



# **SOUTH COBB ROTARY CLUB**

## **INFORMATION FOR PROSPECTIVE CLUB MEMBERS**

### **WHAT ROTARY IS**

Rotary is a worldwide organization of business and professional leaders that provides humanitarian service, encourages high ethical standards in all vocations and helps build goodwill and peace among our nations. Over 1.2 million Rotarians belong to more than 32,000 clubs in approximately 200 countries and areas around the world.

### **CLASSIFICATIONS**

Membership invitations are based on the classification principal, which helps ensure a cross-representation of the business and professions within the community. A classification describes either the principal business or professional service of the organization the Rotarian works for, or the Rotarian's own activity within the organization.

### **RESPONSIBILITIES OF ROTARY**

Rotary club membership carries with it certain responsibilities:

- Members are expected to attend weekly meetings of their club. However, there are various opportunities for making up missed meetings
- Members are required to pay annual dues to their club, their district (an administrative unit of Rotary International), and to Rotary International. The Initiation fee for new members is a one time \$140.00 and the quarterly dues are \$185.00 or \$740.00 annually.

### **THE MEMBERSHIP PROCESS**

A person being considered for membership is invited by a current member to attend one or more meetings. If the prospective member is a good fit for the club, and the club is a match for the prospective member's interests, a sponsor may submit the candidate to the club's membership committee. With approval from the committee and the other club members, the candidate may be inducted into the club.

### **ROTARY'S FOUR WAY TEST OF ALL THE THINGS WE SAY AND DO**

**IS IT THE TRUTH?**

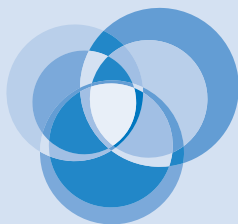
**IS IT FAIR TO ALL CONCERNED?**

**WILL IT BUILD GOOD WILL AND BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?**

**WILL IT BE BENEFICIAL TO ALL CONCERNED?**

### **ROTARY – A LITTLE HISTORY**

Paul P. Harris, a lawyer, founded Rotary in Chicago, Illinois on February 23, 1905. On that day Paul met with three friends – Sylvester Schiele, a coal dealer, Gustavus E. Loehr, a mining engineer, and Hiram E. Shorey, a merchant tailor. Initially Paul Harris's idea was to promote fellowship among business acquaintances, but soon the purpose had evolved into a higher calling, that of service to others. This club met in rotation at the offices of the members, therefore the name ROTARY was adopted. The membership of that first club was diverse which continues to be one of the dominant themes of Rotary. In 1911, Rotary became international establishing clubs in Canada, England and Ireland. Rotary became the forerunner of other great service clubs such as Kiwanis International founded in 1915, Lions International founded in 1917 and Optimist International founded in 1919. The first Rotary International convention was held in the city of Atlanta in 1917.



# How to Propose a New Member

It's as easy as 1 • 2 • 3!



ROTARY INTERNATIONAL®

Contribute to your club's membership by bringing in qualified business and professional leaders who are interested in and committed to advancing the mission of Rotary. Together with your fellow Rotarians, you can help your club fully represent your community's business and professional life.

Use the attached form to propose a new member. You'll be strengthening your club and ensuring its growth and longevity.

**Do it today!**

## STEP 1 ENGAGE WITH YOUR COMMUNITY

Proposing new members is essential to achieving Rotary's goals of providing community and international service. As a Rotarian, one of your primary responsibilities is to help identify and propose new members. **Consider the following approaches for finding future Rotarians:**

- Wear your Rotary pin to initiate conversations about your involvement with Rotary.
- Share stories of exciting club projects with colleagues, friends, and acquaintances.
- Distribute *Rotary Basics* (595-EN), *This Is Rotary* (001-EN), and *What's Rotary?* (419-EN). All three are available from [shop.rotary.org](http://shop.rotary.org), the *RI Catalog*, or your international office.
- Invite friends, co-workers, and colleagues to join you at your weekly Rotary meeting.
- Offer an information brochure that outlines the club's history and highlights recent service projects and social events.
- Ask potential members to become involved with a club activity or service project.
- Encourage prospective members to tour the RI Web site, view membership videos, and complete a Prospective Member Form ([www.rotary.org/membershipreferral](http://www.rotary.org/membershipreferral)).

Visit [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org) for the latest news, videos, and membership development materials.

## STEP 2 COMPLETE YOUR PAPERWORK

**Once a prospective member demonstrates an interest in membership:**

- Complete Part A of the Membership Proposal Form, and return the form to your club secretary for submission to the club's board of directors. **Remember: Do not inform the prospective member of the proposal until AFTER the board approves it.**
- Wait for the club secretary to notify you of the board's decision, which should come within 30 days of the submission.

*Note: If the club board does not approve the candidate, please talk to your club secretary or board for next steps.*

**After your club board approves the candidate:**

- Arrange an information session for the proposed member, or have the club arrange one.
- Ask the proposed member to complete and sign Part B of the proposal form. Return the form to the club secretary.
- Publish the proposed member's name and classification to the club. The Recommended Rotary Club Bylaws allow seven days for club members to consider and file objections, if any.
- If no objections are received, the proposed member pays the admission fee and becomes a Rotarian.
- The club secretary or president immediately reports the new member to Rotary International via Member Access at [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org).

*For information on membership qualifications, see the Manual of Procedure (035-EN), RI Constitution Article 5, RI Bylaws Article 4, and Standard Rotary Club Constitution Articles 7 and 8. All are available at [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org).*

## Membership Proposal Form

### Part A (to be completed by proposer and returned to the club secretary)

#### I propose:

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Full name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (including country/city or area codes)

Fax (including country/city or area codes)

Residence: \_\_\_\_\_

Business: \_\_\_\_\_

Cellular/Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred e-mail address: ☐ Residence ☐ Business \_\_\_\_\_

Proposed classification: \_\_\_\_\_

If rejoining or a former Rotarian, list most recent club information:

Previous club name: \_\_\_\_\_

Dates: \_\_\_\_\_  
From To

Previous Rotary membership ID: \_\_\_\_\_

Recent Rotarian (one year or less): ☐ Yes ☐ No

If an RI program participant or Foundation alumnus/a, list program(s) and date(s):

\_\_\_\_\_

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Activities that would enhance consideration as a Rotarian: \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_  
Proposer's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Part B (to be completed by proposed member after board approval)

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 of business or residence within 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

To be completed by a club officer

Classification:

If member is a former Rotarian, provide previous club and district information:

Club name:

District number:

Club ID number\*:

Dates: From To

Rotary membership ID number\*:

\*If unsure of number, contact your Club and District Support representative. Find contact information at [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org).

If an RI program participant or Foundation alumnus/a, program(s) and date(s):

Mentor assigned to assist with orientation:

Rotary magazine subscription:

- ☐ The Rotarian
- ☐ Rotary regional magazine:

Action on Proposal	Date
Received by secretary:	
Former Rotary club contacted (if former Rotarian): <input type="checkbox"/> In good standing <input type="checkbox"/> Not in good standing	
Submitted to membership committee:	
Committee decision received: <input type="checkbox"/> Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Disapproved	
Submitted to board:	
Board decision received: <input type="checkbox"/> Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Disapproved	
Proposed to club: (If any objection has been filed, the board should address the issue at its next meeting.)	
Final approval by board:	
Rotary information session held:	
Signed form and admission fee received:	
Admitted to membership:	
Entered into Member Access:	

**STEP 3**  
**ENJOY A DIVERSE,**  
**THRIVING ROTARY CLUB!**

# **SHARE YOUR PASSION FOR ROTARY! REFER A MEMBER!**

Complete the Membership Referral Form at [www.rotary.org/membershipreferral](http://www.rotary.org/membershipreferral) to recommend a friend, family member, business associate, or other qualified individual for potential membership in a club other than your own.



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## ROTARY MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

### APPLICANT INFORMATION

NAME:

DATE OF BIRTH:

HOME ADDRESS:

E-MAIL ADDRESS

HOME PHONE:

CELL PHONE:

### EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION

CURRENT EMPLOYER:

EMPLOYER ADDRESS:

WORK PHONE:

WORK E-MAIL:

### SPOUSE'S NAME, BIRTHDAY, AND ANNIVERSARY

NAME:

BIRTHDAY:

ANNIVERSARY:

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

DATE

SIGNATURE OF PROPOSER

DATE

**ROTARY CLUB OF SOUTH COBB  
NEW MEMBER PROPOSAL FORM**

Sponsoring Rotarian \_\_\_\_\_

Candidate's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

Business Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Fax Number \_\_\_\_\_

Current or former firm and  
position \_\_\_\_\_

If member of another Rotary Club list the dates served and positions held

\_\_\_\_\_  
List other business or community service organizations you have served

\_\_\_\_\_  
As sponsoring Rotarian, Why do you feel this candidate will be an  
outstanding Rotarian

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\_\_\_\_\_  
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**FOR USE BY SECRETARY**

Date of Prospective Member Orientation \_\_\_\_\_ Date Received by  
Secretary

Date Sent to Board \_\_\_\_\_ Recommendation \_\_\_\_\_ Date  
Sent to Membership-at-  
Large \_\_\_\_\_ Recommendation

Date of Induction \_\_\_\_\_