

# Rotary International Basics

**W**hat Rotarians get out of Rotary depends largely on what they put into it. Many membership requirements are designed to help club members more fully participate in and enjoy their Rotary experience.

## **Attendance**

Attending weekly club meetings allows members to enjoy fellowship, enrich their professional and personal knowledge, and meet other business leaders in their community.

If members miss a meeting of their own club, they're encouraged to expand their Rotary horizons by attending a meeting of any other Rotary club 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 Avenues of Service are Rotary's philosophical cornerstone and the foundation on which club activity is 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.
- New Generations/Youth Service recognizes the positive change implemented by youth and young adults through leadership development activities, service projects, and exchange programs.

## **Why join Rotary?**

**M**aybe you've seen a need in your own community and wondered how you could help. Maybe you want to use your professional skills to help others — or even learn new skills. Maybe you're seeking connections with other service-minded professionals in your community or abroad.

Whatever your reason, joining Rotary can help you achieve these goals, and so much more. See why these men and women are members of their local Rotary club. Then learn how you can get involved.

## Community service



*"Being a Rotarian means serving your community, networking, making friends, and building international relationships."*

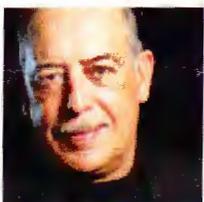
— Mercy Bannerman, Rotary Club of Accra-Airport, Ghana



*"Rotary creates the perfect venue for me to give back to the community I live in while enjoying the camaraderie of positive and active individuals."*

— Tom Brand, Rotary Club of Kenosha West, Wisconsin, USA

## Networking



*"Rotary is a tremendous network. Leaders in the community can connect and reach out to people in need."*

— Russel Honoré, Rotary Club of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, USA



*"Rotary provides an environment for developing strong friendships and business relationships."*

— Pete Sinsky, Rotary Club of Kenosha West, Wisconsin, USA

## Leadership skills



*"Leadership is a key focus of Rotary. Through Rotary, you have the opportunity to expand your leadership skills and achieve your goals."*

— Norma Madayag-Reilly, Rotary Club of Newark, New York, USA



*"A week doesn't go by that I don't learn something new from the speaker at our club or just from working on projects with people. It's an opportunity to grow indefinitely."*

— Stephen Brown, Rotary Club of La Jolla Golden Triangle, California, USA

## International service



*"I've become much more internationally focused, and understand that there's so much more I can do as part of a bigger whole than I could ever do on my own."*

— Toni McAndrew, Rotary Club of Mid-Valley (Dickson City), Pennsylvania, USA



*"If you truly want to give back to the community – and to the world at large – you join Rotary. It has an arm that reaches across all barriers. To be part of that is very powerful."*

— Aruna Koushik, Rotary Club of Windsor-Roseland, Ontario, Canada

## Friendship



*"Every Rotary club in the world, no matter how big or small, has one thing in common: friendship."*

*And it's from this base of friendship that we serve our community."*

— Kemal Attilâ, Rotary Club of Ankara-Tandogan, Turkey



*"I found a fellowship where every nation, every color, all of humanity can be like a family. I've got a place where I can serve my people and serve the world."*

— Ailinda Sawe, Rotary Club of Dar-es-Salaam-Mzizima, Tanzania

### **Family-friendly**



*"We want families with children to join Rotary, so we try to be very flexible. Family commitments always take precedence."*

— Wendy Scammell, Rotary Club of St. John's Northwest, Newfoundland, Canada



*"For me, Rotary is a way of life – one that my husband and I have lived our whole lives."*

— Julia Gereda de Carlin, Rotary Club of Monterrico-Surco, Peru

### **Opportunities for young people**



*"There's so much diversity in the work Rotary does. It can give you exposure to so many different areas and help you find what your interests really are."*

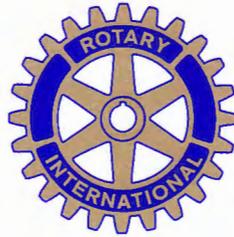
— Andrea Tirone, Rotaract Club of University of Toronto, Ontario, Canada



*"A great tool Rotary has is its educational programs. I was an exchange student (Rotary Youth Exchange) in Switzerland in high school. That's how I got involved and what made me want to give back."*

— Jorge Aguilar, Rotaract Club of Chicago, Illinois, USA

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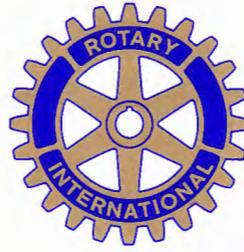
# Object of Rotary

*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:*

- I. *The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;*
- II. *High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;*
- III. *The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business and community life;*
- IV. *The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.*

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**THE FOUR-WAY TEST**  
of the things we think, say or do

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*first*

**Is it the TRUTH?**

*second*

**Is it FAIR to all concerned?**

*third*

**Will it build GOODWILL  
and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?**

*fourth*

**Will it be BENEFICIAL to  
all concerned?**

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