

MEMBERSHIP PROVISIONS FOR NEW MEMBERS

THE ROTARY CLUB OF HUDSON

General Qualifications: Rotarians are adults of good character and good business or professional reputation, who hold or have held an executive position with discretionary authority in any worthy and recognized business or profession.

Active Rotarian: For men and women who meet the above qualifications, as well as, live or work within Hudson, Ohio, or the surrounding area. Membership dues are \$125.00 per quarter plus a voluntary contribution of \$25.00 to the Rotary Foundation per quarter.

Rotary Partner: An optional membership category for young professionals in their twenties and thirties. Membership dues are \$160.00 per year or \$40.00 per quarter. *Rotary Partners* pay \$8.00 (or current rate) for breakfast (paid at the weekly meeting) when he/she attends a meeting, and will receive a *Rotary Partner* badge. Each *Rotary Partner* may have his/her career/occupation/business detailed on the Rotary website (accessible to the public) until he/she resigns or is no longer qualified as a *Rotary Partner*; the opportunity to give a 5-minute Rotary talk on his/her business, career or hobby at a weekly Rotary meeting; and to participate in Rotary Club of Hudson social activities and networking events. At the age of 40, or any time prior, a *Rotary Partner* shall become either an Active Rotarian or resign. **Required:** participation in at least one Rotary Club of Hudson service project and one Rotary Club of Hudson fundraiser each year.

Rotary Friend: For spouses and/or significant others of *Active Rotarians* or *Rotary Partners*. Membership dues are \$25.00 per year. *Rotary Friends* pay \$8.00 (or current rate) for breakfast (paid at the meeting) when he/she attends a weekly meeting, and will receive a *Rotary Friend* badge. Each *Rotary Friend* may have his/her career/occupation/business detailed on the Rotary website (accessible to the public) until the spouse and/or significant other is no longer a Rotarian in any membership category; the opportunity to give a 5-minute talk at a Rotary Club of Hudson weekly meeting on his/her business, career or hobby at a weekly Rotary Club of Hudson meeting; and to participate in all Rotary Club of Hudson social activities and networking events.

Classification: Each *Active Rotarian* and *Rotary Friend* is classified in accordance with the member's business or profession. A classification describes the principal and recognized activity of the firm with which such member is connected, or the member's principal and recognized business or professional activity.

Procedure to Become an Active Rotarian:

1. The Candidate must attend three Rotary Club of Hudson weekly meetings. The Club pays for these three breakfasts, but not for any additional breakfasts.
2. The Candidate must be sponsored by an Active Rotarian.
3. The Candidate must meet informally (usually over a breakfast or lunch) with the sponsor, Membership chair, and President for an in depth review of the Club's expectations.
4. The Membership chair then presents the Candidate's completed and signed application to the Rotary Club of Hudson's Board of Directors for approval.
5. Upon the Board's approval, the Candidate's name will be posted on the Rotary Club of Hudson's website for two weeks. If the President receives no objection from the membership, the President will then schedule the Candidate's initiation ceremony.

6. The new Active Rotarian is responsible for paying the initiation fee and dues within 30 days of his or her initiation.

What Is Required of an Active Rotarian?

Regular attendance at Rotary Club of Hudson meetings and payment of dues are required of all Active Rotarians. In addition, since the Rotary Club of Hudson is first and foremost a community service organization, participation in the service activities and fundraising efforts of the Club are also required

Currently, the Rotary Club of Hudson's funding for virtually all of its service activities comes from two annual events: the Gala, typically in the spring, and the Fall Fundraiser in the fall. An Active Rotarian agrees to support these fundraisers as follows:

1. **Gala** – purchase at least two (2) tickets and solicit gifts from assigned donors.
2. **Fall Fundraiser** – solicit sales generating a net of \$100.00 and/or contribute \$100.00.

I understand and agree to the above requirements:

Date

Signature

Please return this application along with your payment of **\$125 initiation fee** to the membership committee. Make your check payable to the Rotary Club of Hudson. Thank you.

The application process may take a few weeks. Please continue to join us at meetings during this period and pay the \$8.00 cost for breakfast.

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