



# Why Join Rotary?



## Professional Networking

A founding principle of Rotary was to meet periodically to enjoy camaraderie and enlarge one's circle of business and professional acquaintances. As the oldest service club in the world, Rotary club members represent a cross-section of the community's owners, executives, managers, political leaders, and professionals.

## 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. Rotarians experience the fulfillment that comes from giving back to the community.

## International Awareness

With more than 32,000 clubs in over 200 countries & geographical areas, 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.

## Friendship

Rotary was founded on fellowship, an ideal that remains a major attraction of membership today. Club members enjoy the camaraderie with like-minded professionals, and club projects offer additional opportunities to develop enduring friendships. Rotary club members who travel have friendly contacts in almost every city in 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.

## 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

Social activities give Rotarians a chance to let loose and have fun. 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.

## Ethical Environment

Encouraging high ethical standards in one's profession and respect for all worthy vocations has been a hallmark of Rotary from its earliest days. In their business and professional lives, 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?

## Leadership Development

Rotary is an organisation of successful professionals. Team building, fundraising, public speaking, planning, organisation, 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.

## Diversity in Membership

Rotary's classification system ensures that a club's membership represents a variety of the community's professional men and women, including leaders in business, industry, the arts, government, sports, the military, and religion. Rotary clubs are non-political, nonreligious, and open to all cultures, races, and creeds.



## The Rotary Club of Sydney

The Rotary Club of Sydney is one of the largest Clubs in District 9675 with 150 members.

It holds weekly luncheons each Tuesday, monthly business breakfasts and monthly evening networking events.

Each year the Rotary Club of Sydney selects a major fundraising project. For example, in 2014 it established a Rotary Skills Centre at the Salvation Army's William Booth House in Surry Hills for the city's homeless and marginalised.

The Club has founded many organisations in Australia such as Northcott Disability Services, Police and Community Youth Clubs, Melbourne Business School Mt Eliza and the residential colleges, International House at the Universities of Sydney, NSW and Wollongong.

Other Rotary Club of Sydney activities include:  
Soukup Scholarships for students to undertake tertiary education.  
Rotary Exchange and training programmes for young people - Rotary Youth Leadership Awards.  
Support for the Burrumbuttock Hay Runners,  
ANZAC Day Barbecue  
Regular Rotary Means Business networking events.  
Annual Consular Day and Citizenship Ceremony luncheons.

For further information, please check the Club's website

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