



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 who have a desire to do good things for other people both local and internationally. Rotary International has approximately 1.2 million members in more than 166 countries worldwide. We are nonpolitical, 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, in the workplace, and throughout the world. 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 and 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, Oronoque Country Club - 385 Oronoque Lane, Stratford. Lunch is available for purchase. We also have service activities which are usually but not always on the weekend.

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 also be one of the following:

- A current or former professional, proprietor, executive, manager, or community leader
- Committed to service with a record of personal involvement
- A Rotary Foundation alumnus

Q: How do I become a member?

A: Membership is by invitation only, so please come to our events and talk with us. If you want to join and a current member sponsors you, the club votes, and if the vote is "Yes" you're in!

Q: What are your dues?

A: Dues are \$200 per year.

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

A: Rotary is participatory -- members are required to attend at least half of the Club's meetings or projects. Members are also encouraged to aspire to club leadership or committee roles.

Q: Is there any way to make up for missed meetings?

A: A member can make up a meeting at another club or participate in a Rotary activity of any kind.

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

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