



Becoming a Rotarian—

Membership Fact Sheet

We are pleased that you are considering becoming a member of the Rotary Club of Omaha. The information in this packet is intended to inform you of the privileges and commitments of a Rotary Membership.

Qualifications for Membership

According to the RI Constitution: a club shall be composed of active members each of whom shall be an adult person of good character and good business, professional and/or community reputation and engaged as a proprietor, partner, corporate officer, or manager of any worth and recognized business or profession; or holding any important position in any worthy and recognized business or profession or any branch or agency thereof and have executive capacity with discretionary authority. Each club shall have a well-balanced membership in which no one business or profession predominates.

Financial Obligations

- An entrance fee of \$250 is due when submitting an application for membership. This is a onetime charge and is not applicable to transferring or former members in good standing of another Rotary club.
- Annual dues of \$490 and at least a \$100 donation to the Service Fund each year, in accordance with the bylaws of the club.
 - Dues are payable each June for the period of July 1 to June 30.
 - Dues include member's annual subscription to the *Rotarian* magazine, applicable Rotary International and District per capita assessments, and cover the costs of club operations.
 - As of July 1, 2014, a portion of the dues pays for part of the member's lunch costs, so each member receives a reduced price. (Note: while most other clubs worldwide include meal charges with their dues, this is something new in our area. See the chart for a sample comparison.)
 - Our Service Fund is used to support our committee work – our club does not have an annual fundraiser for these projects. Because of this donation, you will not be asked to sell raffle tickets, provide auction items, etc.



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Additional Donations

- Although not required, Rotarians are asked to support The Rotary Foundation’s Paul Harris donation program (Every Rotarian Every Year) and PolioPlus. And as a member of the Rotary Club of Omaha, you will be asked to support the Downtown Omaha Rotary Foundation. Suggested donations are shown on your dues statement and a complete explanation of these donations is included in your member packet when you join.
- Sponsorship opportunities are also available for all members. Annual opportunities include our printed member roster, Rotary Honor Roll Luncheon, and others as announced.



Lunch Costs

- Currently, a member’s lunch cost at our weekly meeting is \$10 for full buffet. There is no cost to members to attend and just have coffee or iced tea (“no-lunch option”). A guests’ lunch price is \$14 or \$4 for no lunch. There is a \$1 discount for paying with cash or check.

What are you really paying?

Because our club’s dues pays for part of your lunch, you cannot compare clubs by dues prices alone. Here is a better example:

	Rotary Club of Omaha	Other Sample Club
Weekly lunch for active member	\$9	\$20
Dues	\$490	\$390
Lunch cost for 1 year attendance	\$405	\$900
TOTAL	\$895	\$1,290

Expectations of Members

- Rotarians are expected to regularly attend Rotary meetings and maintain a minimum of 50% attendance. Attendance credit is given for attending a regular meeting (local, world-wide or via an e-club), committee meeting, Rotary publicized social event or service project, and District or International meetings.
- Rotarians are expected to participate actively in the club and to serve on at least one of the committees involved in special community and international projects and regularly serve on club service committees. This is the best way to get to know other members and strengthen our connection to one another.
- Generally participate in and support the activities of the club and Rotary whenever possible with both time and treasure.
- New members will receive a Red Badge when they are introduced to the club. All members are asked to 'earn' their permanent badge by participating in a new member orientation and completing certain aspects of club service. More



information is given during the orientation, or information can be found on our new member website:

[HTTP://SITES.OMAHAROTARY.ORG/YEARLINGS](http://sites.omaharotary.org/yearlings)



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