



Rotary Opens Opportunities

## Membership Proposal Application

To be completed by the prospective new member and the Rotarian proposer / sponsor and returned to Membership Chair, Bob Bates

Name of proposed New Member: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Rotarian proposing the new member: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of proposed member's business / occupation and job title:

(e.g., owner / operator / founder; manager / administrator / staff: accounting, human resources, marketing, sales, logistics, Information Technology, support staff, volunteer, etc.)

### Information for Club Directory

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse / Partner Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Anniversary Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Preferred telephone #(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred e-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Personal or business Facebook page, blog address, etc.

Recent Rotarian? (one year or less) Yes / No \_\_\_\_\_

If transferring or rejoining Rotary, please list the most recent Rotary club information: dates of membership, previous Rotary membership identification number, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

List previous affiliation(s) with Rotary (e.g., Rotary Early Act, Rotary Interact, Rotaract, RYLA / Rotary Youth Leadership Award, Rotary Youth Exchange Students, member of Rotary Community Corps, Rotary Foundation alumna or alumnus, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

If the prospective new member has not been affiliated with a Rotary club or Rotary program, then please summarize highlights of prospect's most favorite or most fulfilling volunteer service and/or philanthropic experiences or accomplishments: \_\_\_\_\_

Proposing Rotarian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## How to Propose a New Member to the Rotary Club of Fredericksburg

Once a prospective member mentions an interest in finding out about the Rotary membership process

- **Arrange an information-sharing conversation** about financial and participation expectations – with the proposing Rotarian, prospective member and possibly the Membership Chair, Bob Bates and/or Membership Committee.
- **Ask the prospect to:**
  - **Complete this Membership Proposal Application**
  - **Sign** or e-sign / agree to **Part B**, below
  - **Return the completed & signed** form to the club's Membership Chair, Bob Bates, [1943rab@gmail.com](mailto:1943rab@gmail.com). The Membership Chair will advise the Secretary and the application will be submitted to the Board by the Secretary or by the Membership Chair on the behalf of the Secretary. The Board will act upon the application within 30 days.



### Part B of Membership Proposal Application

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

*I understand that it will be my duty to exemplify the object of Rotary, Service Above Self, in all my daily contacts and activities and abide by the Constitutional documents of Rotary International and the Rotary Club of Fredericksburg. I agree to pay the admission fees required by the club and to pay quarterly dues in accordance with the club bylaws. I hereby give permission to the club to publish my name and proposed classification to its membership for approval.*

**Proposed Member's Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_



**After the club's Board of Directors approves the application**

- **The Membership Chair will forward the proposed member's *Membership Proposal Application*** to Sgt. at Arms to add to weekly Das Rad for all other club members and will allow 2 weeks for club members to file objections, if any.
- If no objections are received, then the
  1. **Proposed Member gets inducted, pays required \$50 initiation fee and becomes a Rotarian.**
  2. **The club Secretary immediately reports the new member to Rotary International via *Member Access* at [www.Rotary.org](http://www.Rotary.org)**
- **If there are objections, the Board will either approve or reject the application at its next regular Board meeting. The Membership Chair will advise the sponsor and the applicant of the Board's decision.**
- *For information or membership qualifications, please 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)*



## Financial Expectations

In addition to the required dues of Rotary International and our local District 5840, there are additional optional expenses to being involved with the Rotary Club of Fredericksburg. To start, a **\$50 initiation fee** is due after application approval.

There are certain things that will be on every **quarterly** invoice (it is possible that these dues may go up at any time with Rotary International, District 5840 or our club's board approval, respectively):

- **Rotary International Dues: \$23.75** – Dues that the club pays on your behalf to Rotary International. Your subscription to the Rotarian Magazine is included in this fee. Insurance and other variable items are added by RI occasionally.
- **District 5840 Dues: \$9.25** – Dues that the club pays on your behalf to the District. This money helps to fund things like travel for the governor and assistant governors as well as other district expenses.
- **Local Club Dues: \$48.00** – These are dues that you pay to our club. It helps cover expenses like rent on our meeting space, wheel prizes, events, and travel to Rotary conferences for officers, etc.
  - **Alternatively, to encourage active new young members this Rotary Club has established a Young Professional (YP) membership category.** YP membership will apply to applicants who are between the ages of 20 and 40 who qualify and are approved as new members. **A \$25 initiation fee is due after application approval.** The club shall pay half of YP's dues for Club, District and Rotary International for a period of 3 years. YP's may convert to regular membership at any point during this period. In return the YP will be required to fulfill all of a Rotary member's regular duties except, during the first year, they will not be required to financially support the foundation or any of our events but are required to participate in all of them. In addition, the YP must maintain an 85% attendance rate and volunteer at least 30 hours annually at club activities and fundraisers. The President must approve any exception in writing. If the YP fails to fulfill these obligations the Board will consider terminating the membership.

### **Meals:**

In terms of meals, you have the choice of paying at the door each week or being billed on your quarterly invoice. If you choose to be billed on your quarterly invoice, you will still be billed for a meal even if you miss the meeting. This additional surplus of meal costs helps with Rotary expenses.

Please mark which options you desire:

- Bill me quarterly (*preferred method*) >  Soup/Salad table only=**\$8.50**  
OR  Full buffet table=**\$11.50**

OR

- Pay as I go meals [**\$9.00** Soup/Salad table only OR **\$12.00** Full buffet; *Note you will pay \$0.50 more per meal*]

### **The Rotary International Foundation (TRF):**

Rotary International *encourages* each Rotarian to give at least **\$100** to the Rotary International Foundation every year - "Every Rotarian, Every Year." Many options are available for doing this and they will be announced periodically during the year. Of course, you might choose to give more after you learn about all the wonderful work it does both in the world and our own community.

To give to the Rotary International Foundation, you can either write a check made payable to "Rotary Foundation" and give it to the club's Rotary Foundation Committee Chair; access Rotary International's website, login and give directly or systematically; buy \$100 worth of raffle tickets for the chance to win a cruise; or be billed \$25 or more each quarter on your quarterly invoice. If you choose the last option, please check the box below.

- Yes, add \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to my quarterly invoice as a tax-deductible contribution to TRF.

Additional Events that Rotarians are asked to volunteer for and/or participate monetarily include the following:

- Fall/Spring Social Parties: \$25+; FHS Homecoming Party meal tickets: 10 @ \$10 = \$100; Valentine's Dinner and Dance: \$75+; Polio Plus Eradication Event: \$10+; Fishbowl/Exchange Student Stipend: \$50; Installation Banquet: \$25+

Annual Totals Could Include:

\$324 (Dues) + Optional [approx. \$535 (Meals) + \$100 (TRF) + \$285 (Events)] = approx. \$1,244

## New Member Checklist

*This is a helpful check list for Secretary and Membership Chair to track the membership-application process and keep the process moving quickly and as smoothly as possible.*

\_\_\_ Rotary information session held with prospective member and Membership Chair and/or Committee.

\_\_\_ Membership Proposal Application provided to prospective new member to complete, sign and return to Membership Chair, Bob Bates, [1943rab@gmail.com](mailto:1943rab@gmail.com). The Membership Chair advised the club Secretary that a membership application has been received. The club Secretary, or the Membership Chair on the behalf of the club Secretary, forwards this completed form to board members. The Board will approve or disapprove the application within 30 days. The Board may act upon the application by email or at the next regular board meeting.

\_\_\_ Upon board members' approval, Membership Chair forwards this completed form to Sgt. at Arms to enter in Das Rad for club members: two-week approval timeline for members' comments.

\_\_\_ If there is no member objection, the President, or his/her designee, shall arrange the induction date. If there are one or more member objections, the Board, will vote on the applicant's membership at its next regular meeting.

\_\_\_ Induction date will be set, and the Membership Chair will coordinate with new member, family members, friends and others who may want to be present when the new member is inducted.

\_\_\_ New Rotarian pays initiation fee of \$50 to Treasurer.

\_\_\_ New Rotarian is admitted into Rotary Club of Fredericksburg.

\_\_\_ All required new-member information is entered onto [www.Rotary.org](http://www.Rotary.org) for Member Access by the club Secretary.

\_\_\_ Sponsor and Membership Chair follow up with new member on a regular basis to help them complete their training (*Rotary U, Fireside Chat, Greeter x2, Attendance, Classification Talk, etc.*)

