



Club Information and Membership Packet

Rotary



Club of Rohnert Park-Cotati
Sonoma County, California

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P.O. Box 1564, Rohnert Park, CA 94927

ROTARY in Rohnert Park and Cotati

What would it take to change the World? Rotary International is the world's first service club organization, where community leaders come together in friendship to do good in our community. With more than 1.2 million members in 33,000 clubs worldwide. Rotary club members are volunteers who work locally, regionally and internationally to combat hunger, improve health and sanitation, provide education and job training, promote peace, eradicate polio under the motto 'Service Above Self.'

Since our founding in 1977, The Rotary Club of Rohnert Park-Cotati has been dedicated to doing good in our local community and in the world. As the premier service organization in Rohnert Park and Cotati, with approximately 45 members, the Rotary Club of Rohnert Park-Cotati is comprised of some of the region's most prominent community leaders – men and women with diverse backgrounds in business, professions, religions, civic and non-profit organizations. Our members actively strengthen the community through our service, fellowship and by example. We gather at weekly meetings and other functions to fulfill our commitment to the Rotarian ideals of friendship, fellowship, and service to others. Our Committees and Programs promote social and community events, such as our annual Golf Tournament and our Bunco Tournament to benefit the community.

There has never been a better time to be involved in Rotary—where member benefits, community service and networking opportunities await you. Various Club Administrative committees bring us exceptional speakers each week, focus on our membership, work with our club website and PR/communications. Still others provide opportunities for hands-on contributions to local youth programs such as our Scholarships and Rotary Youth Leadership Awards. Committees with an international emphasis offer opportunities to participate in World Community Service, Youth Exchange, Ambassadorial Scholarships, and Vocational Study Teams. For more information, please visit our website at www.rotaryrpc.org. Thank you for taking time to learn about Rotary in Rohnert Park and Cotati.

Below are some answers to frequently asked questions about club membership.

How do I become a ROTARIAN?

What qualifies someone to join Rotary? A prospective members must be persons who demonstrates good character, integrity, and leadership; possess good reputation within their business, profession and/or community; and are willing to serve in their community and/or around the world.

How does an individual become a Rotarian? To join, you must have a sponsor. Your sponsor will invite you to a breakfast meeting where you can meet other Rotarians and experience a Rotary meeting. Your sponsor will explain the application process and refer you to a pre-induction mentor.

Where does Rotary meet? The Rotary Club of Rohnert Park-Cotati meets each Tuesday morning at the Sonoma Wine Country Doubletree Hotel, 1 Doubletree Drive, Rohnert Park. The meeting is a breakfast from 7:00 AM to 8:30 AM. Occasionally we will meet offsite at another location. Please check our meetings calendar at www.rotaryrpc.org.

What are the current financial obligations of belonging to the Rotary Club of Rohnert Park-Cotati? (Rotary Fiscal Year: July 1—June 30)

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| Admission Fee: | One-time only (member materials – pin, badge, shirts, banner, etc.) | \$100.00 |
| Annual Dues: | Mandatory (may be prorated depending on date of admission) | \$200.00 |
| Meals: | \$18.00 each, paid monthly whether present or not | \$900.00 |
| Total Mandatory Costs, annually: | | \$1100.00 |
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| Additional Expenses: (Optional but suggested) Actual amounts are settled between you and the treasurer – discretely. | Annual Pledges (Fines) for recognition (Birthday, Anniversary, etc.) | \$100.00 |
| | Giving to our Rotary Club Foundation (minimum expected) | \$40.00 |
| | Giving to The Rotary Foundation (minimum expected) | \$100.00 |
| | Participation in Club and District Events & Fundraisers (expected) | \$50.00 - \$250.00 |

Are there minimum attendance requirements? To remain in good standing, you must be engaged as a member. Generally, you should participate in 60% of a total of the club activities (meetings, socials, projects, events, & fundraisers). Meetings missed are easy to make up. Attendance at regularly scheduled committee meetings, board meetings, new member orientations, Club social functions all count as a meeting make-up. Additionally, you can make-up a missed meeting by attending other Rotary Club meetings anywhere in the world or even online.

What is the New Membership process? Your Sponsor will ask you to complete a prospective Member Application and return it. The Application will be submitted to the Board for consideration. Upon approval, you will be notified immediately. As soon as scheduling allows, you will be introduced to the Club by your sponsor during a regular club meeting. At this meeting, you will receive your name badge and introductory materials.

Is there a New Member Orientation? The Rotary Club of Rohnert Park-Cotati is committed to help new members find their place in the Rotary World, availing all aspects of service to better the world around us. Your sponsor or a member of our membership team will provide you a one-to-one New Member Orientation at a mutually agreeable time and place. At our earliest opportunity, we will also invite our newest members to a Fireside Chat, where club leaders and senior members of the club will discuss in greater detail all aspects of Rotary and help you find your service passion.

Are prospective members ever turned down? Prospective members can be turned down because the Membership Committee or the Board of the Club feels that he/she does not meet the qualification for membership.

This Application is available for computer entry at www.rotaryrpc.org, under Download Files

Thank you for taking time to learn about The Rotary Club of Rohnert Park-Cotati

PLEASE DETACH AND KEEP THIS PART FOR YOUR RECORDS

The Rotary Club of Rohnert Park-Cotati Membership Application

(Application is available as a .pdf writeable form)

Proposed Member and Sponsor Identification

Proposed Member's Full Name: _____ Nickname: _____

Rohnert Park-Cotati Rotarian Sponsor: _____

REQUEST CORPORATE MEMBERSHIP (refer to guidelines for Corporate Membership available at www.rotaryrpc.org, under Download Files. Also requires Corporate Membership Application Addendum)

Business, Professional or Community Experience (Current position or last position held): Retired

Business Name: _____ Position/Title: _____

Direct Phone: _____ Cell: _____ Fax: _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

E-mail address for Rotary Communications: _____

Principal Activity of Firm: _____

Brief description of job duties: _____

Send mail to: Home Business

Length of time with business/organization _____ Number of employees _____

Please check below which most nearly describes your organization?

Public Private Sole Proprietorship Nonprofit Government Other: _____

Personal and Family Information

Home Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Home Telephone _____ Birth Date (M/D/Y) _____

Birth Place: City _____ State _____ Country _____

Hobbies/Interests _____

Spouse/Partner's Full Name _____ Nickname _____ Spouse/Partner Birth Date _____

Anniversary Date _____ Children (living at home or age 18 and under) _____

Name of Public High School that students living in your neighborhood attend _____

Education

High School _____ Year _____

College _____ Degree _____ Year _____

Graduate _____ Degree _____ Year _____

Previous Vocational Experience (Complete if you have been in your current position less than 3 years)

| Company | Position | Yrs. with Company |
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Community/Social/Civic Involvement (List current/recent involvement)

| Name | Years | Offices held (if any) |
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Professional Organizations *(List professional memberships)*

| <i>Name</i> | <i>Years</i> | <i>Offices held (if any)</i> |
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Previous Rotary Experience *(including prior membership with our club)*

Name of Club _____ Date Joined _____ Date Resigned _____
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Past President/DG? _____ If yes, when/where? _____
Rotary International Foundation Affiliation *(if applicable)* _____
PHF Level _____ Rotary ID Number (if known) _____ Rotary Achievements (i.e. Officer/Director, etc.) _____

Three references we may contact.

| <i>Name</i> | <i>Phone</i> | <i>E-mail</i> | <i>(Personal or Business)</i> |
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Why would you like to be a Rotarian?

Applicant's Certification Statement

Please read carefully and initial each: *(typed initials are acceptable)*

- _____ The responsibilities and criteria for membership have been fully explained to me by my sponsor.
- _____ I certify that I am a person who demonstrates good character, integrity, and leadership; possess good reputation within my business, profession and/or community; and am willing to serve in my community locally and/or around the world.
- _____ I have been informed of the financial and time commitments of membership.
- _____ I understand that I will be billed Club dues. Currently those costs total \$200 annually. Upon invitation to membership, I understand that I will receive a pro-rated bill for my dues following my acceptance.
- _____ I understand that each member is expected to support both Foundations and the Club's annual fundraisers.
- _____ I understand that each member should attend this club's regular meetings as frequently as possible. All Club members are required to actively participate in club activities and service projects. Rotary's ideal of 'Service Above Self' calls for Rotarians to serve others by following high ethical and moral standards.
- _____ Enclosed with this application is a photo (preferably digital) which I allow to be published in our Roster upon membership acceptance.

Signature: _____

Date: _____