

Why join Rotary?

Being a member of the Rotary Organization provides you with a valuable connection to community leaders who care about issues facing our community. As a Rotarian you will have the opportunity to learn more and develop professional skills. Through your commitment, you will also become more socially and culturally aware of needs globally and how Rotary works to make a difference through service. Rotary creates a more positive environment for promoting worlds understanding and peace.

1. **Friendship:** In an increasingly complex world, Rotary provides one of the most basic human needs – the need for friends and fellowship.
2. **Personal Growth and Development:** Membership in Rotary continues one's growth in human relations and personal development. Each week, members have an opportunity to develop their people skills through Rotary's meetings, service activities, and social functions which will assist in developing confidence and skills in public communication.
3. **Leadership & Business Development:** Rotary is an organization of leaders who represent a broad cross-section of businesses within the community. Serving in Rotary is like a continuing education and leadership course which affords you the opportunity to contribute to the development of your own vocation. Each week at Rotary there is a program designed to keep one informed as to what is going on in the community, nation, and world.
4. **Our members are nice and have fun together:** Virtually every country, culture, religion, race, creed, political persuasion, language, color and ethnic identity is found in Rotary. The average Rotary club consists of the most active citizens within the community and provides opportunities for fellowship, social activities, and fun in service. Rotarians, above all, are nice people. They are important people who believe in the adage that while "it is nice to be important, it is more important to be nice."
5. **Citizenship in the World:** There are few places that do not have a Rotary club, which results in instant friends around the world. Rotarians who travel can quickly find a doctor, lawyer, hotel, dentist, etc. through Rotary's network.
6. **Entertainment:** Rotary offers conferences, conventions, assemblies, and institute that provide entertainment in addition to Rotary information, education, and service.
7. **Family Programs:** Rotary provides one of the world's largest Youth Exchange programs, programs for high school age and college age students, opportunities for spouses, and activities to assist family members in the development of values.
8. **The Development of Ethics:** Rotarians practice the 4-Way Test, which governs one's ethical standards. Rotarians are expected to be ethical in business and personal relationships.
9. **Prestige:** Rotary is the oldest and most prestigious service club in the world. Its ranks include executives, managers, and professional people who make decisions and influence policy. Rotary has no secret handshake, no secret policy, no official creed, and no secret meeting rituals. It is an open society of men and women who simply believe in helping others.
10. **The Opportunity to Serve:** Rotary is a service club, its business is mankind; its product is service. This is perhaps the best reason for becoming a Rotarian is the chance to do something for somebody else while experiencing self – fulfillment the process.

ROTARY CLUB OF SCHENECTADY MEMBERSHIP PROCESS

- 1) Attend a meeting or Rotary event and decide if the organization is one that you would like to be part of. Note: First attendance at a meeting/event is paid for by the club. All subsequent meetings and/or events attended remain your sole responsibility to pay (weekly meeting fee is \$16, event's as priced).
- 2) Complete the membership application and furnish both a personal and business reference.
- 3) Submit your application with your check in the amount of \$50.00 made payable to the Rotary Club of Schenectady.
- 4) During the application process, you are encouraged to continue to attend the weekly meetings. This provides you the opportunity to further engage with our members and shows a commitment to the organization and your availability to attend our weekly meetings.
- 5) Your application will be reviewed by the Membership Committee, a member of which will also contact your references.
- 6) Once your application has been approved by Membership, it will be submitted to the Board for approval. Note: The board meets on the second Wednesday of every month.
- 7) Once the Board has approved your application, you will be notified and asked to appear at a meeting for induction into the Rotary Club of Schenectady.
- 8) Once inducted as a member of the Rotary Club of Schenectady, you will receive a name badge which will contain a green dot. This green dot signifies you as a new member and you will be required to complete all the green dot requirements (see Green Dot Removal Process) and once those are complete. A Green Dot removal ceremony will be held and you will receive a membership pin.

Rotary Club of Schenectady: New Member Application
(This information will be used for your induction, the Rotary Gram, and the Rotary Club Roster)

Name: _____ Nickname: _____

Home address: _____

Tel: _____ Cell: _____ Fax: _____ Email: _____

Employed at: _____ Tel: _____

Work address: _____

Title/Responsibility: _____

Birth place: _____ D/O/B: (mo/day) _____

Schools Attended/Degrees Received/dates: _____

_____ Languages spoken: _____

Spouse's Name: _____ Nickname: _____

Names/ages of children: _____

Special Interests, hobbies, sports: _____

Community Activities: _____

Awards/Honors: _____

What attracts you most about Rotary: _____

Other information you would like to share: _____

Have you served in Rotary before, if so, where: _____ when: _____

Rotary positions held: _____

Sponsor's name: _____

Business Reference (Name/Contact Info): _____

Personal Reference (Name/Contact Info): _____

I understand that the Rotary Club of Schenectady is a dues paying organization and that I will be billed biannually for the dues (currently \$95.00 per billing period).

Date: _____ Signature: _____

Please mail this form with a head-shoulder photo (color or black and white) and your \$50.00 admission fee check to the Rotary Club of Schenectady, P.O. Box 346, Schenectady, New York 12301.

Green Dot Removal Process

Dear New Member:

Congratulations on becoming a member of one of the best Rotary Clubs in the District! We want you to enjoy your experience with the Rotary Club of Schenectady and one key to this is getting you involved quickly. Your badge has a green dot on it so members can recognize you as a new member and thereby make a special effort to get to know you.

During your introductory period we are asking you to do a few things before we remove your green dot. These tasks are designed to facilitate you getting involved and acquainted with the workings of Rotary. Your sponsor has been assigned to guide you and address concerns you may have along the way. After you have completed these items, please sign and return it to our Club Secretary, Bonnie Keller.

Thanks for your attention to these items and remember to have fun along the way!!

- | | <u>Date(s) Achieved</u> |
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| (1) Give a brief 1-3 minute new member "talk" at a meeting.
See the current President to schedule this or to discuss an alternative. | _____ |
| (2) Do a "make-up" at another club.
Location | _____
_____ |
| (3) Attain perfect attendance one month. | _____ |
| (4) Serve as a "greeter" for two meetings. | _____
_____ |
| (5) Work on two committees/projects. | _____
_____ |
| (6) Attend a membership orientation meeting, or meet for orientation with the Immediate Past President & your sponsor. | _____ |
| (7) Attend a monthly board meeting. | _____ |
| (8) For four weeks, sit at four different tables. | _____ |
| (9) Introduce visitors & guests at a meeting. | _____ |
| (10) Member's Sponsor: _____ | |

I have completed the above tasks on dates indicated next to them and I am current on all dues payments.

Name: _____ Date: _____