



VENTURE ROTARIAN MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Rotary Club of Downtown Topeka

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What is Rotary?

Rotary is a global network of community volunteers. Rotary club members are business, professional, and community leaders who meet regularly to plan and implement community service activities and network with other professionals. More than 1.2 million men and women in over 200 countries and geographical areas belong to over 33,000 Rotary clubs.

Benefits of Membership

Belonging to a Rotary club provides members with an opportunity to contribute to their own communities and to communities around the world. Members join Rotary for many different reasons - community involvement, personal development, professional networking, friendship – but the most important benefit is the satisfaction gained from making a real difference in the world.

PolioPlus, Rotary International's most ambitious program to date, focuses on global immunization efforts and has played a leadership role with the World Health Organization, CDC, and UNICEF in bringing the world to the brink of polio eradication. The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation has contributed \$355 million to Rotary to support PolioPlus activities.

Downtown Topeka Events and Projects

- Topeka Water Festival – educate youth regarding water conservation
- Washburn Institute of Technology Career Days – host area students to examine future learning and career opportunities
- Weekly Speaker Books – books given to Ross Elementary School Library
- Dictionary Project – provide 4th graders in three Topeka schools with dictionaries
- Sole Mates – provide under privileged school children a way to earn a pair of shoes and socks
- Walking for Water – educate youth regarding struggles other countries have to get clean water
- 100th Anniversary of Rotary in Topeka – Rotary Pocket Park
- Provide 30 different water stations to residents of Bangladesh through a Global Grant
- Support Rotary International Youth Exchange Program by hosting a student
- Sponsor high school students to RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Academy)
- Provide scholarships to International students at Washburn University

COME JOIN US!



DOWNTOWN TOPEKA ROTARY CLUB VENTURE MEMBER BENEFITS AND EXPECTATIONS

- Access to Rotary International and Downtown Topeka Rotary online networking resources which enable you to connect with other Rotarians to share ideas and plan and execute projects.
- You are welcome to attend the regular weekly meetings at noon on Thursdays and pay only for the meals when you attend. You can pay at the reception desk when you arrive at the meeting. The weekly meeting reminders will be emailed to you to keep you posted on club meetings and activities.
- You are encouraged to participate in club projects, activities, club socials annually. These will be listed in the weekly meeting reminder and through special emails.
- You are encouraged to attend a New Member Orientation to learn more about Rotary and your club, but this is not required.
- You may at any time change your membership status and dues payments to that of a regular Rotary member (\$178 quarterly, including all meals).

VENTURE DUES SCHEDULE

Dues are paid on a quarterly basis and are billed in the months of **July, October, January, and April**. The dues for Venture Members are \$50 each quarter, which covers The Rotarian Magazine; Club, District, and Rotary International Dues. You are welcome and encouraged to attend the Thursday Noon luncheon as often as you can. When you do attend, you pay \$11 for your meal at the reception desk. There are no meal charges for meetings that you cannot attend.

The dues for a new member are prorated according to the month in which you join. The Board of Directors approve nominees for membership on the second week of each month and new members are not charged for dues or meals the month in which they are accepted.



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PERSONAL FACTS FOR ROTARY CLUB DATABASE

Please check the below to indicate which is your preferred mailing address and email address.

Title: _____ First Name: _____ MI: _____

Nickname: _____ Last Name: _____

* Date of Birth: ___/___/___ E-mail Address: _____

(*Birth Month, Day and Year are required by Rotary International for tracking age groups – only seen by Club Website Administrator)

HOME Address _____

Street City State Zip

Phone: _____ Cell: _____

BUSINESS Company: _____

Business Address: _____

Street City State Zip

Occupation/Job Title: _____

Phone: _____ Ext: _____ E-mail: _____

SERVICE INTERESTS: i.e.: publicity, membership, vocational, youth, community service, international service, fellowship

What leadership positions have you held?

Tell briefly why you think you would make a valuable member, and what you have done in the past in community activities, church, etc., that demonstrates how you have shown the Rotary characteristic of service:

Date

Applicant's Signature

Print Name

I recommend and propose this applicant for membership in The Rotary Club of Topeka

Date

Club Member Signature

Print Name