

Lebanon Rotary Club



NEW MEMBER APPLICATION

Dear Prospective Member,

Thank you for your interest in the Lebanon Rotary Club. Rotary is an international organization of business and professional persons united to provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations and help build goodwill and peace throughout the world. The organization is comprised of over 46,000 clubs in 167 countries, with a total membership of over 1.4 million.

The Lebanon Rotary Club's membership is between 105 and 115 members, representing top or senior level professionals and managers of large to small businesses in the Lebanon area along with many retired individuals who wish to serve our wonderful community through Rotary.

Billing for dues is handled on a semi-annual basis, with the current rate structure set at \$60 for Rotary District & International dues, \$228 for meals (\$9.50 per meal x 24 weeks), and a \$30 contribution at the beginning of the year to the Rotary Pancake Day Fundraiser. Members are encouraged to contribute \$100 to the Rotary Foundation each year.

The information you provide on the attached application will be reviewed by the Club Secretary and presented to our Board of Directors for approval. If approval is granted, the Club Secretary will send a notice to the general club membership sharing your intention to join the Lebanon Rotary Club. Membership is approved if there are no objections received within seven days.

Rotary offers each member unique opportunities and responsibilities. Members of Lebanon Rotary are expected to actively and financially support club projects, adhere to membership guidelines set forth by Rotary International, and help keep the organization viable by identifying and inviting prospective members to join the club.

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WHY JOIN ROTARY?

Friendship: In an increasingly complex world, Rotary provides one of the most basic human needs: the need for friendship and fellowship. It is one of two reasons why Rotary began in 1905.

Business Development: The second original reason for Rotary's beginning is business development. Everyone needs to network. Rotary consists of a cross section of every business community. Its members come from all walks of life. Rotarians help each other and collectively help others.

Personal Growth and Development: Membership in Rotary continues one's growth and education in human relations and personal development.

Leadership Development: Rotary is an organization of leaders and successful people. Serving in Rotary positions is like a college education. Leadership: learning how to motivate, influence, and lead leaders.

Citizenship in the Community: Membership in a Rotary club makes one a better community citizen. The average Rotary club consists of the most active citizens of any community.

Continuing Education: Each week at Rotary there is a program designed to keep one informed about what is going on in the community, nation, and world. Each meeting provides an opportunity to listen to different speakers and a variety of timely topics.

Fun: Rotary is fun, a lot of fun. Each meeting is fun. The club projects are fun. Social activities are fun. The service is fun.

Public Speaking Skills: Many individuals who joined Rotary were afraid to speak in public. Rotary develops confidence and skills in public communication and the opportunity to practice and perfect these skills.

Citizenship of the World: Every Rotarian is given a pin that says "Rotary International". There are few places on the globe that do not have a Rotary club. Every Rotarian is welcome – even encouraged – to attend any of the more than 33,000 clubs in over 200 nations and geographical regions. This means instant friends in both one's own community and in the world community.

Entertainment: Every Rotary club and district has parties and activities that provide diversion in one's business life. Rotary holds conferences, conventions, assemblies, and institutes that provide entertainment in addition to Rotary information, education, and service.



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The Development of Social Skills: Every week and at various events and functions, Rotary develops one's personality, social skills and people skills. Rotary is for people who like people.

Family Programs: Rotary provides one of the world's largest youth exchange programs; high school and college clubs for future Rotarians; opportunities for spouse or partner involvement; and a host of activities designed to help family members in growth and the development of family values.

The Development of Ethics: Rotarians practice a 4 Way Test that governs one's ethical standards. Rotarians are expected to be ethical in business and personal relationships.

Cultural Awareness: Around the world, practically every religion, country, culture, race, creed, political persuasion, language, color, and ethnic identity is found in Rotary. It is a cross section of the world's most prominent citizens from every background. Rotarians become aware of their cultures and learn to love and work with people everywhere. They become better citizens of their countries in the process.

Nice People: Rotarians above all are nice people – the nicest people on the face of the earth. They are important people who follow the policy of it is nice to be important, but it is important to be nice.

The Absence of an "Official Creed": Rotary has no secret handshake, no secret policy, no official creed, no secret meeting, or rituals. It is an open society of men and women who simply believe in helping others.

The Opportunity to Serve: Rotary is a service club. Its business is mankind. Its product is service. Rotarians provide community service to both local and international communities. This is perhaps the best reason for becoming a Rotarian: the chance to do something for somebody else and to sense the self-fulfillment that comes in the process and the return of that satisfaction to one's own life. It is richly rewarding.

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Personal Information

Name	
Street Address	
City, State, Zip Code	
Mobile Telephone	
Email Address	
Date of Birth	
Name of Spouse	
Date of Anniversary	

Employment Information

Name of Employer	
Title / Position	
Type of Business	
Proposed Classification	
Street Address	
City, State, Zip Code	
Work Telephone	

Military Service

Branch of Service	
Number of Years Served	
Rank	

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Transferring Rotarian (if applicable)

Previous Club Name	
Dates of Membership	
Contact Person at Previous Club	
Positions Held	
Paul Harris Fellow	

Special Interests

Please describe your special interests, hobbies, and talents.

Community Involvement

Summarize your past and present community involvement.

Desire to Become a Rotarian

Please elaborate on why you want to be a Rotarian.



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Agreement and Signature

By submitting this application, I affirm that the facts set forth in it are true and complete.

- I understand that it will be my duty, if selected, to exemplify Rotary's 4 Way Test in my daily contacts and activities.

Of the things we think, say, and do:
Is it the truth?
Is it fair to all concerned?
Will it build goodwill and better friendships?
Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

- I agree to pay the semi-annual dues in a timely manner.
- I agree to help raise money towards whatever club goal is set for the current year for our Rotary club's charitable contributions.
- I accept my responsibility to be an active club member by serving on club committees.
- I grant permission for my name and pertinent information circulated to the club membership prior to the club voting on my nomination.

Name (printed)	
Signature	
Date	

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Sponsoring Rotarian

Name of Sponsoring Rotarian	
How long have you known the prospective member?	
Is this person's personal reputation one of integrity?	
Is this person's business reputation one of integrity?	
If this Prospective Member is approved for membership, will you as the Sponsor take an active role for at least the first six months to see that he/she attends the regular meetings and encourage them to become actively involved in the club's activities?	
Name (printed)	
Signature	
Date	