**20 ANSWERS TO THE QUESTION: WHY JOIN ROTARY?**

1. *Friendship*: In an increasingly complex world, Rotary provides one of the most basic human needs: the need for friends and fellowship. It is one of the two reasons why Rotary began in 1905.
2. *Business Development*: The second original reason for Rotary’s beginning. Everyone needs to network. Rotarians help one another and collectively help others.
3. *Personal Growth and Development*: Membership in Rotary continues one’s growth and education in human relations and personal development.
4. *Leadership Development*: Rotary is an organization of leaders and successful people. Serving in Rotary positions is like a college education in Leadership: learning how to motivate, influence and lead leaders.
5. *Citizenship in the Community*: Membership in a Rotary club makes one a better community citizen. The average Rotary club consists of the most active citizens of any community.
6. *Continuing Education*: Each week at Rotary, there is a program designed to keep one informed as to what is going on in the community, nation and world. Different speakers, different topics.
7. *Fun*: Rotary is fun – meetings, club projects, social activities, service. All fun!
8. *Public Speaking Skills*: Many an individual who joined Rotary was afraid to speak in public. Rotary develops confidence, skill, and opportunity in public communication.
9. *Citizenship in the World*: Every Rotarian wears a pin that reads, “Rotary International”. Every Rotarian is welcome – even encouraged – to attend meetings among 28,000 different clubs over 194 nations and geographical regions. There are few places on the globe that do not have a Rotary club, which creates instant friends in both one’s own community and in the world community.
10. *Assistance when Traveling*: Because there are Rotary clubs everywhere, many a Rotarian who has needed a doctor, lawyer, hotel, dentist, advice, etc., while traveling has found the services quickly through Rotary.
11. *Entertainment*: Every Rotary club and district has parties and activities which provide happy diversion to one’s business life. Rotary has conferences, conventions, assemblies, and institutes which provide entertainment in addition to Rotary information, education and service.
12. *The Development of Social Skills*: Every week and at various events and functions, Rotary develops one’s personality along with social and people skills.
13. *Family Programs*: Rotary provides one of the world’s largest youth exchange programs; high school and college clubs for future Rotarians; and a host of activities designed to assist family members in growth and the development of family values.
14. *Vocational Skills*: Every Rotarian is expected to take part in the growth and development of his or her own profession or vocation; to serve on committees; and to teach youth about one’s job or vocation.
15. *The Development of Ethics*: Rotarians practice a Four-Way Test which governs one’s ethical standards. Rotarians are expected to be ethical in business and personal relationships.
16. *Cultural Awareness*: Around the world, practically every religion, country, culture, race, creed, political persuasion, language, color and ethnicity can be found in Rotary. It is a sampling of the world’s most prominent citizens from every background. Rotarians become aware of other cultures and learn to love and work with people everywhere. They become better citizens in their countries in the process.
17. *Diversity*: Members of Rotary come from every walk of life. Some are business owners; others are community volunteers. Some are managers and executives; others work in the trades. Bankers, teachers, lawyers, accountants, restaurateurs, financial advisors, realtors, printers, direct-sales representatives – you name it, they’re Rotarians and proudly so.
18. *Nice People*: Rotarians adhere to the policy: while it is nice to be important, it is more important to be nice.
19. *The Absence of “Official Creed”*: Rotary has no secret handshake, policy, creed, meeting, or rituals. It is an open society – of men and women who simply believe in giving back and helping others.
20. *The Opportunity to Serve*: Rotary is a service club. Its business is mankind; its product is service. Rotarians provide community service – to both the local and international communities. This is the best reason perhaps for becoming a Rotarian: the chance to do something for somebody else, to sense the fulfillment that comes from the process, and to benefit from the return to one’s own life. Rotarians believe in Service Above Self as it is richly rewarding.

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