



Rotary is organized at club, district and international levels to carry out its program of service around the globe. Rotarians are members of their clubs and the clubs are members of the global association known as Rotary International (RI) headquartered in Evanston, Illinois. Rotary International is the world's oldest service club organization that was started in 1905 in Chicago by four businessmen and is the oldest service club in the world comprising roughly 33,000 clubs in more than 165 countries, with 1.2 million members. These members form a global network of business and professional leaders who volunteer their time and talents to serve their communities and the world. The Rotary Club of Hamilton is a diverse group of business and professional leaders providing humanitarian service and encouraging high ethical standards in all vocations. Chartered in 1913 the Rotary Club of Hamilton has over 100 of years of Service. As Hamilton's original Rotary Club our members are committed to effecting positive and enduring change in the lives of others. As a Rotarian, you will enjoy following rich traditions that are the basis for this group's formation.

### **Service**

Rotary is a service club that lets you make a difference as part of the world's largest family of givers. You will have many opportunities to assist a wide variety of local, national and international humanitarian causes that will touch the lives of people you will never meet.

### **Fellowship/Relationships**

These are two of the principal reasons why Rotary began. The ability to network with a cross section of leaders of other businesses and professions who help each other, and collectively help others, while promoting lasting friendships.

### **Other benefits of Rotary**

***Prestige*** Rotary members are prominent individuals. They are leaders of the many businesses and professions that influence policy and help guide our communities.

***Continuing Education*** Your professional and personal knowledge will be enriched by expert speakers at weekly luncheons. These speakers address a wide range of issues in our communities, nation, and world.

***Development of Ethics*** Through the Four-Way Test, Rotarians promote high ethical standards that produce priceless dividends.

**Personal Growth** Your personal development and people skills will grow when you get involved with other community leaders and like ideas.

**Leadership and Public Speaking Skills** Countless opportunities are available for you to lead, speak, motivate and learn from others when you get involved in Club committees, projects, and meetings.

**Cultural Awareness** Rotary International comprises more than 1.2 million Rotarians in almost all countries in the world. Your membership in Rotary provides a unique opportunity to expand your global vision, contacts, and enrich lives globally. Fellow Rotarians are always welcomed visitors at any Rotary Club meeting, anywhere, in any country.

## Membership Level – Friend or Family

<b>Membership Levels</b>	<b>Yearly Dues (Due June 15)</b>	<b># of Members</b>	<b>Description</b>
Friends or Family of Rotary	\$25.00	Single	<i>A non-member of Rotary. A partner, family member or supporter of Rotary</i>

## Membership Benefits

- Attend Rotary meetings
- Pay for meals on a pay as you go basis
- Participate in activities and fundraisers
- Be invited to participate on a committee or project activity
- Contribute to and solicit funds for Club projects
- Should a “Friend or Family of Rotary” choose to join the Club the application and vetting process typically undertaken by the Board of Directors will be waived.

### **A Friend or Family of Rotary shall:**

- Receive the club newsletter
- Attend a special orientation
- Actively participate in at least one Rotary sponsored project or committee each year.
- Attend one or more meeting or event each year
- Pay “Friends or Family” dues of \$25.00 per year (due in July)

# Membership Limitations

A Friend of Rotary is not a member of the Club or Rotary District and therefore is not entitled to:

- Vote on club issues a voting member
- Hold office in the Rotary Club of Hamilton
- Hold any District office
- Be Chair of a Rotary Committee
- A Friend or Family of Rotary is not entitled to the rights nor subject to the responsibilities of membership of the club except to the extent provided in these guidelines.
- A Friend or Family of Rotary cannot be an active member in another Rotary Club.

## Application and Review

- An application distinct from that of the Rotary membership application will be filed by the individual wishing to obtain the Friend or Family of Rotary status or by a sponsor member of rotary with the applicant's consent.
- The status request will be forwarded to the membership committee for initial consideration and approval and then the Board by the Director, Club Service will inform the Board.