



MEMBERSHIP IN THE SOUTH BEND ROTARY CLUB

South Bend Rotary Club

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Rotary is *the* place to be if you want to be involved in the Michiana community. Chances are one or more of your colleagues or friends are members of Rotary.

Ask them about their Rotary experience!

ROTARY IS...

A VOICE FOR MANKIND

A BEACON OF HOPE FOR HUMANITY

The South Bend Rotary Club, over 230 members strong, is the largest Rotary club in the Michiana area. We are always eager to hear about individuals interested in joining our club.

Rotary International is an association of nearly 33,500 autonomous clubs in 166 countries. It is one of the world's largest service organizations. The goal for a club's membership is an up-to-date and progressive representation of the community's business, vocational, and professional interests.

Membership in Rotary requires sponsorship by a member of the club. Prospective members should:

- ▶ Hold — or be retired from — a professional, proprietary, executive, or managerial position
- ▶ Have the capacity to meet the club's weekly attendance or community project participation requirements
- ▶ Live or work within the locality of the club or the surrounding area

The Membership Process

The membership process usually begins with an invitation to attend one or more club meetings to learn more about Rotary. The sponsor may then submit the name of the candidate to the club's board of directors. When it is determined that the proposed member meets all the requirements, the board notifies the membership about each prospective member and seeks approval (by exception) for that individual. This process takes 30-60 days.

An individual who is interested in membership but doesn't know any Rotarians can contact the local club directly at 574-233-1516. The club office is located at 120 West LaSalle Avenue, Suite 500, South Bend, IN 46601.

A Vibrant Cross-Section of Leaders

Rotary uses a classification system to maintain a vibrant cross-section or representation of the community's business, vocational, and professional interests among members. This also assists in developing a pool of resources and expertise to implement service projects. This system is based on the founders' paradigm of choosing cross-representation of each business, profession, and institution within a community.

A classification describes either the principal business or the professional service of the organization that the Rotarian works for or the Rotarian's own activity within the organization. Some examples of classifications include: high schools, universities, eye surgery, banking, pharmaceutical retailing, petroleum-distribution, and insurance agency.

**For more information about the
South Bend Rotary Club,
visit www.southbendrotary.org.**

**LEADERSHIP
CONNECTIONS
CHANGE**

Resources for Prospective Members

To find out more about Rotary's rich history and the organization's mission and structure, visit the International Rotary Club web site at www.rotary.org. For information about the South Bend Rotary Club, visit www.southbendrotary.org.

Responsibilities of Membership

Members are expected to attend at least 50% of the weekly club luncheons during any six-month period. The luncheons are held at the Century Center in South Bend every Wednesday from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. (Current luncheon cost is \$10 for salad bar, entrée and dessert.) Club members are encouraged to visit other Rotary clubs while traveling to make-up the meeting missed back home. Opportunities to make up attendance also include attending the regular meeting of another local Rotary club (there are several in the Michiana area that meet on different days), attending various other Rotary meetings, or attending a club service project authorized by the club board of directors. Occasional make-ups may also be made online through Rotary's "E-Club" web site.

Members are required to pay annual dues, currently \$225 per year, plus a one-time admission fee of \$100 upon acceptance to the club.

Members are asked to participate in local or international activities or projects of the Rotary club.

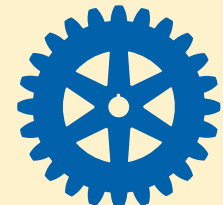
We encourage members to aspire to leadership or committee roles within the club.

Rotarians are business and professional leaders who take an active role in their community while greatly enriching their personal and professional lives. The South Bend Rotary Club comprises a diverse group of professional leaders from this community.

Members of Rotary can:

- ▶ **Effect change within the community and the world through numerous service projects.**
- ▶ **Develop relationships with community and business leaders through weekly luncheons as well as other social and/or service activities.**
- ▶ **Develop leadership skills.**
- ▶ **Become connected to the community.**
- ▶ **Gain an understanding of local and international humanitarian issues.**

Through its service programs, our Rotary Club can have a significant effect on the quality of life in the community. Programs of The Rotary Foundation offer opportunities to form international partnerships that help people in need worldwide. More than 1.2 million Rotarians make significant contributions to the quality of life at home and around the globe.



Networking
Friendship

Opportunities
Awareness

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?

Why join the South Bend Rotary Club?

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.

Friendship

Rotary's weekly meetings are a founding principle of Rotary. This principle is based on meeting periodically to enjoy camaraderie and enlarge one's circle of business and professional acquaintances. As the oldest service club in the world, Rotary represents a cross-section of the community's owners, executives, managers, political leaders, and professionals – people who make decisions and influence policy. Rotary club members who travel have friendly contacts in almost every city in the world.

International awareness

With more than 33,500 Rotary clubs in over 166 countries, 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.

Good citizenship

Weekly Rotary club programs keep members informed about what is taking place in the community, nation, and world, and motivated to make a difference. Our program committee arranges for a wide variety of speakers from all over our community who make each luncheon interesting and educational.

Family foundations

Rotary sponsors some of the world's largest youth exchange, educational exchange, and scholarship programs. Rotary clubs provide innovative training opportunities and mentoring for young leaders, and involve family members in a wide range of social and service activities.

Entertainment

Every Rotary club and district hosts parties and activities that offer diversions from today's demanding professional and personal schedules. Conferences, conventions, assemblies, and social events provide entertainment as well as Rotary information, education, and service.

Ethics and Diversity

Encouraging high ethical standards in one's profession and respect for all worthy vocations has been a hallmark of Rotary from its earliest days. Rotary clubs are nonpolitical, nonreligious, and open to all cultures, races, and creeds.

Leadership development

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.