



THE STRATFORD ROTARY CLUB

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Q: What is Rotary?

A: The Stratford Rotary Club membership represents a cross-section of the community's business and professional men and women who have subscribed to honorable and ethical standards in their personal and vocational conduct and desire to do good things for other people, both locally and internationally. Rotary International has approximately 1.4 million members in over 200 countries and geographical areas, with over 33,000 clubs. We are nonpolitical and nonreligious, and we encourage all cultures, races, and creeds to belong.

Q: What is Rotary's main objective?

A: The main objective of Rotary is service - in the community, workplace, and worldwide. Rotarians develop community service projects that address many of today's most critical issues, such as children at risk, poverty and hunger, the environment, illiteracy, and violence. They also support programs for youth, educational opportunities, international exchanges for students, teachers, and other professionals, and vocational and career development. The Rotary motto is *"Service Above Self."*

Q: When do you meet?

A: Weekly meetings are every Tuesday at 12:15 PM, Riverview Bistro Restaurant & Banquet Facility- 946 Ferry Blvd, Stratford, CT 06614. Everyone purchases lunch for \$15, coffee & beverage extra. We also have service activities, which are usually but not always on the weekend.

IT IS AN HONOR TO BE A ROTARIAN

Q: What are the qualifications for membership?

A: A prospective member must be a person of good character with a good business, professional, or community reputation and be one of the following:

- Hold a professional, proprietary, municipal, public servant, executive, academic, community leader, or managerial position – or be retired from such a position.
- Have the capacity to meet the club's monthly attendance or project participation requirements.
- Live or work within the club's locality or the surrounding area.

Q: How do I become a member?

A: A member or sponsor of the Stratford Rotary Club invites potential members to attend three or more club meetings to learn about Rotary, build friendships, and ensure mutual benefit. The entire membership reviews and votes on the applicant based on their application and knowledge of the individual. The process usually takes one week, and the candidate is notified immediately. If approved, an induction ceremony is scheduled.

Q: What are your dues and financial obligations?

1. Annual Dues are \$260 per year, paid in July, which includes \$25 to the Rotary Int'l Foundation.
2. Weekly lunch meetings are \$15.00. In addition, a voluntary \$1 -\$5 Happy/Sad Dollars
3. We encourage support for the Club's Fundraisers were feasible, which generally cost between \$50 -\$100.

Q: Do members have any other obligations besides paying dues?

A: Rotary is a participatory organization. Members must attend at least one or more meetings per month and volunteer on at least two or more Club committees/projects. They are also encouraged to aspire to club leadership or committee roles.

Q: Do you have a website where I can learn more?

A: Our website is <http://stratfordrotaryclub.org/>