



Membership Application

The Rotary Club of Portsmouth

www.portsmouthrotary.org

Welcome! You're considering joining Rotary, the world's oldest and largest service organization – and specifically the Rotary Club of Portsmouth, New England's largest Rotary Club. Our Rotary Club dates back to 1923.

More than just weekly luncheon meetings

Membership in Rotary involves a commitment of your time. Members are expected to attend our weekly luncheon meetings. We do however understand that there are times when you will need to miss a luncheon meeting. There are several ways to make up a missed meeting, including but not limited to visiting another Rotary Club anywhere in the world!

To get the most from Rotary, we also encourage you to serve on a committee for one of the club's Avenues of Service (Club, Vocational, Community or International), attend some club Fellowship events and work actively on a fundraising activity. Participation in committee work also helps you meet attendance commitments.

A financial commitment

Rotarians often find they are committing far more than just annual dues to our club, Rotary International and our community activities. We think it is important for you to be aware of the financial expectations before you commit to becoming a Rotarian:

Your financial commitment:

- Annual Dues & Membership Fee Due Upon Induction: \$150.00 One-time Rotary joining fee for Individual and Groups.
(excludes returning/transferring Rotarians)
- Individual and Group Membership Due Annually:
 - \$175.00 Individual Membership Dues (if joining July 1st-March 31st dues = \$150; If joining April 1-June 30th dues = \$37.50)
 - \$300.00 Group Membership Dues
Each group membership includes (1) official member who can vote, and serve on the Board. Groups may have up to (5) associate members who will not have voting rights and cannot serve on the board. Associate members can serve on committees.
- Weekly luncheon meetings

Your service commitment

Although you will find that you make strong friendships and valuable business connections, Rotarians are committed to making the world a better place, by applying their time, effort and financial resources to local and international Rotary service projects. The service commitment Rotarians make is to provide "service above self".

All members of our club commit to:

- Attendance at weekly luncheon meetings
- Membership on an Avenue of Service committee and attendance at committee meetings
- Christmas Tree Sales (Three-3 hour shifts per member)

Opportunities to get involved

Once you've been a Rotarian for a while, and as you learn more about the club, you may find yourself motivated to become more involved and give back to the club and community:

- Attend other Rotary Club meetings
- Attend the annual District Conference, District Assemblies, and Leadership Training Seminars
- Attend the annual Rotary International Convention
- Serve on Area or District committees
- Travel overseas for Rotaplast trips rotaplast.org/

Application Process

A member in good standing of our club must "sponsor" you for membership. The process is as follows:

1. You attend at least three club meetings.
2. You and your sponsor complete the application form and submit it to the Membership Chair.
3. The Board of Directors will review your application. (Meetings take place the first Wednesday of each month).
4. Upon approval from the Board, you will be invited to register for a Rotary Orientation. The orientation is a one-hour session, which provides you with an overview about Rotary at the Club, District and International levels.
5. Once orientation is completed, the Club President will verbally announce, at the next Club meeting, that your name is standing for membership consideration (You are on "seven days notice").
6. Typically at the very next luncheon meeting, you will be inducted into the Club. You are encouraged to say hello to the Club and tell us about yourself (2-3 minutes). A form will be provided to help guide your comments. You will also receive your official Rotary name badge and Rotary pin.
Please note Your dues will be payable the day of your induction* (invoice given to you during orientation).
7. The Membership Committee will appoint an experienced Mentor, if your sponsor is not available, to help you fully participate in the Club, introduce you to other members, answer any questions you may have make you feel welcome.
8. Portsmouth Rotary has several social events to help you become better acquainted with your fellow Rotarians. Be sure to check the calendar.
www.portsmouthrotary.org/events/calendar

Thank you for your interest in the Rotary Club of Portsmouth!!!



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New Member Application Form

Process:

1. Prospective member completes their part, signs and emails completed application to sponsor
2. Sponsor completes their portion, signs and emails to Membership Chair

Personal Information *(To be completed by Applicant)*

Prospective Member Full Name: _____

Prospective Member Nickname: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Business

Business Name/Former employer (ret.): _____

Years of employment at current business: _____

Position or Title: _____

Business Address: _____

Business Landline Number: _____ Business Cellular Number: _____

Fax Number: _____

Email: _____

Residence

Residence Address: _____

Residence Landline Number: _____ Residence Cellular Number: _____

Fax Number: _____

Email: _____

Other

Proposed classification: _____

Were you previously a Rotarian?

- Yes Club(s) name: _____ from: _____ to: _____
RI ID# _____
- No

Preferred Email address: _____ Preferred Phone Number: _____

Activities that would enhance consideration as a Rotarian (volunteer activities or community involvement you would like to share with us):

I hereby certify that I am qualified for active membership by my current or former status as a business, professional, or community leader, or as a Rotary Foundation alumnus/a, and by having a place or residence with the club's locality or surrounding area.

I understand that, if accepted for membership, it will be my duty to exemplify the Object of Rotary in all my daily contacts and activities and to abide by the constitutional documents of Rotary International and the club. I agree to pay any admission fees required by the club and to pay annual dues in accordance with the club bylaws. I hereby give permission to the club to publish my name and proposed classification, if applicable, to its membership.

Proposed Member's Signature: _____

Date: _____

Sponsor *(To be completed by Sponsoring Rotarian)*

**Sponsoring Rotarian should be a member in good standing of the Rotary Club of Portsmouth and has known the potential member for more than 12 months.*

Sponsor's name: _____

Are you committed to ensuring that the applicant remains an engaged, active member of the club?

Sponsor's Signature: _____

Date: _____

**Applicant: If you have not known a member of the Rotary Club of Portsmouth for longer than 12 months, along with your completed application, please submit 2 letters of reference.*