



## Would you make A Great Rotarian?

Rotary is an organization that transcends the boundaries of religion, language and culture. A force for peace, goodwill and fellowship, now 1.2 million strong.

Being a Rotarian has changed the life of many and shaped the lives of others throughout the world.

Rotary extends an invitation to all men and women of goodwill.

## **OBJECT OF ROTARY**

The object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular to encourage and foster;

### **FIRST,**

The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;

### **SECOND,**

High ethical standards in business and profession; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations, and the dignifying by each Rotarian of his occupation as an opportunity to serve society;

### **THIRD,**

The application of the ideal of service by every Rotarian to his personal, business and community life;

### **FOURTH,**

The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

## **WHY I AM A ROTARIAN**

In a single word, Rotary means opportunities. Through Rotary membership, you can discover dozens of opportunities to enhance your life and enrich the lives of family and friends.

There may be opportunities to establish close friendships with individuals around the world whom you would never have met, except through the magic of Rotary. There are opportunities to share with many others a common belief and philosophy of service, without any thought of personal return.

There are opportunities to work side-by-side with other community leaders who we highly respect. There are opportunities to represent your profession and demonstrate how high ethical standards are a vital part of your day-to-day occupation.

There are opportunities to make your small part in the world really count through the achievements of the great and noble activities of Rotary's programs of service. There are opportunities to touch the lives of thousands of people whom you will never know, except through the rewarding glow of satisfaction which comes from knowing that some-where, someone needed your help, and you took the time to do something.

There are opportunities to join in the search for world peace and goodwill through the dynamic, work of the Rotary Foundation.

What a wonderful experience it is to have all of these opportunities knocking at your door, just because you are a Rotarian.

*Clifford L. Dochterman*  
Past President - Rotary International

# WHY JOIN ROTARY?

## Professional Networking:

A founding principle of Rotary was to meet periodically to enjoy camaraderie and enlarge one's circle of business and professional acquaintances. As the oldest service club in the world, Rotary club members represent a cross-section of the community's owners, executives, managers, political leaders, and professionals – people who make decisions and influence policy.

## Humanitarian Service:

Club members have many opportunities for humanitarian service, both locally and internationally. Rotary programs address such concerns as health care, hunger, poverty, illiteracy, and the environment. Rotarians experience the fulfillment that comes from giving back to the community.

## International Awareness:

With more than 1.2 million members in over 160 countries, Rotarians gain an understanding of humanitarian issues through international service projects and exchange programs. One of Rotary's highest objectives is to build goodwill and peace throughout the world.

## Good Citizenship:

Weekly Rotary club programs keep members informed about what is taking place in the community, nation, and world and motivated to make a difference.

## Friendship:

Rotary was founded on fellowship, an ideal that remains a major attraction of membership today. Club members enjoy the camaraderie with like minded professionals, and club projects offer additional opportunities to develop enduring friendships. Rotary club members who travel have friendly contacts in almost every city in the world.

## Educational:

Rotary sponsors some of the world's largest youth exchange, educational exchange, and scholarship programs. Rotary clubs provide innovative training opportunities and mentoring for young leaders and involve family members in a wide range of social and service activities.

## Entertainment:

Social activities give Rotarians a chance to let loose and have fun. Every Rotary club and district hosts activities and parties that offer diversions from today's demanding professional and personal schedules. Conferences, conventions, assemblies, and social events provide entertainment as well as Rotary information, education and service.

## Ethics:

Encouraging high ethical standards in one's profession and respect for all worthy vocations has been a hallmark of Rotary from its earliest days. In their business and professional lives, Rotarians abide by 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?

## Leadership Development:

Rotary is an organization of successful professionals. Team building, fundraising, public speaking, planning, organization, and communication are just a sampling of the leadership skills that club members can exercise and enhance. Being a Rotary leader provides further experience in learning how to motivate, inspire, and guide others.

## Diversity in Membership:

Rotary's classification system ensures that a club's membership represents a variety of the community's professional men and women, including leaders in business, industry, the arts, government, sports, the military, and religion. Rotary clubs are non-political, non-religious, and open to all cultures, races, and creeds.

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**Our club meets at  
12 noon Thursdays**

**UNION CLUB - 805 Gordon Street  
(Across from the Empress Hotel)**