

Rotary Club of Hattiesburg

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Dear Prospective Member,

We are very pleased that you are considering membership in the Rotary Club of Hattiesburg. The information below is intended to share a little about the privileges and commitments of Rotary membership.

"What is Rotary Club of Hattiesburg?"

Rotary International is a service organization with 1.2 million members in 33,000 clubs in more than 200 countries. Rotary is a diverse organization, apolitical and nonsectarian, open to all faiths. A Rotary Club's membership is representative of the community it serves. There is something that all Rotary club members have in common: *we take action*. As community volunteers, we reach out to neighbors in need, we build, support, and organize. We save lives. We work locally and globally.

The Rotary Club of Hattiesburg was chartered in 1918 and is the second oldest club in District 6840. When you join our club, you become part of a prestigious group of community leaders with 100 years of service locally, statewide, and throughout the world. Through weekly meetings and club committee involvement, you will gain the lifelong friendships that you would not acquire otherwise. It is truly a club of fellowship, community and business connections like no other.

What are my commitments to Rotary?

Club members assume personal and financial obligations including dues, lunches and club projects. Please understand that these obligations are yours and not your employer's even if your employer assumes your financial obligation to the club. If a member's employer pays their dues/fees/assessments, they do not cease to be a member if that arrangement ends.

Rotary membership has a certain prestige. You will meet many of the community's present and upcoming leaders. There will be opportunities to network, socialize and develop business relationships with other club members. However, expecting to network and solicit business from other members should not be one's motivation for joining Rotary. Members should refrain from networking for business purposes during club meetings. When members focus on Rotary activities, business opportunities will often appear at the most unexpected times.

Am I required to attend every meeting?

Rotary International does have an attendance requirement for its members. Members are expected to attend at least 50% of the weekly meetings. However, we do understand outside factors (e.g. work commitments, illnesses, family, etc.) may affect your attendance. In these instances there are numerous make up opportunities in place to allow one to maintain 50% attendance. Visiting other Rotary clubs will also prove to be one of the highlights of becoming a member. In addition, your participation in club, district, or Rotary International committee meetings or club counts as an attendance credit.

When, where, and how often does Rotary Club of Hattiesburg meet?

The Rotary Club of Hattiesburg meetings are held every Tuesday (with the exception of certain holidays and special circumstances) at Burger Theory at Holiday Inn. Food service starts at 11:45 and is the opportunity to network and socialize. The meeting is from 12:15 until 1:00. In rare instances, you may find it necessary to leave a meeting early. As a courtesy to our speaker, you are expected to remain until the adjournment of the meeting. If you must leave, please do so before the speaker begins and you are encouraged to sit near an exit so as not to disturb the meeting.

Again, we are honored that you are considering membership in our club! Please take a moment to review the attached information. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact your sponsor or any member of our club – *we are happy to help you in any way possible*.

Service Above Self!

Lynn Walton
President, 2021-2022
Rotary Club of Hattiesburg
District 6840, Club 04003

GENERAL INFORMATION

Title

First

Middle

Last

Nickname

Sponsor

Classification

Former Rotary Club

Years Active

Position Held

CONTACT INFORMATION

Business/Company

Position (Title & Brief Description)

Business Address

City

State

Zip

Business Phone

Preferred Email (Will be published)

Home Address

City

State

Zip

Cell Phone

Spouse's Name

Date of Birth

Non-Rotarian Club Activities

Government Board, Elections, Etc.

Professional Certificates/Awards

Hobbies & Interest

Military Service

If you have participated in a Rotary International program (e.g. RYLA, alumnus, scholarship, etc.), please list the program(s) and date(s).

CHECK APPLICABLE

Rotary Club membership requirements are specified in Article 5, Section 2 of the Rotary International Constitution. "A club shall be composed of active members each of whom shall be an adult person of good character and good business, professional and/or community reputation and

Engaged as a proprietor (i.e. business owner), partner, corporate officer, or manager of any worth and recognized business or profession.

or

Holding any important position in any worthy and recognized business or profession or any branch or agency thereof and have executive capacity with discretionary authority.

or

Having retired from any position listed [above].

or

Being a community leader who has demonstrated through personal involvement in community affairs a commitment to service and the Object of Rotary.

or

Having the status of Rotary Foundation alumnus as defined by the board

and

Having his or her place of business or residence located in the locality of the club or surrounding area.

If your position is not self-explanatory, please provide a brief description of your professional responsibilities or community involvement.

DUES – FEES – ASSESSMENTS

One-Time Fee	Recurring Expenses (Quarterly)
Initiation Fee: \$50	Meals: \$150 Dues: \$50
	<hr/> Total Quarterly: \$200

•Figure may vary due to the addition of special events, fees, and/or assessments.

MY AGREEMENT

I understand that... (check or initial beside each):

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I am expected to attend 50% of the club's weekly meetings, and understand that if I am unable to attend, I may "make up" any absence by online submission, attendance at a neighboring club, or participation at any Rotary board, committee, or district event. Additionally, I understand that I am expected to participate and support club activities throughout the year (e.g. Night in Italy, Bike-A-Thon, etc.).

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the expenses listed and understand they are part of my Rotary obligation regardless of any arrangement I may have made with any outside entity (e.g. employer, relative, etc.) to assume these expenses. In addition, I understand that if an outside entity does assume my financial obligations, this in no way secures membership for that entity or the prospect of future membership, i.e. I am the member, not my employer.

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my application will be reviewed by the Membership Committee and be assigned the appropriate classification designation.

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the membership/application process can take up to, but will not exceed, 6 weeks.

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by applying for membership in the Rotary Club of Hattiesburg, my name will be circulated among various committees as well as the membership at large with respect to my application for such membership. I have no objection to my name being circulated, recognizing that my application may be rejected for whatever reason deemed appropriate by the organization.

Applicant (print name)

Date

Signature

THIS PORTION COMPLETED BY ROTARY CLUB OFFICER

(If applicable) Former Rotarian left his/her previous club:

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In good standing

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Not in good standing

Committee/Board Decision:

APPROVED

DISAPPROVED

"Mentor" assigned:

Board of Directors Approval (date):

Admitted to membership (date):

College of Knowledge successfully completed (date):

Rotary Officer (Membership Chair)

Date