



Membership Application

ROTARY brings together leaders who step forward to take on some of the toughest challenges in their community

As a Rotary member, you can:

JOIN LEADERS from all continents, cultures, and occupations

EXCHANGE IDEAS and form lifelong friendships

TAKE ACTION to create positive change in our communities

ROTARY is an organization of business and professional leaders united worldwide, who provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and help build goodwill and peace in the world.

SERVICE

By participating in local and international service projects, club members can volunteer their time and talents where they're most needed.

The Five Avenues of Service are Rotary's philosophical cornerstone and the foundation on which Club activities are based:

- **Club Service** focuses on strengthening fellowship and ensuring the Club's effective functioning.
- **Vocational Service** encourages Rotarians to serve others through their vocations and to practice high ethical standards.
- **Community Service** covers the projects and activities the Club undertakes to improve life in its community.
- **International Service** encompasses actions taken to expand Rotary's humanitarian reach around the globe and to promote world understanding and peace.
- **Youth Service** allows our members to engage with Rotary Youth Exchange Students, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA), Interact Clubs (high-school age Rotary Clubs), and Rotaract Clubs (college-age and young-professional age Rotary Clubs), as well as other projects that involve youth.



Why Join Rotary?

1. **Friendship:** In an increasingly complex world, Rotary fulfills one of the most basic human needs: the need for friendship and fellowship. It is one of two reasons why Rotary began in 1905.
2. **Business Development:** The second original reason for Rotary's beginning is business development. Everyone needs to network. Rotary consists of a cross section of every business in a community. Its members come from all walks of life. Rotarians help each other and collectively help others.
3. **Personal Growth and Development:** Membership in Rotary continues one's growth and education in human relations and personal development.
4. **Leadership Development:** Rotary is an organization of leaders and successful people. Serving in Rotary positions is like a college education. Leadership: learning how to motivate, influence, and lead leaders.
5. **The Opportunity to Serve:** Rotary is a service organization. Our business is humanity. Our product is service. Rotarians provide community service to both local and international communities. This is perhaps the greatest reason for becoming a Rotarian: the chance to do something for somebody else and to experience the self-fulfillment that comes in the process. It is richly rewarding. And it's a way to pay forward the good fortune you've had in your life and career.

We are a club of 25 members. We currently meet every Thursday from 12:00pm-1:00pm at Pier 500 in Hudson. We encourage you to attend our meetings. You can also attend other Rotary Clubs. Members are expected to attend 50% of the meetings though some do not based on their other commitments.

If you're interested in being a part of something bigger, being a part of a fun-loving club, then please fill out the attached application. Submit the application to your sponsor. If you don't have a sponsor (or aren't sure), reach out via our website (hudsonrotaryclub.org) to our Club Secretary. Once we receive your application, the Board will review it, and we'll publish your name and classification in two weekly Bulletins.

You are welcome to attend 2 meetings, and we will pay for your lunch. After that and your application is submitted, you are welcome to continue attending and we will invoice you quarterly for your meals.



THE FOUR-WAY TEST

From the earliest days of the organization, Rotarians were concerned with promoting high ethical standards in their professional lives. One of the world's most widely printed and quoted statements of business ethics is The Four-Way Test, which was created in 1932 by Rotarian Herbert J. Taylor (who later served as RI president) when he was asked to take charge of a company that was facing bankruptcy.

This 24-word test for employees to follow in their business and professional lives became the guide for sales, production, advertising, and all relations with dealers and customers, and the survival of the company is credited to this simple philosophy. Adopted by Rotary in 1943, The Four-Way Test has been translated into more than a hundred languages and published in thousands of ways. It asks the following four questions:

The Four-Way Test "Of the things we think, say or do:

1. Is it the **TRUTH**?
2. Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
3. Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
4. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?"

Rotary Dues: Membership dues are invoiced and paid quarterly with invoices sent to your chosen e-mail or mailing address. Members may request invoices be made out and/or sent directly to their firm or employer. Dues are \$235 annually (can be paid annually or quarterly). The breakdown of dues is as follows:

Rotary International:	\$126.56
Rotary District 5960:	\$72.00
<u>Our Club:</u>	<u>\$100.00</u>
Total:	\$298.56 quarterly (revised annually)

Meal charges are for each meeting, billed at the beginning of the quarter. The total per meal is \$15.00 (revised annually). We also collect \$25 each quarter as a Donation to the Rotary Foundation and \$7.15 as a Grace Place Meals Donation. Our club provides a dinner meal every other month to Grace Place in New Richmond.

Application for Membership

[Your application will be considered at the Board of Directors meeting following receipt]



I wish to apply for membership in the Hudson Rotary Club. I understand the classification I select may be edited by the Club. If elected to membership, it will be my duty to exemplify the Object of Rotary and the Four Way Test in all my daily professional and personal contacts and activities and to abide by the Constitution and by-laws of the Club. I will pay regular dues and assessments. I give my permission to the Club to publish my name and proposed classification as a prospective member.

Please specify your preferred mailing address: business home

Full Name [type or print clearly] _____

Business Name _____

Professional Position _____ Classification _____

NOTE: Your classification is your "line of work" – such as banking, commercial; attorney, family law; healthcare, administrative; retired

Proprietor Officer Partner Manager Executive Other [explain] _____

Business Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

E-Mail _____ Cell Phone _____

Home Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Date of Birth (month/day/year) _____

Previous Rotary Club Membership/Dates of Membership _____

Date of Application _____ Applicant's Signature _____

Sponsor's Name _____ Sponsor's Signature _____

The consideration for membership will take 3-4 weeks. Your Sponsor will notify you of your status.