



LOS GATOS  
MORNING ROTARY

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## Membership Application



## **NEW MEMBER GUIDELINES**

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Proposing a person for membership in the Los Gatos Morning Rotary Club is an honor for the applicant and a special responsibility for the proposing Rotarian. The Membership Committee has outlined the steps to be followed in the application process and the criteria used to review a proposed new member.

### **Goal of Membership**

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The members of Rotary are professionals in their community, owners of businesses, managers, and community volunteers with many diverse vocations. Members are people who are committed to improving their communities, have leadership characteristics, and apply their passion and expertise to address social problems in their local communities.

Diversity is a critical issue in building the club membership. International understanding and goodwill begin with the application of the same principles within our club. The club should represent the vocational, ethnic, gender and age diversity of the community. By striving for a diverse membership base, the club becomes more representative of the community and better able to identify and meet local service needs.

### **Membership**

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The following is an outline of the criteria used by the membership committee in reviewing applications:

1. Applicants will be required to provide personal and professional references. As part of the application process, the sponsor will be responsible for checking references and providing results to the membership committee.
2. Strong consideration will be given to an applicant's interest in being involved in community service, particularly the activities engaged in by the LG Morning Rotary. Applications must contain information about how the applicant would like to contribute to the club.
3. The Los Gatos Rotary Morning Club strives to accept applicants who are willing to commit time to regularly attend club meetings, club and district events, and participate in club committees.



## Sponsoring Rotarian

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As a sponsoring Rotarian, you will be responsible for mentoring the applicant through the application process and first year, once the applicant is accepted for membership.

Guidelines for sponsoring an applicant through the new member process:

- Take the time to discuss the time and financial commitment that Rotary requires with your applicant. Make sure the applicant is aware of the level of involvement in club activities that is expected of an active member.
- Encourage the applicant to attend several meetings as a guest, making sure they are aware of the guest policy.
- Introduce the applicant to one or more members of the membership committee.
- Help the applicant meet different members each time he or she attends a weekly meeting; be available to answer questions. Arrange to be a co-greeter to help the member meet other members. If you're unable to attend a meeting, enlist someone from the membership committee to welcome the applicant.
- If you are sponsoring other applicants and feel that it would be detrimental to the applicant to be his or her sponsor, alert the membership committee chair to appoint a member with the time and interest, or discuss with the new member who you both feel would be a good fit to mentor the applicant through the application and red badge processes. Mentor must be available and have the time to commit to the member.

Guidelines for sponsoring applicant through the Red Badge program:

- Monitor the new member's progress through the process, and make sure they are aware of opportunities to meet red badge requirements.
- Ensure that the new member is acquainted with projects, committee and volunteer opportunities that meet their interest.

I am aware of my responsibilities as a sponsor and I have met with the proposed applicant and they are fully aware of the commitment required to be an active member of the Los Gatos Morning Rotary Club.

Sponsor's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



## TIME AND FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS

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### Fundraisers

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The Los Gatos Morning Club holds two major fundraisers every year, typically Plein Air in June and Claws for a Cause in September. Participation in at least one committee and one volunteer activity for each of the fundraisers is required.

### Attendance

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Attendance is important in Rotary. Without regular attendance at meetings, new members are unable to meet other members and fully participate in fellowship and service with others in the club. The Los Gatos Morning Rotary Club meets at 7:15 am at the Los Gatos Lodge and asks that members strive to attend a minimum of 50% of meetings during a Rotary year, and 75% of meetings while a Red Badge (new) member.

Make-up meetings, which include attending club committee meetings, club or district events, other Rotary club meetings, can be included in the attendance %. The club secretary must be notified of the make-up event for the member to get attendance credit.

Once accepted as a member, new members will be granted red badge status. Once the red badge activities are successfully completed, new members are awarded blue badges, and progress to full club membership, also known as blue badge status.

### Expenses

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There are expenses involved in membership, some at the time of induction, and others during the year. A member should be aware of and plan for them.

#### Membership Costs:

- Initiation Fee: \$125 / one-time payment at induction
- Rotary Dues \$290 / year (\$145 billed biannually)
- Rotary Foundation \$200 / year donation
- Meeting Fees \$12 per meeting (approx. \$625)
- Claws for a Cause Mimimum1 ticket purchase, approximately \$100

The present cost of weekly meetings is \$12.00, which includes breakfast. This fee will be billed to you monthly and is charged if you are in attendance or not.

Other Costs: There are costs associated with attending the various club parties and events throughout the year. Additionally, there are rotary projects where club members are asked to make donations and contributions. Participation in the majority of these activities is not mandatory, but is encouraged. These additional costs are estimated to be \$300-\$500 per year.

In total, members can expect to pay between \$1,500- \$1,700 per Rotary year.



**PERSONAL INFORMATION:**

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse / Partner \_\_\_\_\_

Children / Age(s) \_\_\_\_\_

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Birthday \_\_\_\_\_ Anniversary \_\_\_\_\_

Hobbies \_\_\_\_\_

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Have you been a Rotarian Before?                      YES                      NO

Name of Club \_\_\_\_\_

Offices Held \_\_\_\_\_



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### CONTRIBUTION:

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We're excited that you're interested in joining our Rotary family. Please tell us in a few sentences what you'd like to contribute to Rotary as well as what you would like to gain as a member.

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### BUSINESS INFORMATION:

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Business Name \_\_\_\_\_

Position / Title \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_



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**COMMUNITY AND PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:** (Attachment Accepted, if desired)

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### AREAS OF INTEREST

There are many opportunities to serve in the Los Gatos Morning Rotary Club. We realize that many, if not most, of the below listed activities are unknown to you, but if you see something below that might be of interest, please let us know by marking accordingly.

### CLUB MEETINGS AND COMMUNICATIONS

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| <input type="radio"/> Programs            | Arrange interesting and inspiring speakers for weekly meetings |
| <input type="radio"/> PR / Marketing      | Get the word out to the community about club activities        |
| <input type="radio"/> Website             | Development and maintenance of the club website and content    |
| <input type="radio"/> Newsletter          | Development and distribution of the club newsletter            |
| <input type="radio"/> Club Strategic Plan | Help in the ongoing development/review of our strategic plan   |

### MEMBERSHIP

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| <input type="radio"/> We Care            | Contact club members who are ill, inform club, cards, birthdays |
| <input type="radio"/> Red Badge          | Train new members and mentor to full membership                 |
| <input type="radio"/> Member Recruitment | Plan and execute member recruitment programs                    |
| <input type="radio"/> Member Development | Identify and implement areas for membership growth              |
| <input type="radio"/> Member Retention   | Monitor interest and activities of existing club members        |

### COMMUNITY SERVICE

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| <input type="radio"/> Los Gatos Parade        | Assist with the club's entry in the Children's Holiday Parade |
| <input type="radio"/> West Valley Comm. Svcs. | Assist with the WVCS food bank serving local residents        |
| <input type="radio"/> Holiday Caroling        | Holiday caroling at local senior nursing homes                |
| <input type="radio"/> Senior Dinner           | Serve dinner at Villa Vasona to community low-income seniors  |



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### INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

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- World Service                      Identify and support projects serving global needs, including LFL (Lighting for Literacy), Water Purification and other global projects
- Rotary Foundation                      Promote annual giving, local and global grants

### YOUTH SERVICE

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- Interact                                      Support Westmont and Leigh High Schools' Rotary service club
- Camp RYLA                                      Support Rotary Youth Leadership Award attendees
- Enterprise Lead. Conf.                      Support ELC attendees and program
- Speech Contest                                      Conduct high school /area speech contest
- Read Aloud Project                                      Read books to local preschools and elementary schools

**Note:** Completing Youth Awareness Training is required as part of the Red Badge Program and additional Youth Certification including fingerprinting is required prior to participating in any Youth Service Activity

### FUNDRAISING

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- Los Gatos Plein Air                      Assist in activities to put on week long art show events
- Claws for a Cause                      Assist in planning and conducting annual lobster party
- Gallery 24                                      Work occasional shifts, other support as needed

### CLUB SOCIAL EVENTS

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- Hospitality / Social                      Conduct events throughout year to promote fellowship
- Presidential Debunking                      End of year event to celebrate outgoing Club President
- Anniversary Party                      Club social event to promote club's charter
- Holiday Party                                      Club social event to celebrate the holiday season

### SIGNATURE

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By signing below, you agree that you have met with your sponsor and have reviewed the time and financial responsibilities associated with joining the Los Gatos Morning Rotary Club and that you are able to meet such requirements.

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this completed application to your sponsor.





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### TO BE COMPLETED BY MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

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Date Application Received: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Proposed Classification: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved by Board:      YES              NO              Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Notice Sent:      YES              NO              Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Application Approved:      YES              NO              Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Received Red Badge on: \_\_\_\_\_