

# Membership Requirements Proposing A New Member

**Mountain Home Rotary Club - P.O. Box 1509, Mountain Home, Arkansas 72654**

An association of over 30,000 autonomous clubs in more than 160 countries, Rotary International is one of the world's largest service organizations. The goal for our club's membership is an up-to-date and progressive representation of the community's business, vocational, and professional interests.

An important distinction between Rotary and other organizations is that membership in Rotary is by invitation. Rotary clubs invite individuals to join and become members.

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.

Every Rotarian shares the privilege and obligation of seeking **qualified** Rotary club members. A full roster of dedicated members enhances fellowship and helps our club carry out its worthwhile service projects. Think about the expertise you can add to your club's overall profile. Every new Rotarian brings a range of personal and professional resources that can greatly strengthen our club's ability to serve throughout the community and the world.

Our club shall be composed of active adults of good character and good business and professional reputation who will serve the club and community with the historical ideals of Rotary as their guide to service. These historical ideals include our motto "Service Above Self" and the guide for our personal daily conduct "The Four Way Test." It is the responsibility of the proposing Rotarian to insure that his or her proposed new member meets the above criteria as well as being able to meet the financial, time and attendance requirements in accordance with the bylaws of our club.

Pre-qualify your proposed member...as being a GOOD PROSPECTIVE ROTARIAN, by answering the following questions:

- Are they able to pay the required dues?
- Do they exhibit the professional values of a Rotarian and does their behavior adhere to the 4-Way Test?
- Do they have the ability and commitment to meet the club's weekly attendance and community project participation requirements?
- Do they live or work within the locality of the club or the surrounding area?

## The Membership Process

Often a person being considered for membership is invited by a member/sponsor to attend one or more club meetings to learn more about Rotary. However, this is not a requirement of proposing a member.

## Classifications - Professional Representation

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: schools, eye surgery, banking, health care administration and services, and insurance agency.

## Proposing A New Member

1. As sponsor, fill out the "Membership Proposal Form" on the reverse side. Do NOT have the proposed member sign the form at this point, but turn it in to the Club President or another board member for evaluation and then on to the Board for approval.
2. The Board reviews and approves the application at a Board meeting.
3. The sponsor is notified that the applicant has been pre-qualified. The announcement of the proposed member's name and classification will be before the general membership orally and/or written as in *The Tattler* weekly bulletin and/or via e-mail. The proposed member's name will be announced to the general membership at two weekly meetings with a request for any written objections to the proposed member during this time period. If no written objections are received by the Board within the two week period it will be assumed that the proposed member is accepted by the general membership.
4. Before the induction the proposed member should be asked if they want to join our Rotary Club, visit the club, review the membership guidelines, and sign the Membership Proposal Form (on reverse).

As sponsor, you should make sure the proposed member understands what Rotary is all about, and that the attendance and monetary obligations of Rotary are as follows:

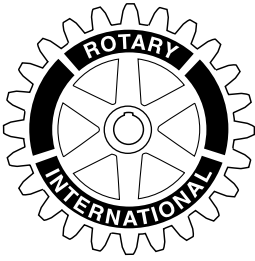
- Meals are \$11 per weekly meeting, annual membership dues of \$200 are due to Rotary International no later than July 1st annually (so members should pay by June 15th).
- Active members MUST NOT miss more than three (3) consecutive meetings and make-up meetings are encouraged.

Induction will be scheduled. As sponsor you stand with the proposed member during induction.

5. After induction as sponsor, you are assigned to make the new member feel welcome, and to assist them with the orientation requirements of obtaining the "Blue Badge." (A new member initially wears a Red Badge until new member Red Badge requirement card is fulfilled).

## Membership Objections/Rejection Policy

1. Objection to the proposed new member must be made in writing and given to any Board member - specifics of objection(s) do not have to be mentioned.
2. A meeting is required between the objecting Rotarian, the Board member who received the objection, and the President, to determine validity of the objection. (If the President received the objection, the President will work with one Board member, on a rotating basis).
3. After the objecting member meets with the Board member and President to discuss the objection, the Board will be asked to ratify the objection at a Board meeting.
4. The President then notifies the sponsor that the proposed member was objected to and that the Board upheld the objection. If the Board member and President disagree with the objection after meeting with the objecting member, the Board will still need to be informed and vote on the objection - possibly overruling the objection.



# Membership Proposal Form

Mountain Home Rotary Club  
P.O. Box 1509, Mountain Home, Arkansas 72654

\_\_\_\_\_ Date

\_\_\_\_\_ Proposer's Signature

**I propose:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Name

\_\_\_\_\_ Business Address

( \_\_\_\_\_ )

\_\_\_\_\_ Telephone

\_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip

\_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail Address

\_\_\_\_\_ Residence Address

( \_\_\_\_\_ )

\_\_\_\_\_ Telephone

\_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip

\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_  
Birth Date

Length of residency in Mountain Home: \_\_\_\_\_

If a former Rotarian, list club(s), dates and offices held (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

Proposed classification: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of firm and executive position (former firm and executive position, if retired): \_\_\_\_\_

Activities which would enhance consideration as a Rotarian: \_\_\_\_\_

### Record of Action on the Proposal

Card received by Membership Committee on: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments from Membership Committee: \_\_\_\_\_

Card received by Board Member on: \_\_\_\_\_ Submitted to the Board on: \_\_\_\_\_

Board decision on: \_\_\_\_\_  Favorable  Unfavorable

Publication of name to membership: 1st date \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd date \_\_\_\_\_

Proposer notified on: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed card and paid dues on: \_\_\_\_\_ Rotary information session held on: \_\_\_\_\_

Inducted on: \_\_\_\_\_ Classification: \_\_\_\_\_

### Statement to be signed by proposed member after approval by Board and Club Membership

*All Rotarians should strive to be of service to their vocations, their communities, and to the world community itself. As you learn about Rotary and Rotarians, you will probably be surprised at the scope and depth of the service we give. You will also find that many of the leaders of other charitable and volunteer organizations are also Rotarians. You will have many choices and opportunities for your service. Remember that someone wanted you to join the Mountain Home Rotary Club. If you can live up to their expectations, then we welcome your membership.*

*I understand that it will be my duty to exemplify the Object of Rotary in all my daily contacts and activities and to abide by the constitutional documents of Rotary International and the club including meeting attendance and community project participation requirements. I agree to pay the annual dues (\$200) plus 60 pancake day tickets/meals/fines/donations in accordance with the bylaws of the club.*

\_\_\_\_\_ Date

\_\_\_\_\_ Proposed Member's Signature