**Membership Brochure**

**Our Vision**

The Rotary Club of St. Albert (the “Club”) is an organization of business, professional, and community leaders who come together through commitment and fellowship to create opportunities and a better future for generations who follow.

**Our Mission**

It is our mission to embrace the ideals of Rotary International, contributing to a better St Albert and a better world through significant humanitarian service while providing extraordinary opportunities for networking, fellowship, friendship and personal growth.

**Rotary International**

Rotary International, the world’s first service club organization, is made up of over 32,000 clubs in more than 200 countries and geographic areas. Its members form a global network of business and professional leaders who volunteer their time and talents to serve their communities and the world.

Rotary’s motto, Service above Self, exemplifies the humanitarian spirit of the organization’s more than 1.2 million members. Meaningful community and international service projects coupled with strong fellowship opportunities characterize Rotary worldwide.

**Rotary’s Guiding Principles**

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:

1. the development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;
2. 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;
3. the application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian’s personal, business, and community life; and
4. the advancement of international understanding, goodwill and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

**History**

The Club has been in existence since 1990 and has a proud history of fundraising and assisting worthwhile causes within the City of St. Albert and area, the Province of Alberta, and around the world. We are one of two St. Albert based clubs.

Our Club meets for breakfast on Fridays at 7:15 AM, at the Sturgeon Valley Golf Club (10 minutes east of St. Albert – come at least 15 min. early to engage with other members). Members are encouraged to maintain a minimum 50% attendance in order to remain engaged with the club initiatives and activities – which can be achieved through lunch meetings, committee work, charitable projects and attendance at other Rotary clubs.

The Club is governed by its President and Board of Directors with assistance from the Club’s Office Manager.

**Family Membership in a Service Club – a 21st Century Solution**

Recognizing the importance of families to the community and social responsibility, the Club has created the family membership initiative. Family memberships invite families to participate in giving back to the community through the well-organized systems and structures of Rotary. Membership in Rotary offers an excellent vehicle for personal leadership development. The Club provides a medium to learn about community needs in a variety of areas, and learn about and participate in fundraising and volunteering in ways that truly impact the community.

**Why Become a Member?**

Participation as an active member of the Rotary Club presents a number of advantages that includes:

1. participation in a long-term service organization capable of assessing and responding to a diverse range of needs within the community;
2. participation opportunities with Rotary hands-on projects; and
3. membership in an organization dedicated to assisting and supporting community needs and activities.

**Key Membership Criteria**

1. the Sponsor member, and the Club, will participate in a screening process to ensure an appropriate ‘fit”; associate members will be selected by the Sponsor member.
2. The annual membership cost is full Club membership fees (currently $400).

**Responsibilities of Club Membership**

The club is the cornerstone of Rotary, where the most meaningful work is carried out. All effective Rotary clubs are responsible for four key elements:

1. participating in service projects that benefit their community and those internationally;
2. sustaining or increasing their membership base;
3. supporting The Rotary Foundation financially and through program participation; and
4. developing leaders capable of serving in Rotary beyond the club level.

What Rotarians get out of Rotary depends largely on what they put into it. Many membership requirements are designed to help members more fully participate in and enjoy their Rotary experience.

**Membership Application**

We encourage you attend at least three Club meetings prior to submitting your membership application for consideration. Shortly after submitting your membership application, you will be contacted by an Applications Committee representative to arrange an interview jointly with your Sponsor Member to discuss any questions you may have about the merits of joining the Club.

Your membership application will then be passed on to the Board of Directors for final approval. In total, the approval process may take approximately four to five weeks.

Please forward your completed Membership Application form to:

Mail: St Albert Rotary Club, P.O. Box 132, St Albert, AB T8N 1N2

Email: myron.kostick@rbc.com (Club Chair Membership)