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## **Welcome to the Rotary Club of Ann Arbor,**

We thank you for your interest in learning more about Rotary and all the wonderful opportunities it has to offer community members who want to make a difference both locally and internationally. Below is a brief introduction to our Club and the world of “Service Above Self” of Rotary International.

### **Standard of Membership**

Rotary International is one of the world’s largest service organizations with 35,000 autonomous clubs in more than 160 countries. The goal for a club’s membership is a progressive representation of the community’s business, vocational and professional interests. Members of Rotary are part of a diverse group of leaders working to address various community and international service needs and to promote peace and understanding throughout the world. We need new members to infuse the club with ideas, energy and enthusiasm. Our members are our most important assets. They are the continued force that allows Rotary to carry out its humanitarian efforts and to achieve its mission.

The Rotary Club of Ann Arbor has a rich and proud tradition of quality and enthusiastic members who have enabled our Rotary club to thrive and achieve remarkable success in supporting community and Rotary International causes. Our goal is to have a vital and diverse club with individuals who are proven leaders and professionals in our community, demonstrating professional growth, leadership and “Service above Self,” and who have the interest and ability to support our club and its projects. The Membership Committee and the Board of Directors are committed to a continuation of that tradition for the good of all those we serve. In order to assure that potential candidates for membership and their sponsors are fully aware of and prepared to accept the responsibilities of club membership, each club member who is considering proposing an individual for membership is urged to be familiar with and support our standards.

### **Qualifications**

- Must hold or be retired from a position of leadership or professional stature in the public or private sector.
- Demonstrate volunteer service commitment to the community.
- Have the ability/willingness to participate in the club’s community projects.
- Live or work within the Ann Arbor area.

### **Benefits of Membership**

- Provides connections to our community
- Work with fellow Rotarians to address community needs
- Associate with other community leaders and professionals
- Apply leadership skills and experiences for the advancement of the Club’s mission

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*“Rotary Connects the World”*

## The Rotary Club of Ann Arbor

### Responsibilities of Membership

- Participation at weekly programs when possible and/or committee meetings and club projects.
- Meet the financial obligations of the club through annual dues plus a mandatory community service contribution and elective donations to the Ann Arbor Rotary Foundation and The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International.
- Participate in or otherwise support local or international activities or Rotary projects.
- Aspire to leadership or committee roles within the club.

### Membership Nomination Process

The Membership Committee is a standing committee of the club consisting of a representative cross-section of members. The Committee receives and reviews Nominations for Membership and makes recommendations to the Board of Directors for approval and invitation into Rotary membership.

The Nomination will be reviewed by the Membership Committee at their monthly meeting and recommendations will be made to the Board in their next scheduled meeting. After Board approval, the sponsors will be notified, and the new member's orientation process will be established.

### New Member Schedule

1. Visit a lunch meeting to be introduced by a member/sponsor.
2. Member sponsor and Prospective member complete the attached New Member Nomination Form and enter it online at [A2Rotary.org](http://A2Rotary.org).
3. Membership Committee approves the nomination and recommends the nominee to the Board for approval.
4. Once approved the nominee becomes a New Member Elect. All new members are encouraged to attend weekly meetings and committees that are of interest to them until they are inducted. Members Elect will receive a name tag with a blue ribbon.
5. New Member Induction occurs twice a year, in March and in October. Once the New Member Elect has attended the New Member Orientation and Induction, they receive a yellow ribbon. **This is when your prorated financial obligation is due and payable.**
  - a. Initiation fee of \$75.
  - b. Dues
    - i. Members who have not reached their 40<sup>th</sup> birthday are \$230.
    - ii. Members between the ages of 40 and 69 are \$380.
    - iii. Members 70 and over are \$350.
  - c. Community Service Assessment \$200, for all three groups.

If you have any additional questions, please contact our Executive Director, Lori Walters at [executivedirector@a2rotary.org](mailto:executivedirector@a2rotary.org) and she will be happy to guide you through the process.

Yours in Rotary Service,



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