

17 Reasons to Join the Rotary Club of State College - Downtown

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1. **Friendship:** In an increasingly complex world, Rotary provides one of the most basic human needs... the need for friendship and fellowship. Friendship is one of two reasons why Rotary began in 1905.
2. **Business Development:** The second original reason for Rotary's beginning was business development. Everyone needs to network. Rotary consists of a cross section of every business community. Our members come from all walks of life. Rotarians help each other and collectively help others. Membership in Rotary continues one's growth and education in human relations and personal development.
3. **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.
4. **Continuing Education:** Rotary offers programs designed to keep club members informed about what is going on in the community, nation, and world. Each meeting provides an opportunity to listen to different speakers on a variety of timely topics.
5. **Fun:** Rotary is fun, a lot of fun! The meetings are fun. The club projects are fun. Social activities are fun. Serving others is fun.
6. **Public Speaking Skills:** Rotary develops confidence and skill in public communication and the opportunity to practice and perfect public speaking skills.
7. **Citizenship in the World:** There are few places on the globe that do not have a Rotary club. Rotarians are encouraged to attend meetings at any of the 33,000 clubs in over 200 nations and geographical regions. Doing so means instant friends in both one's own community and in the world community.
8. **Assistance when Traveling:** Because there are Rotary clubs everywhere, many a Rotarian in need of a doctor, lawyer, hotel, dentist, advice, etc., while traveling has found assistance through a local Rotary club.
9. **Fellowship:** Our Rotary club and Rotary District have activities that provide diversion in one's business and personal life. Whether it's Rotary Happy Hour, a hike, baseball game, theatre production, family picnic, community service project, holiday party or a music concert you will have the opportunity to join fellow Rotarians for wonderful social events.
10. **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.*

11. **Family Programs:** Rotary provides one of the world's largest youth exchange programs; high school and college clubs for future Rotarians; opportunities for spouse and partner involvement; and a host of activities designed to help family members in growth and the development of family values.
12. **The Promotion of Ethics:** Rotarians practice the 4-Way Test that helps to guide our personal ethical standards. Rotarians are expected to be ethical in both business and personal relationships.
13. **Cultural Awareness:** Around the world, practically every religion, country, culture, race, creed, political persuasion, language, color, and ethnic identity can be found in Rotary. Rotary 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, and in doing so become better citizens of their countries in the process.
14. **Prestige:** Rotary members are prominent people: leaders of business, industry, the professions, art, government, sports, military, religion, and other disciplines. Rotary is the oldest and most prestigious service club in the world. Rotary's ranks include executives, managers, professionals - people who make decisions and influence policy.
15. **Nice People:** Rotarians above all are nice people- the nicest people on the face of the earth. We are important people who follow the policy of "it is nice to be important, but it is more important to be nice."
16. **The Opportunity to Serve:** Rotary is a service club. Our product is serving. 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 nice for someone else and the sense of self-fulfillment that comes from the process and return of that satisfaction to one's own life. Service can be richly rewarding.
17. **After Hours Rotary:** Not able or ready to commit to weekly meetings at this time? Our club offers membership in our companion club that meets once a month and unites to do community service projects in the community. Think of it as "Rotary Lite" and an easy way to find out if being a member of Rotary is for you.

Having been a member of Rotary since 1978 I can tell you that Rotary has been a wonderful experience and an important part of my life. I would love for you to be my guest at a Rotary meeting to learn more about our Club and what Rotary is all about. We meet Thursdays at noon at The Ramada and we are done by 1:00pm. Please give me a call and let's get a date on our calendars!

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