

## MEMBERSHIP PROPOSALS

What are the qualifications for active membership?

- ° Each active member shall be an adult person of good character and good business or professional reputation engaged as proprietor, partner, corporate officer, or manager, of any worthy and recognized business or profession; or holding an important position in an executive capacity with discretionary authority in any worthy and recognized business or profession; or acting as the local agent or branch representative of any worthy and recognized business or profession, having entire charge of such agency or branch in an executive capacity; and personally and actively engaged in the business or profession in which he/she classified in the club and having his/her place of business or residence located within South Portland/Cape Elizabeth or an abutting community.

The following procedure is in accord with the provisions of Article XI of the "Recommended Rotary Club By-Laws." Each step should be observed:

- ° The name of a prospective member, proposed by an active, senior active or past service member of the club or by the Membership Development committee, is submitted to the board in writing, through the club secretary. The proposal is kept confidential throughout the preliminary procedure, and the candidate, himself/herself, is not aware that he/she is being considered.
- ° The board requests the Classifications committee to report on the eligibility of the proposed member from the standpoint of classification, and the Membership committee to investigate and report on his/her eligibility from the standpoint of character, business and social standing, and general eligibility.
- ° The board considers and approves or disapproves the recommendations of the Classifications and Membership committees and then notifies the proposer, through the club secretary, of its decision.
- ° If the board's decision is favorable, the proposer invites prospective member to a regularly scheduled meeting and is introduced only as a guest. The club covers the cost of the meal. The prospective member should be informed of the purposes of Rotary and of the privileges and responsibilities of membership in the club at this time or earlier. The prospective Rotarian is now asked to give his/her permission for his/her name and proposed classification to be published to the club.
- ° If no written obligation to the proposal, stating reasons, is received by the board from any club member within ten days after publication of the name of the prospective member, the latter, upon payment of his/her admission fee, is considered to be elected to membership.