



## CARLSBAD HI-NOON ROTARY

### *Membership Processing*

Thank you for considering membership in the Carlsbad Hi-Noon Rotary Club. In case you need additional information about Rotary itself or how this membership process functions, following are the procedures used by this club.

**ROTARY INTERNATIONAL IS A SERVICE ORGANIZATION**, created in 1905 in Chicago. Rotary International is now 1.2 million members strong throughout the world.

### **WHAT ARE THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF MEMBERSHIP?**

Carlsbad Hi-Noon Rotary members attend weekly club meetings (in-person or via zoom) and participate in local and/or international service activities or projects. All Rotary clubs encourage members to aspire to leadership or committee roles within the club. Members must pay annual dues.

### **WHAT ARE THE QUALIFICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP?**

Prospective members must:

- Hold (or be retired from) a professional, proprietary, executive or managerial position;
- Be able to meet the club's community service events/projects schedule and the fiduciary requirements; and
- Live or work within the city limits of the club or the surrounding area.
- Upon submission of a new member application and financial responsibilities form, the Board of Directors does a review and votes on all new members.

## CARLSBAD HI-NOON ROTARY MEMBERSHIP PROCESS

Generating new members is important to the Club, Rotary International, and the community. Here are the steps the club takes to bring new members into Carlsbad Hi-Noon Rotary:

1. A person approaches a club member OR a club member suggests a person as a member.
2. The prospect is invited to **attend (at least) two club meetings** to have some familiarity with the club prior to membership application. A prospective member is a "guest" of the club during these two visits. The prospect is not yet a potential member, and will be identified as a "Guest of the Club."
3. If interested, the prospect discusses membership with the club membership chair, a club member or a sponsor to understand the **responsibilities of Rotary International and Hi-Noon Rotary** membership, its Membership Categories and to determine a Membership Classification.

4. The prospect completes the membership application and financial responsibilities of membership and emails them to Membership Chair Samantha Richter at [samantha.richter@aguahedionda.org](mailto:samantha.richter@aguahedionda.org).
5. The application is vetted by the Membership Chair and/or President-Elect to assure high ethical standards of Rotary International and Carlsbad Hi-Noon Rotary, membership category compliance, classification alignment and suitability.
6. Once vetted and approved, the application is forwarded to the President-Elect who will then present to the Board of Directors for approval.
7. Once approved by the Board of Directors, the prospect's name, category and classification, along with the sponsor name, are published to the club general membership in the club's weekly bulletin, the Hi-Jinx.
8. Seven days after publication, if there are no objections from the general club membership, the prospect will be inducted as a new member, and billed for applicable membership fees.
9. The Membership Chair will coordinate and schedule the induction date of the new member with the Club President.

### **MEMBERSHIP VETTING**

Carlsbad Hi-Noon Rotary, as a member of Rotary International, agrees to assure the high business and personal ethics of each of its members, and supports the vetting of potential new members in the following manner:

1. If the prospective member is known to a member Rotarian, that Rotarian will write a brief description of the member, paying particular attention to ethical considerations.
2. If the prospective member is not known to a member Rotarian, it is suggested that the prospective member submit a letter of recommendation from a recognized community leader.
3. If the prospective member states that he/she is licensed, that license will be verified by the Membership Chair.
4. If two members of the general membership, upon reading the published name/classification of the prospective member, they may negate the prospect's application, but only for ETHICAL reasons.
5. When the prospective member moves through the membership process successfully, Carlsbad HI-Noon Rotary enthusiastically acknowledges the new member as a 'Red Badge' member earning their permanent member Blue Badge. **Rotarians transferring from another club will be inducted at the status they achieved in their prior club.**

Please contact **Samantha Richter** at [samantha.richter@aguahedionda.org](mailto:samantha.richter@aguahedionda.org) with any questions.