations and help build good will and peace in the world.

The principal motto of Rotary is "Service Above Self".

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The Four Way Test

One of the most widely printed and quoted statements of business ethics in the world is the Rotary 4-Way Test. It was created by Rotarian Herbert Taylor in 1932 when he was asked to take charge of the Chicago-based Aluminum Company, which was facing bankruptcy. Taylor looked for a way to save the struggling company mired in depression-caused financial difficulties. He drew up a 24-word code of ethics for all employees to follow in their business and professional lives. The 4-Way Test became the guide for sales, production, advertising and all relations with dealers and customers. The survival of the company was credited to this simple philosophy.

The 4-Way Test was adopted by Rotary in 1943 and has been translated into more than 100 languages and published in thousands of ways. The 4-Way Test message should be known and followed by all Rotarians.

OF ALL THINGS WE THINK, SAY AND 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 copy of the 4-Way Test is included in your induction packet. Post it where you and others will see it. Let it guide your future decisions.

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_____, you are invited to become a member of the Tilton-Northfield Rotary Club, which will entitle you to all the benefits of being a Rotarian, but it also requires certain obligations.

- ◆ You will be required to pay a \$25 induction fee.
- ◆ You will be required to pay annual dues, currently \$100.00
- ◆ You will be required to attend our weekly meetings, to participate in discussions, and help bring enjoyment to those in attendance. If you cannot attend a meeting, Rotary encourages you to make up the meeting at another Rotary club.
- ◆ You will be expected to participate in our service projects.
- ◆ You will be asked to help provide speakers for our meetings.
- ◆ You will be asked to join a committee involved in one of the five avenues of service.
- ◆ You will be asked to give a classification talk.

After hearing what Rotary is, what it stands for, and what is expected of you as a member -- **Do you wish to become a member of the Tilton-Northfield Rotary Club?**

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Rotary's Wheel Emblem

A wheel has been the symbol of Rotary since our earliest days. The first design was made by Chicago Rotarian Montague Bear, an engraver who drew a simple wagon wheel, with a few lines to show dust and motion. The wheel was said to illustrate "civilization and movement." Most of the early clubs had some form of wheel on their publications and letterhead. In 1922, it was decided that all Rotary clubs should adopt a single design as the exclusive emblem of Rotarians. Thus, in 1923, the present gear wheel with 24 cogs and six spokes was adopted by the "Rotary International Association." A group of engineers advised that the gear wheel was mechanically unsound and would not work without a "keyway" to attach it to a power shaft. So, in late 1923, the keyway was added and the design we now know was formally adopted as the official Rotary International emblem.

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Your sponsor will now pin on your Rotary pin. Wear this pin proudly. It identifies you as a member of one of the greatest service clubs in the world!

If you should forget to wear your pin to a Rotary meeting, the sergeant-at-arms will remind you that it is expected by fining you – a kindly reminder for next time.

Here is your induction packet, which includes other information about our club.

WELCOME TO ROTARY!