



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 – Rotarian

| Membership Levels | Yearly Dues (Due June 15) | # of Members | Description |
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| Rotarian | \$375.00 | Single | All benefits & privileges of membership |

Membership Expectations

Attendance: It is expected that Rotarians maintain a 65% attendance. Attendance can be maintained attending regular lunch meetings, special events, club “hands on” projects, engagement on committees or projects and the Board of Directors. You can also do a make-up at another Rotary Club anywhere in the world.

Sunshine Fund Members Appeal: It is expected that every member will contribute to the Sunshine Fund Members Appeal. This is an opportunity for each Rotarian to personally give to support the good work of our Rotary Club

Rotary Lunch Fees: Each member is responsible to pay for their lunch ticket. We do not have a “no-eaters” fee. If you have dietary restrictions, please let the Sgt. At Arms know so we can inform the caterer. We do not make money off of our lunch tickets, the fee covers the cost of the meal.

Guests/Visitors: We encourage Rotarians to bring guests, potential members and we welcome visiting Rotarians. Guests must pay for their meal ticket.