



## **INTERESTED IN JOINING ROTARY?**

### **Basic Information for Prospective Members**

#### **What is Rotary?**

Rotarians are business and professional leaders who take an active role in their communities while greatly enriching their personal and professional lives. Rotary Club of Sand Springs contains a diverse group of professional leaders from the community that the club serves.

#### **Membership Benefits**

Membership in the Rotary Club of Sand Springs(local) is also membership in Rotary International. The benefits are too numerous to list here, but below are a few highlights:

- Fellowship and relationship-building with other Rotarians
- Giving-back to the local and international community by participating in fundraising activities to support various local and international projects/activities
- Effecting change within the community
- Developing leadership skills
- Gaining an understanding of — and having an impact on — international humanitarian issues. ("End Polio Now", Clean Drinking Water, etc.)

See Rotary Club of Sand Springs website at [sandspringsrotary.com](http://sandspringsrotary.com)

See Rotary International website at <https://www.rotary.org/en/get-involved>

#### **Service is Local and Global --- What Does Rotary Club of Sand Springs Do?**

Through our service programs, our club can have a significant effect on the quality of life in our community. At the same time, the Rotary Foundation Programs offer opportunities to form international partnerships that help people in need worldwide. Some 1.2 million Rotarians in 30,000+ clubs in more than 160 countries make significant contributions to the quality of life at home and around the globe.

To give you an idea of a few of the Rotary Club of Sand Springs service projects, our club supports and instructionally delivers education programs in Sand Springs Schools (Examples are Choices, Finance Park, Career Day, STEM Projects, teacher classroom supplies, 4-Way Test Competition, Youth Leadership Program, Scholarships, Youth Exchange Program);

support local Nonprofit Organizations with fundraising and volunteer efforts (Examples are Sand Springs Community Services and Salvation Army); Community Parks (Examples include: Rotary Super Splash Park and Rotary Centennial Park); Rotary International Projects (Examples include Youth Exchange, Medical Supplies Network International and Rotary International "End Polio Now").

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### **Invitation to Join**

An important distinction between Rotary and other organizations is that membership in Rotary is by invitation from a current Rotarian member, therefore, Rotary clubs have a process to invite individuals to join.

Membership is vital to a Rotary Club's operations and community service activities. A primary goal of the club is to continually expand the club with committed members who have the interest and ability to get involved in service and humanitarian projects. Prospective members must:

- hold — or be retired from — a professional, executive, or a managerial position or a business owner;
- have the capacity to meet the club's attendance or community project participation requirements; (e.g. being engaged in the club)
- live or work within the general locality of the club or the surrounding area.

### **Membership Process**

Often a person being considered for membership is invited by a member who becomes his/her sponsor to attend two regular club meetings to learn more about Rotary. Later, if the sponsor feels the candidate and club are a "good fit", the sponsor may submit the name of the candidate to the club's membership committee.

#### **Job Classifications**

Rotary uses a classification system to establish and maintain a vibrant cross-section or representation of the community's business, vocational, and professional interests among members and to develop a pool of resources and expertise to successfully implement service projects. This system is based on the founders' paradigm of choosing cross-representation of each business, profession, and institution within a community.

A classification describes either the principal business or the professional service of the organization that the Rotarian works for or the Rotarian's own activity within the organization. Some examples of classifications include: high schools, universities, eye-surgery, banking, pharmaceutical-retailing, petroleum-distribution, and insurance agency.

The membership process includes an evaluation of the candidate's business and potential job classification. The goal of the club is to have a diverse group of job classifications represented within each club.

## **I Don't Know Any Rotarians**

Interested in membership but you don't know any Rotarians and don't know where to start. Just contact one of the club leadership team members shown on the club website or send an email to the club at [sandspringsrotary@gmail.com](mailto:sandspringsrotary@gmail.com)

## **Communication Links**

Leadership/Officers have posted their email and/or office numbers to be able to connect with you. There is a Membership Committee Chair within the club. All of these are found on the club webpage.

Club Email -- [sandspringsrotary@gmail.com](mailto:sandspringsrotary@gmail.com)

Club webpage -- [sandspringsrotary.com](http://sandspringsrotary.com)

Club Facebook -- <https://m.facebook.com/sand-prings-rotary-club-147927875784/>