

# Rotary Club of Plainfield-North Plainfield

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## Information for Prospective Members

Rotarians are business and professional leaders who take an active role in their communities while greatly enriching their personal and professional lives. A Rotary club contains a diverse group of professional leaders from the community that the club serves.

Membership in a Rotary club offers a number of benefits, including:

- Effecting change within the community.
- Developing leadership skills.
- Gaining an understanding of — and having an impact on — international humanitarian issues.
- Developing relationships with community and business leaders.

Through Rotary's service programs, a Rotary club can have a significant effect on the quality of life in its community. Rotary Foundation programs offer opportunities to form international partnerships that help people in need worldwide. Some 1.2 million Rotarians in 32,000 clubs in more than 200 countries and geographic areas make significant contributions to the quality of life at home and around the globe.

### ***Resources for Prospective Members***

To find out more about Rotary's rich history and the organization's mission and structure, visit the RI website ([www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org)) and see [About Rotary](#). You can also explore recent issues affecting Rotary at [News & Features](#). Information available there spotlights Rotary projects that promote literacy, provide disaster relief, support Rotary's global effort to eradicate polio, and address other critical community and world issues. See *Becoming a Rotarian* (below) for Rotary's membership requirements and procedures.

## Becoming a Rotarian

An association of some 33,000 autonomous clubs in more than 200 countries, Rotary International is one of the world's largest service organizations. The goal for a club's membership is an up-to-date and progressive representation of the community's business, vocational, and professional interests.

An important distinction between Rotary and other organizations is that membership in Rotary is by invitation. Rotary clubs invite individuals to join and become members.

Membership is vital to a Rotary club's operations and community service activities. A primary goal of the club is to continually expand the club with committed members who have the interest and ability to get involved in service and humanitarian projects. Prospective members must:

- hold — or be retired from — a professional, proprietary, executive, or managerial position;
- *have the capacity to meet the club's weekly attendance or community project participation requirements;*
- live or work within the locality of the club or the surrounding area.

### The membership process

Often a person being considered for membership is invited by a member/sponsor to attend one or more club meetings to learn more about Rotary. The sponsor may then submit the name of the candidate to the club's membership committee.

After the membership is approved by the Board of Directors, the prospective member is sent an invoice for dues and membership fee. After payment is received, the new member is invited to a meeting and is inducted into the Club in a simple, brief ceremony.

### Classifications: professional representation

Rotary uses a classification system to establish and maintain a vibrant cross-section of the community's business, vocational, and professional interests among members and to develop a pool of resources and expertise to successfully implement service projects. This system is based on the Rotary founders' paradigm of choosing cross-representation of each business, profession, and institution within a community.

## **Information for Prospective Rotarians**

A classification describes either the principal business or the professional service of the organization that the Rotarian works for or the Rotarian's own activity within the organization. Some examples of classifications include: high schools, universities, eye surgery, banking, pharmaceutical-retailing, petroleum-distribution, and insurance agency.

## **Responsibilities of Membership**

Rotary club membership carries with it certain responsibilities.

- *Members are expected to attend weekly meetings of the club (at least 50% over six months). Opportunities to make up attendance include attending the regular meeting of another Rotary club, attending various other Rotary meetings, or attending a service project authorized by the board of directors.*
- *Members are required to pay annual dues to their club, which includes meals, district and Rotary International dues. Dues are currently \$150 plus \$10/week for luncheon expense. Members are invoiced \$162.50 per quarter, or can pay in full.*
- *Members are expected to participate in service projects and support activities or projects of the Rotary club.*
- *Clubs encourage members to aspire to leadership or committee roles within their clubs.*

## **Interested in the Rotary Club of Plainfield-North Plainfield?**

If you are ready to make a commitment to serve the communities of Plainfield and North Plainfield, and to support Rotary activities on an international scale, please fill out the enclosed membership application. If you have any questions, please contact your sponsor or the Club secretary.

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## Rotary Club of Plainfield-North Plainfield Membership Application Form

Dear Prospective Club Member:  
Please complete as much information on this form  
as possible, and return it to me. Shaded items will  
be completed after the application is approved. If  
you have any questions, feel free to call me.

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<b>First Name</b>	<input type="text"/>	<b>Send mail</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Home</b> <b>to:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Work</b>	<b>Send</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Home</b> <b>e-mail to:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Work</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>n/a</b>
<b>Middle Initial</b>	<input type="text"/>		
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<b>Extension</b>	<input type="text"/>	<b>Pager/Pers. Cell #</b>	<input type="text"/>
<b>Work Fax</b>	<input type="text"/>	<b>Date of Birth **</b>	<input type="text"/>
<b>Work Email</b>	<input type="text"/>	<b>** - This information is used for Rotary International; your year of birth will not be disclosed to others.</b>	
<b>CellPhone</b>	<input type="text"/>	<p>If invited to join, I agree to comply with the By-Laws and Constitution of this Club. I recognize that being a Rotarian means active participation in Club events and regular attendance at meetings, and that I will be invoiced for annual membership and luncheon fees.</p> <p>Signed: _____</p> <p>Date: _____</p>	
<b>Website</b>	<input type="text"/>		
<b>Rotarian Since</b>	<input type="text"/>		
<b>Former Club</b>	<input type="text"/>		
<b>Date Joined</b>	<input type="text"/>		
<b>Sponsor</b>	<input type="text"/>		
<b>Classification</b>	<input type="text"/>		

Please indicate your availability for weekly meetings and occasional afternoon/evening projects:
