



La Jolla Golden Triangle Rotary Club Info for Potential Members 2020-2021

WHAT IS THE OBJECT OF ROTARY?

The object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

- The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;
- High ethical standards in business and professions, the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations, and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;
- The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life; and
- The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

WHO ARE ROTARIANS AND WHAT ARE THEIR GENERAL QUALIFICATIONS?

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 professional leaders from the community that the club serves.

HOW BIG IS ROTARY INTERNATIONAL? HOW BIG IS THE LA JOLLA GOLDEN TRIANGLE ROTARY?

Rotary International, the world's first [service organization](#), is made up of over 33,000 [clubs](#) in more than 200 countries and geographical areas. Each rotary club is different in size. The La Jolla Golden Triangle Rotary Club has over 85 members currently.

WHAT IS THE ROTARY FOUR-WAY TEST?

One of the world's most widely printed and quoted statements of business ethics is The Four-Way Test. Adopted by Rotary in 1943, the Four-Way Test has been translated into more than a hundred languages and published in thousands of ways. It asks the following four questions:

- 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?**

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF BECOMING A ROTARIAN?

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

- Effecting change within the community;
- Developing leadership skills;
- Gaining an understanding of, and having an impact on, international humanitarian issues; and
- Developing relationships and forming bonds with other community and business leaders.

Through Rotary's service programs, a Rotary club and a Rotarian can have a significant effect on the quality of life in the community. More than 1.2 million Rotarians make significant contributions to the quality of life at home and around the globe.

HOW OFTEN DO YOU MEET? IS THERE AN ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENT?

As a new member of the LJGTR, we expect you to attend at least 75% of the meetings. Rotary policy requires permanent members to attend at least 50% of club meetings. If you miss a club meeting, you are encouraged to attend a make-up meeting at any Rotary club in the area.

WHAT ARE THE MEMBERSHIP CLASSIFICATIONS?

Each active member of a Rotary Club is classified in accordance with the member's business or profession. A classification describes the principal and recognized activity of the firm with which an active member is connected or the member's principal and recognized business or professional activity.

WHAT ARE THE AVENUES OF SERVICE?

Rotary focuses its efforts through five avenues of service and each avenue has an active committee in place. Each committee meets at different times each month and we expect new members to join one committee upon becoming a red badge.

- Club Service focuses on making clubs strong. A thriving club is anchored by strong relationships and an active membership development plan.
- Vocational Service calls on every Rotarian to work with integrity and contribute their expertise to the problems and needs of society.
- Community Service encourages every Rotarian to find ways to improve the quality of life for people in their communities and to serve the public interest.
- International Service exemplifies our global reach in promoting peace and understanding. We support this service avenue by sponsoring or volunteering on international projects, seeking partners abroad, and more.

- Youth Service recognizes the importance of empowering youth and young professionals through leadership development programs such as Rotaract, Interact, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards, and Rotary Youth Exchange.

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST TO BE A ROTARIAN?

Costs for club membership are spread throughout the year and are generally around \$1500-\$2000 per year, including an initiation fee, quarterly dues, purchase of tickets to our annual fundraiser, and voluntary contributions to the Rotary Foundation. More details on the specific financial obligations can be found in the financial obligations handout.

WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A RED BADGE AND A BLUE BADGE AND HOW DO I EARN MY BLUE BADGE?

A Red Badge signifies that you are a probationary, newer member of the LJGT Rotary club. In order to become a permanent member or “Blue Badge,” you must complete the Blue Badge requirements, including:

- Maintain 75% attendance at meetings
- Be Rotarian of the Day
- Participate at the registration desk and/or be a Greeter
- Attend a Rotary District 5340 function.
- Fulfill responsibility to the Rotary Foundation
- Attend a New Member Orientation
- Attend a Rotary Make Up meeting
- Attend at least one meeting of ALL of the LJGT Rotary Club Committees
- Join at least one of the Club Committees
- Complete your online profile on Rotary.org

WHAT DO I NEED TO DO TO APPLY FOR MEMBERSHIP?

- Attend three (3) LJGT Rotary Club meetings within thirty (30) days.
- Submit a completed Membership Application, short bio about yourself and a picture.
- Obtain approval of Membership Application by LJGT Rotary Club Board of Directors.
- If membership is approved, probationary membership is approved, and applicant pays \$150 initiation fee and receives their “Red Badge.”

WHERE CAN I FIND OUT MORE ABOUT WHAT THE LA JOLLA GOLDEN TRIANGLE ROTARY IS INVOLVED IN?

You can find out more information on Rotary International at www.rotary.org. Information on Rotary District 5340 can be found at <https://rotary5340.org>. Information on La Jolla Golden Triangle Rotary Club can be found at <https://lajollagrotary.org/4775> or <https://www.facebook.com/La.Jolla.Golden.Triangle.Rotary/>