



How to Propose a New Rotary Member

- 1) Once you have identified a prospective new member, obtain a proposal form from the club secretary. Fill out the application completely & as sponsor, sign where marked. As part of the process, introduce your prospect to the document "Hendersonville Rotary Club Introduction for Prospective Members." (This document is available for download in PDF format: http://hendersonvillerotary.org/About/Join_Rotary) ONLY the sponsor signs the application not the prospective member. ****REMEMBER that a guest can only attend 2 meetings!** There is a charge for guest visits. Please check with club officers for cost & to pay.
- 2) Return completed application to the club secretary. ****Please realize that this is not a quick process & may possibly take 4-6 weeks from application to induction!!**
- 3) Application will be reviewed & cleared by the classification chair.
- 4) After classification clearance, the application will be brought before the Board of Directors for approval.
- 5) This Board approval allows the application to proceed to the Rotary Bulletin for publication to the full membership for two weeks. If there is an objection to the prospective member, the objection must be in writing & received by the club secretary no later than two days after the final publication. The application & objection will be reviewed by the Board & a final Board decision is non-appealable.
- 6) Proposed member's application then goes to the Rotary Information/Orientation Chair. The proposed member is then required to meet with the RI/O Chair for an overview of the Hendersonville Rotary Club, including but not limited to club activities, dues, attendance, etc. The proposed member is informed of what they can expect from Rotary & what Rotary expects from them. At this meeting, the prospective member signs the application & agrees to the terms of membership.
- 7) Final step...Induction of the new member is scheduled on a mutually agreed upon date by the club, sponsor & new member. Dues, fees & attendance requirements begin as of induction date.



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The Hendersonville Rotary Club & Rotary International

The Hendersonville Rotary Club is a member of Rotary International, a global volunteer service organization that was founded by Paul Harris in 1905 in Chicago, IL and now has 1.2 million members in 34,000 clubs in 207 countries around the world. The Hendersonville Rotary Club was chartered in 1969 and is club number 3,814 in Rotary history. Rotarians volunteer in communities at home and abroad to support education and job training, provide clean water, combat hunger, improve health and sanitation, and eradicate polio.

The 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:

- FIRST. The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;
- SECOND. High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;
- THIRD. The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;
- FOURTH. The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

The Four-Way Test

The Four Way Test asks the following questions: Of the things we think, say or do

- 1.) Is it the TRUTH?
- 2.) Is it FAIR to all concerned?
- 3.) Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
- 4.) Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

Avenues of Service

Based on the Object of Rotary, the Avenues of Service are Rotary's philosophical cornerstone and the foundation on which club activity is based:

Club Service focuses on strengthening fellowship and ensuring the effective functioning of the club.

Vocational Service encourages Rotarians to serve others through their vocations and to practice high ethical standards.

Community Service covers the projects and activities the club undertakes to improve life in its community.

International Service encompasses actions taken to expand Rotary's humanitarian reach around the globe and to promote world understanding and peace.

Youth Service supports Interact, RYLA, Rotaract, Rotary Youth Exchange, Rotary scholarships, Monthly Youth Merit Scholars, Wheels In Motion, mentoring and tutoring.

Membership Service includes recruitment, attendance, retention, fellowship, and orientation.



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Expectations of Members

The following are a list of expectations for all Rotary members:

- A Heart For Service - people that are committed to give of their time and resources to participate in the Club's Fund Raisers and to support the Club's service projects
- Attendance – "Showing up is the most important thing." Rotarians are expected to attend or make up at least 50% of Rotary club meetings in each half of the year and you may not miss or fail to make up four consecutive meetings. Perfect attendance is encouraged and recognized. Makeups at other clubs and on-line count toward perfect attendance.
- Supporting the Club's fund raisers and community service projects by volunteering for duty and attending.
- In that others will judge Rotary and our Club by your actions, members are expected to maintain high ethical standards in their business and professions.
- Dues are currently \$130.00 per quarter, and are expected to be paid on time. A \$100.00 initiation fee is included on your first dues invoice. Dues fund the local operation of the clubs meetings and activities; meals; and dues to International and District Rotary. Participating in the Club's annual events and fund raisers are additional expenses that one should also expect to incur during the year.

Paul Harris Fellowship and the Rotary Foundation of Rotary International

The Foundation is a not-for-profit corporation supported solely by voluntary contributions from Rotarians and friends of the Foundation who share its vision of a better world. Since 1947, Rotarians have contributed almost \$2.7 billion to The Rotary Foundation to help Rotary do good in the world. Donors of \$1,000 or more to the Rotary Foundation, Annual Programs Fund, PolioPlus, or the Humanitarian Grants Program, or people who have that amount contributed in their name can be recognized as Paul Harris Fellows. Each new Paul Harris Fellow receives a commemorative certificate and a pin. Our Club is striving to have 100% Paul Harris Fellows and Sustaining Members, those contributing toward achieving \$1,000 in donations. A portion on the money sent to Rotary International comes back to local Clubs through the district each year to help fund scholarships, Rotary Youth Exchange, and other local projects.

The Hendersonville Rotary Foundation

The Hendersonville Rotary Foundation is funded by the Club's four major fund raisers – Days of Wine & Roses, Festival by the Lake, Pancake Breakfast, and Freedom 5K Run. Monies raised fund the Club's many local service projects and one international project, the yearly Guatemala Medical Mission Trip. The Club's local service projects include numerous scholarship grants; monthly Youth Merit Scholar and Teacher of the Month awards; Dictionaries for Third Graders, Wheels In Motion; Weekend Backpack Programs; Mentoring At Risk Children; RYLA; Interact; Rotary Youth Exchange; Memorial Park; and Road Side Cleanup. In addition to our own community service projects we support other local projects and agencies: COMPASS; Christmas 4 Kids; Children Are People; Community Child Care; and Samaritan Center.