Rotary Club: New Member Introduction

The Purpose of this Rotary Information Meeting is—

- To give you, a propose member, a bird’s eye view of Rotary.
- To let you know what you may expect of your membership.
- To let you know what our club will expect of you as a member.
- To answer any questions that you might have about Rotary in general and our club in particular.

Rotary is an International Organization

The world’s first service club, the Rotary Club of Chicago, Illinois, USA, was formed on 23 February 1905 by Paul P. Harris, an attorney who wished to recapture in a professional club the same friendly spirit he had felt in the small towns of his youth. The name “Rotary” derived from the early practice of rotating meetings among members’ offices. This club met in rotation at the offices of the members, thus the name Rotary. There are now more than 29,000 Rotary clubs with a total Rotary membership of over 1.2 million men and women, serving 172 countries. As a Rotarian, you will be a member of the Rotary Club of Warsaw, which in turn is a member of Rotary International.

The free world is divided into Zones/Regions, which in turn, is divided into territories within which a group of clubs are associated. These territories are known as Rotary Districts.

There are 502 districts in the Rotary world (172 countries).

Our club is in district 6540, which is comprised of 60 clubs.
Total membership is over 3000 Rotarians.

Rotary International is governed by a president and board of directors elected from all over the world. Annually, each District elects a District Governor and each club elects its officers and directors.

Object of Rotary

The object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster each member to participate in one of the following:

First

The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service.

Second

Maintain and encourage high ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations, and the dignifying by each Rotarian of their occupation as an opportunity to serve society.

Third

The application of the ideal of service by every Rotarian to their personal, business, and community life is encouraged.

Fourth

The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world of fellowship of business and professional people united in the ideal of service.

We Implement the Object of Rotary Through the Four Avenues of Service

CLUB SERVICE

The following Committees are directed toward the internal functioning of the Club to maintain its health and vigor:

Membership: Develops and implements a plan for recruiting and retaining club members.

Public Relations: Executes a plan to provide the public with information about Rotary and promote the club’s service projects and activities. This committee also creates the PEP (Club Bulletin).

Administration: Conducts all administrative activities, such as finance and attendance reports. The club President, Secretary, and Treasurer are members of this committee.

Service Projects: Plans and carries out educational, humanitarian, international and vocational projects that address the needs of the club’s community and communities in other countries. Service projects are divided between local and international co-chairs.

Welcome Desk, Louie & the News, Sergeant-at-Arms and Prayer Committees are unique to Warsaw’s Club.
Local Service Examples

Some local Projects of our local club are the Warsaw Rotary Salvation Army Day, Student Guests, Mobile Meals, and Salvation Army Bell Ring.

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE EXAMPLES

The promotion of many efforts to advance understanding, goodwill, and the quality of life throughout the world.

- International Youth Projects
- World Fellowship Activities
- Rotary Foundation
- World Community Service

Rotary Foundation: Develops and carries out plans to support “The Rotary Foundation” through financial contributions and club participation in the Foundation programs. Specifically, this committee oversees annual club gifts to Rotary foundation, Paul Harris Fellowships and other Rotary Foundation programs.

Explanation of The Rotary Foundation

Second largest foundation in the world (Bill Gate’s largest) is the Rotary Foundation. The goal of the foundation is to further understanding and friendly relations among the world’s people by funding educational and humanitarian programs including:

- Ambassadorial Scholarships
- Matching Grants
- Health, Hunger, and Humanity (3-H) Grants
- Rotary Grants for University Teachers to Serve in Developing Countries
- Grants for Rotary Volunteers
- *Polio Plus Program
- Rotary Peace Programs

Active in our Club

Several of these programs send scholars and volunteer workers abroad to study, learn about other cultures, offer assistance, and promote goodwill within a host country.

The Warsaw Club has a “Rotary Auction” as a fund raiser for the Foundation. Also *partnerships are formed to allow members to become a “Paul Harris Fellow”

Please indicate two/three areas of service you would be interested in. (found on the last page)
The Four-Way Test of the things we Think, Say, or 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?

Your Privileges in Rotary

- The privilege of friendship with leaders.
  - In your community
  - In neighboring cities
  - All over the U.S.A.
  - Around the world
- The privilege of giving service to your community.
- The privilege of developing international goodwill and understanding.
- The privilege of helping build higher ethical standards within your vocation.

Your Obligations in Rotary

Participation

To be a Rotarian you must give your time and talents to the following:
- In community work
- In social functions
- In Club and District activities

Attendance

100% attendance is urged and honored in Rotary. To achieve this goal:
- Attend each weekly meeting of our Club
- Make up at another Rotary Club within 14 days before or after a missed meeting of our Club
- Attend a District Institute, Assembly, or Conference or Rotary International Convention

Attend 100% of our meetings!
Stay for 100% of each meeting!

Rotary Attendance Rules

Attendance

- Must be in attendance at least 60% of a meeting to receive credit.
- Must attend or make up at least 60% of the regular meetings of the Club.
- Must attend at least 30% of the regular meetings of the Club.
- Failure to attend or make up four consecutive meetings automatically terminates membership.
- Attendance percentages are calculated for the six-month periods ending December 31 and June 30.
Make Up

- The time for making up a missed meeting is any time two weeks prior to or two weeks after the missed meeting.
- Attending, at the direction of the Club, a regular meeting of a Rotaract or Interact Club or provisional Rotaract or Interact Club.
- Attending a convention of rotary International, or selected other international regional or district conferences or assemblies.
- **Some communities locally that you could make up at are: Columbia City, Syracuse, Plymouth, Wabash, or Nappanee**

Your Financial Obligation

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*Birthdays (usually $5, Unless your birthday ends in a zero “X0” then you may give that amount say 40 =’s $40
(This is tradition but don’t feel compelled to do so if you don’t want to).
Also, tradition holds that should you have a child or a grandchild you would provide Hershey bars for the club (plain for girls and Almond for boys).

The Rotary fiscal year runs from July 1 through June 30.

How YOU were chosen as a Member of Rotary

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. Prospective members must:

- hold — or be retired from — a professional, proprietary, executive, or managerial position;
- have the capacity to meet the club’s weekly attendance or community project participation requirements;
- live or work within the locality of the club or the surrounding area.

1. A member of this Rotary Club invited and sponsored your membership.
2. Our Classification Committee verified your occupation and agreed:
   - That you hold an important position in your firm.
   - That you are an outstanding leader in your vocation, and
   - That the classification being loaned to you was open
3. Our Membership Committee verified your personal reputation both in your business and in the community.
4. Our Board of Directors approved your proposed Rotary membership.
5. Our entire membership also approved you as a new Rotarian.
Membership
Types of Membership
Rotary International recognizes two types of members: *active and honorary.* Warsaw Rotary has established another classification *Active-Excluded.*

**Active member** — An active member of a club is a person who is elected to membership under a classification of business or profession and has all the obligations, responsibilities, and privileges of membership as provided for in the Constitution and Bylaws of Rotary International. Members selected for their leadership in business or profession for which they are classified.

**Active-Excluded (Warsaw Club only)**
Former active members automatically become Active-Excluded in the following way:

- At least 60 years of age with at least 15 years active membership.

**Honorary member** — An honorary member is a person who, by advancing Rotary ideals, is elected to membership in a club but does not have the obligations, responsibilities, and privileges of active members. Honorary members are exempt from paying fees and dues and cannot vote or hold office. The term of honorary membership is determined by the club board.

Our Board has designated these honorary members because of distinguished service in furthering ideals of Rotary in the community or in the club.

Non-voting Ineligible to hold office, they must be re-elected annually for membership. Our local club has 4 Honorary Rotarians. They are (retired) U.S. District Judge Jessie Eshbaugh, Phil Spear, Harry Purcell, and Dane Miller.

(Clubs with membership of 50 or under cannot have more than 5 in any one classification. Clubs over 50 members may have no more than 10% of its members in any one classification.)

*As of 1 July 2001, members formerly regarded as additional active, senior active, or past service members became active members. This enactment also amended provisions in RI constitutional documents about how many Rotarians may have the same classification in one Rotary club. For more information, consult the Manual of Procedure or the RI Web site at [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org)*
**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: high schools, universities, eye surgery, banking, pharmaceutical-retailing, petroleum-distribution, and insurance agency.

**Rotary Publications**

Rotary International publishes a monthly newsletter called *The Rotarian*. It is well worth reading and contains the following:

- News of Rotary around the world.
- Interesting articles by outstanding writers on a variety of important subjects.

Our District 6540 publishes a monthly newsletter. In addition, our Rotary Club furnishes you with:

- **Club Bulletin** – Our Bulletin (via e-mail) *(The Pep)* reports news of our members and Club activities. It also notes those who are responsible for the upcoming programs and guest of the week.
- **Roster** – the roster contains a list of our members, which you will find convenient and useful.

[www.warsawrotary.com](http://www.warsawrotary.com)
They profit most who serve best!

Please check three areas in which you would like to be involved.

☐ Membership  ☐ Welcome Desk  ☐ Bryce Phillipson Day
☐ Board Member  ☐ Website Upkeep  ☐ Sergeant-at-Arms
☐ High School Scholar  ☐ Student Guest  ☐ Membership Development
☐ Club Bulletin-“The Pep”  ☐ Salvation Army Bell Ring  ☐ Program
☐ Fellowship Activities  ☐ Mobile Meals  ☐ Public Relations
☐ Louie & the News  ☐  ☐ Prayer Committee

Please list how we can contact you about this information.

Name: _________________________________
Address: _______________________________
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Phone: ______________________________
E-mail: ______________________________
Membership Proposal

Proposed Classification:________________________________________

Full Name:______________________________________________________

Home Address:___________________________________________________

Nickname: ___________________ Birth Date: (M/D/Y)_______________

Personal E-Mail: ________________ Home Phone: __________________

Spouse’s Name:___________________ Anniversary:__________________

Business Name: _________________________________________________

Business Address:_______________________________________________

Business Phone: _____________________ Fax:______________________

Business E-Mail: ____________________ Position:_________________

Education/Diplomas:_____________________________________________

Hobbies/Interests:______________________________________________

Former Rotarian/Other Memberships:______________________________

Sponsor’s Signature: ___________________________________________

Date Submitted:______________ Proposal Published: ____________

Date Inducted:______________ Fireside Chat:__________________

Submit this form to the Club Secretary by Fax, E-mail or at the Club Meeting on Fridays.

“Service Above Self”