

20 REASONS TO JOIN ROTARY



Rotarians are business and professional leaders who take an active role in their communities while greatly enriching their personal and professional lives.

A Rotary Club contains a diverse group of professionals and business leaders from community that the club deserves.

Membership in a Rotary club offers a number of benefits, including:

- 1. FRIENDSHIP:** In an increasingly complex world, Rotary provides one of the most basic human needs: the need for friendship and fellowship. It is one of two reasons why Rotary began in 1905.
- 2. BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT:** The second original reason for Rotary's beginning is business development. Everyone needs to network. Rotary consists of cross-section of every business community. Its members come from all walks of life. Rotarians help each other and collectively help others.
- 3. PERSONAL GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT:** Membership in Rotary continues one's growth and education in human relations and personal development.
- 4. LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT:** Rotary is an organization of leaders and successful people. Serving in Rotary positions is like a college education. Leadership: - Learning how to motivate, influence, and lead leaders.
- 5. CITIZENSHIP IN THE COMMUNITY:** Membership in a Rotary club makes one better community citizen. The average Rotary club consists of the most active citizens of any community.
- 6. CONTINUING EDUCATION:** Each week at Rotary there is a program designed to keep one informed about what is going on in the community, nation, and world. Each meeting provides an opportunity to listen to different speakers and a variety of timely topics.
- 7. FUN:** Rotary is fun, a lot of fun. Each meeting is fun. The club projects are fun. Social activities are fun. The service is fun.
- 8. PUBLIC SPEAKING SKILLS:** Many individuals who have joined Rotary were afraid to speak in public. Rotary develops confidence and skill in public communication and the opportunity to practice and perfect these skills.
- 9. CITIZENSHIP IN THE WORLD:** Every Rotarian wears a pin that says "Rotary International". There are few places on the globe that do not have a Rotary club. Every Rotarian is welcome – even encouraged – to attend any of the 34,000 clubs in 194 nations and geographical regions. This means instant friends in both one's own community and in the world community.
- 10. ASSISTANCE WHEN TRAVELING:** Because the Rotary club is everywhere, many Rotarian in need of a doctor, lawyer, hotel, dentist, advice, etc., while traveling has found assistance through Rotary.

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11. ENTERTAINMENT: Every Rotary club and district has parties and activities that provide diversions in one's business life. Rotary holds conferences, conventions, assemblies, and institutes that provide entertainment in addition to Rotary information, education, and service.

12. THE DEVELOPMENT OF SOCIAL SKILLS: Every week and at various events and functions, Rotary develops one's personality, social skills and people skills. Rotary is for people who like people.

13. FAMILY PROGRAMS: Rotary provides one of the world's largest youth exchange programs; high school and college clubs for future Rotarians; opportunities for spouse involvement, and a host of activities designed to help family members in growth and the development of family values.

14. VOCATIONAL SKILLS: Every Rotarian is expected to take part in the growth and development of his or her own profession or vocation; to serve on committees and to teach youth about one's job or vocation. Rotary helps to make one better doctor, lawyer, teacher, etc.

15. THE DEVELOPMENT OF ETHICS: Rotarians practice the 4-Way Test that governs one's ethical standards. Rotarians are expected to be ethical in business and personal relationships.

16. CULTURAL AWARENESS: Around the world, practically every religion, country, culture, race, creed, political persuasion, language, color, and ethnic identity is found on Rotary. It is a cross section of the world's most prominent citizens from every background. Rotarians become aware of the cultures and learn more to love and work with people everywhere. They become better citizens of their countries in the process.

17. PRESTIGE: Rotary members are prominent people: leaders of business, the profession, art, government, sports, military, religion, and all disciplines. Rotary is the oldest and the most prestigious service clubs in the world. Its ranks include those people who make decisions and influence policy.

18. NICE PEOPLE: Rotarians above all are nice people – the nicest people on the face of the earth. They are important people who follow the policy of "it's nice to be important but it's important to be nice".

19. THE ABSENCE OF AN "OFFICIAL CREED": The Rotary has no secret handshake, no secret policy, no official creed, no secret meeting or rituals. It is an open society of men and women who simply believe in helping others.

20. THE OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE: Rotary is a service club. Rotarians provide community service to both local and international communities. This is perhaps the best reason for becoming a Rotarian: the chance to do something for somebody else and to sense the self-fulfillment that comes in the process and return of that satisfaction to one's own life. It is richly rewarding.

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHAT WOULD I GET OUT OF JOINING ROTARY?

- Fun fellowship activities with business and community leaders;
- Lifelong friendships;
- Leadership growth opportunities;
- Mutual support among members to promote higher ethical standards;
- Opportunity to give of oneself in service to the community, both locally and internationally, giving greater service than any one person can alone;
- Promoting peace and understanding by assisting with health, humanitarian, and educational needs.

WHAT QUALIFIES SOMEONE TO JOIN ROTARY?

A prospective member must demonstrate good character, integrity, and leadership; possess a good reputation within his/her business, profession, occupation, and/or community; and be willing to serve in his/her community and/or around the world. The prospective members must have his/her place of business or residence located in the locality of the club or the surrounding area.

WHAT QUALIFIES SOMEONE TO JOIN ROTARY?

To join Rotary, you must be sponsored by a current member. Your prospective sponsor will invite you to a regular meeting where you will meet other Rotarians and learn more about the club.

WHERE AND WHEN DOES ROTARY MEET?

The Rotary Club of Beaumont meets each Wednesday at the MCM Eleganté Hotel located at 2355 IH 10 South in Beaumont. The meeting is a luncheon meeting beginning at Noon and ending at 1:00 p.m. Members begin to gather at 11:30 a.m. to enjoy social and networking opportunities while eating lunch before each meeting.

WHAT ARE THE CURRENT FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS OF ROTARY MEMBERSHIP?

One time: Admission fee.....\$100

Annual:

Dues.....\$400*

Room Assessment fee.....\$70*

Suggested charitable giving to the Beaumont Rotary Foundation.....\$100*

Suggested charitable giving to the Rotary International Foundation...\$100
(applied toward Paul Harris Fellowship)

Weekly: Meal tickets (estimated 45 meetings per year.....\$20

Book of 10 meal tickets.....\$170

*billed annual but may be paid semi-annually



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WHAT ARE THE ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS TO BE A MEMBER OF ROTARY?

To remain in good standing a minimum 50% attendance record is expected. Missed meetings can easily be made up by attending another Rotary club anywhere in the world, attending a committee meeting, a Board meeting, or any social, networking, or service activity of the club such as Rotary After Hours, serving on the "Show Your Colors" Flag team, or working on a project in the community. There are even online classes and programs that you can review as a makeup for having to miss a weekly meeting. A meeting makeup is used as a make-up credit if completed two weeks before or two weeks after a missed meeting.

HOW DO I GET STARTED IN ROTARY?

The Rotarian sponsoring your members will ask you to complete a "Prospective Member Application" and return it to the Rotary office. The application will be submitted to the membership committee and then to the Board for approval. Once approved, the proposed member will be announced at the next club meeting. Following a 10-day comment period, if there are no objections, the person is invited to attend a new member orientation. The new member will be assigned a mentor to assist him/her in assimilation into the club. After attending the orientation, the new member will be presented to the club at a luncheon meeting.

ARE PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS EVER TURNED DOWN?

A prospective member could be turned down if the membership committee or the Board of Directors finds that the prospective member does not meet the qualification for membership as stated above.

