

# **The Minneapolis-University Rotary Club**

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## **Membership Information**



## **District 5950 Minnesota, USA**

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*Children at Nibakure Village, Rwanda*

The men and women of the Minneapolis-University Rotary Club meet each Wednesday from noon to 1:15 p.m. at the Commons Hotel, 615 Washington Avenue S.E., Minneapolis, MN 55414, on the University of Minnesota East Bank campus.

The membership is a diverse, caring, and energetic group of business leaders, professionals, and community volunteers who seek to make a difference in our Minneapolis-St. Paul community and in countries throughout the world through our service to people in need.

Rotary International is the world's first service club organization. There are 34,000 Rotary clubs in over 200 countries with more than 1.2 million members. Rotarians volunteer their time and talent in accordance with the Rotary motto, Service Above Self. Rotarians provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and help build goodwill and peace in the world.

Rotarians serve through participation in five avenues of service, involvement in local and international service projects, and support of the Minneapolis-University Rotary Service Foundation and The Rotary Foundation.

### ***Membership Classifications***

Upon admission to a Rotary Club, new members select a classification that identifies his or her profession, occupation, or business. The classification system reflects vocational diversity and a wide range of resources through the membership for achieving the service objectives of Rotary. The Minneapolis-University club has been proactive in adapting membership requirements to the increasingly global activities of its members. The club was first in the District to offer the Shared Membership, Non-Resident Membership and the Affiliate Membership categories.



*Children at Instituto de la Sordera, (School for the Deaf), Santiago Chile*



*Cataract Surgery Project in San Felipe, Mexico*

### ***Membership Categories***

**Active** - Active members are persons of good character who are leaders in any worthy and recognized business or profession, have retired from any worthy business or profession, or have interrupted employment or never worked in order to care for children or assist a spouse in his or her work.

**Honorary** - Honorary members have distinguished themselves by meritorious service in the furtherance of Rotary ideals.

**Shared Membership** - For members that wish to remain in the club but are unable to fully participate as described in the Participation Guidelines, the Minneapolis-University Rotary Club offers two types of Shared Memberships. The *Professional Shared Membership* is for two individuals who work for the same organization. The *Household Shared Membership* is available to two individuals from the same household.

**Non-Resident Membership** - For members who live outside of the Twins Cities and wish to maintain club membership, non-resident membership provides opportunities to participate in club projects, attend meetings whenever possible, pay dues (without meal costs), and maintain active contact with the club.

**Affiliate Membership** – Affiliate members are people who want a Rotary affiliation but do not wish to become regular members. Affiliate members may be students or individuals who are candidates for Rotary scholarships that are not open to members.

**Termination of Membership** – A membership may be terminated by the board of directors if the member is more than 90 days in arrears in paying dues and meals costs or if a member engages in behavior that is not consistent with Rotary values. Since the inception of the club in 1991 not a single membership has been terminated.

## MINNEAPOLIS-UNIVERSITY ROTARY CLUB PARTICIPATION GUIDELINES



*Future Rotarian serves a meal at a community center in Minneapolis*

The men and women of the Minneapolis-University Rotary Club are expected to meet the following Participation Guidelines.

1. Attendance at club meetings as often as their profession and lifestyle permit;
2. Pay club dues and meal costs in a timely fashion;
3. Serve on at least one club committee;
4. Participate in at least one Service Project each year;
5. Participate in at least one Fellowship Event each year;
6. Introduce at least one potential new member to Rotary each year;
7. Contribute to the Annual Campaign of The Rotary Foundation each year. The club seeks participation by “every member every year.” Donations of any amount are welcome.
8. Support the Minneapolis-University Rotary Service Foundation through “Brag-a-Bucks” or other donations of any amount.

### *Attendance*

Rotary clubs meet weekly. The club recognizes that Rotary members have busy professional and personal lives. It is up to individual members to determine if their level of participation is sufficient to be engaged in Rotary. The Minneapolis-University Club does not enforce attendance requirements. Attendance credits are given for participation in service projects and fellowship events and attendance at other Rotary clubs.

A benefit of Rotary is the opportunity to attend Rotary meetings of other clubs. There are more than 50 clubs in the Minneapolis/St. Paul area alone, with regular breakfast and luncheon meetings, Monday through Friday. By attending meetings at other clubs, members have opportunities to share Rotary fellowship in our community and in other cities and countries. Many members find that attending meetings at clubs in other cities, states, and countries is one of the most enjoyable aspects of Rotary. Club meeting locations, days, and times can be found at [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org).



### *The Avenues of Service*

Members participate in Rotary projects through the five Rotary Avenues of Service:

**Club Service**  
**Community Service**  
**International Service**  
**Vocational Service**  
**Youth Service**

Rotary provides opportunities to participate on projects and events in all of the Avenues of Service.



*Students at the Jyoti School for Hearing Impaired Children, Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh, India*

### *The Minneapolis-University Service Foundation*

The Minneapolis-University Rotary Service Foundation is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization that supports local and international projects, initiated and led by club members that promote world understanding and community improvement. It is led by a board of directors that is separate from the governance of the club.

### *Financial Obligations*

Dues and meal charges are billed quarterly. Members are billed for meals for meetings they attend. If a member attends 36 meetings (75% of meetings) the total quarterly cost is \$280 (dues \$91, meals \$189). The total annual cost is \$1120 (dues \$364, meals \$756).



*Vocational training at the Jyoti School for Hearing Impaired Children, Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh, India*

<b>DUES</b>	<b>Annual</b>	<b>Quarterly</b>
Individual	<b>\$364</b>	<b>\$ 91</b>
Shared	<b>\$546</b>	<b>\$136</b>
Non-Resident (no meals)	<b>\$364</b>	<b>\$ 91</b>
<b>MEAL COSTS</b>	<b>Annual</b>	<b>Quarterly</b>
Individual (based on 36 meetings/yr)	<b>\$756</b>	<b>\$189</b>

### *The Rotary Foundation*



*Rotary partners with Habitat for Humanity*

The Rotary Foundation seeks to achieve world understanding and peace through international humanitarian, educational, and cultural exchange programs. The Foundation's Humanitarian Programs support projects that are initiated by clubs and districts which are designed to improve health, education, and quality of life. Providing health care, clean water, food, education, and housing are a few of the goals of TRF projects -- primarily in the developing world. One of the key humanitarian programs is PolioPlus, which seeks the worldwide eradication of polio. Through its scholarship programs the Foundation provides funding for about 1,000 students to study abroad each year. Recipients are expected to act as ambassadors of good will, furthering international understanding and promoting friendly relations between their host and sponsoring countries. Minneapolis-University Rotarians have been successful in obtaining funding from the Rotary Foundation for many of its international service projects.

The Rotary Foundation provides matching grants for international projects initiated by clubs. Through this program, a club can leverage a small fundraising effort into a project with a substantial budget. Since it was founded in 1991, the Minneapolis-University Rotary Club has raised \$54,000 and received over \$1.2 million in matching funds. The club has led projects in many countries including Chile, Costa Rica, India, Mexico, Peru, Rwanda, and Uganda.

Rotary peace fellowships are available to candidates who want to participate in a master's degree or certificate program at one of our six partner universities.



*Rotary Scholars at University of Minnesota*

Global grants are for graduate students studying abroad in one of Rotary's six causes:

1. Promoting peace
2. Fighting disease
3. Providing clean water, sanitation, and hygiene
4. Saving mothers and children
5. Supporting education
6. Growing local economies

Scholarships last from one to four years and can include an entire degree program.

### *Participation in Projects*

During the course of any Rotary year, members are invited to participate in club, community, vocational, international, and youth service projects. The level of involvement, in terms of time and financial support, is strictly voluntary.

Current and recent community and international service projects include:

- A school for some of Rwanda's 1 million orphans ([www.Nibakure.org](http://www.Nibakure.org))
- A school for hearing-impaired children in Santiago, Chile. The multi-phased project has been funded by several grants from the Rotary Foundation, support from 21 Rotary clubs in Minnesota and Chile, and the International Hearing Foundation (<http://www.institutodelasordera.cl>)
- A school for deaf children in Kanpur, India ([www.jyotiforchildren.org](http://www.jyotiforchildren.org))
- A sanitation project in India.
- A cataract surgery project in San Felipe, Mexico.
- A telehealth hearing clinic in San Felipe, Mexico
- Support for food shelves throughout the Minneapolis-St. Paul area
- Sponsorship of Rotary Peace fellows, graduate students who study conflict resolutions in designated universities worldwide



## Minneapolis-University Rotary Club Membership Information

Membership in the Minneapolis-University Rotary Club is an enjoyable and life-enhancing experience that enriches the lives of its members and the communities that we serve.

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