



# The Rotary Club of Skokie Valley



MEETING DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

MEETING TIME: \_\_\_\_\_

MEETING LOCATION: \_\_\_\_\_

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Shared Membership Application



## **Our Vision**

The Rotary Club of Skokie Valley 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 community and a better world through significant service while providing extraordinary opportunities for networking, fellowship, friendship and personal growth.

## **Shared Membership in a Service Club — a 21st Century Solution**

Recognizing the growing importance that businesses, government, education and healthcare place on social responsibility, the Club has created the shared membership initiative. Shared Membership invites businesses, government, education and healthcare 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 staff 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 Shared Member?**

Participation as a member of the Rotary Club presents a number of advantages through an effective business partnership that includes:

- Participation in a complete, developed system capable of assessing and responding to a diverse range needs within the community;
- Increased awareness of your profession within the community through association with Rotary and the many programs that are supported by the Rotary Club;
- Enhanced community exposure through the involvement of senior professionals
- Immediate access to the Rotary charitable network
- Participation opportunities with Rotary hands-on projects; and
- Membership in an organization dedicated to assisting and supporting community needs and activities.

## **Rotary Shared Member Benefits**

A Rotary Shared Membership will provide the opportunity to sponsor up to five friends of the club for participation in the Club. The shared members will be provided most of the same rights and obligations as individual members.

The primary active member will be drawn from the senior executive group. The friends of the club will be appointed by the senior member and together your friends of the club will develop their own specialized strategy for participation in Club activities.

The Club executive will work with your profession to tailor its participation in the Club to work together to align and support the needs of both parties.



## Key Membership Criteria

- your business will have one **active member** and up to five Friends of Rotary
- the **active** member, and the Club, will participate in a screening process to ensure an appropriate “fit” between the two organizations;
- friends of the club will be proposed by the **active** member
- your business will be able to replace a friend of the club as required
- should an **active** or friend of the club leave your business, the member and Friend of Rotary may request to join the Club as an individual member
- The annual active membership cost is twice an active individual member cost for Club and District dues only. Rotary International dues will remain unchanged.
- Friend of Rotary members only pay for their meals and cost activities they attend.
- Your business will be listed in the district’s Rotarians doing business with Rotarians.

## Rotary Basics

Rotary International, the world’s first service club organization, is made up of over 32,000 clubs in more than 200 countries and geographical 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. Strong fellowship among Rotarians and meaningful community and international service projects characterize Rotary worldwide.

Rotary enjoys a rich and sometimes complex tradition and organizational structure, with many programs and customs that can be confusing to new and even not-so-new members.

## Fellowship

Beyond Community service, Rotary activities include fellowship, social activities and the opportunity to form strong, lifelong friendships.

## The Organization of Rotary

Rotary is essentially a grassroots organization, with most of its service efforts being carried out at the club level. The district and international structure is designed to support the clubs and help them provide more service in their communities and abroad.

- **Clubs:** Rotarians are members of Rotary clubs, which belong to the global association Rotary International (RI). Each club elects its own officers and enjoys considerable autonomy within the framework of Rotary’s constitution and bylaws.
- **Districts:** Clubs are grouped into 530 plus Rotary International districts, each led by a district governor, who is an officer of RI. The district administration, including assistant governors and various committees, guides and supports the clubs.
- **RI Board:** The 19-member RI Board of Directors, which includes the RI president and president-elect, meets quarterly to establish policies. Traditionally, the RI president, who is elected annually, develops a theme and emphasis for the year.
- **The Secretariat:** Rotary International is headquartered in the Chicago suburb of Evanston, Illinois, USA, with seven international offices.



## 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. Sustaining or increasing their membership base.
2. Participating in service projects that benefit their community and those in other countries.
3. Supporting The Rotary Foundation financially and through program participation.
4. Developing leaders capable of serving in Rotary beyond the club level.

Under Shared Membership, the active member (combined with Friends of Rotary members) are encouraged to maintain a minimum of 85% attendance – which include meetings, committee work, charitable projects and makeup attendance at other Rotary clubs.

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.

## 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:

- The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service.
- 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.
- The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life.
- The advancement of international understanding, goodwill and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

## The Five Avenues of Rotary

- International Service
- Community Service
- Vocational Service
- Club Service
- New Generations



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## Membership Application

We encourage you attend at least two Club meetings prior to submitting your membership application for consideration. Shortly after submitting your membership application, you will be contacted by a Past President of the Club to arrange an interview to discuss any questions you may have about the merits of joining the Club.

**Your membership application will be reviewed by the Membership Committee** and then passed on to the Board of Directors for final approval. In total, the approval process will take approximately six to eight weeks.

Please forward your completed Membership Application form to:

Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

### Shared Information

Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Business Classification: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Business Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Website: \_\_\_\_\_

Tell us of your interests in Rotary:

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### Rotary Information

Name two Club members who would propose your business for membership:

Member: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

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Summarize your business Rotary experience? \_\_\_\_\_

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## Personal Information — Primary Active Member

Name: Mr. Ms. \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Partner Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Partner Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Educational/ Professional Qualifications: \_\_\_\_\_

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Trade Associations and Community Involvement: \_\_\_\_\_

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Professional Duties: \_\_\_\_\_

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Work Experience: \_\_\_\_\_

Personal Interests: \_\_\_\_\_

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Are you a Past Member of Rotary?  Yes  No

Club Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Years/Dates: \_\_\_\_\_

Position(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Location: \_\_\_\_\_

I, \_\_\_\_\_ confirm that:

- I was provided information regarding membership in the Rotary Club of \_\_\_\_\_.
- I understand the privileges and responsibilities associated with Rotary membership.
- I agree to promote the ideals of Rotary and to comply with the requirements of the Rotary Club.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Personal Information – Friend of Rotary Member

Name: Mr. Ms. \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

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Partner Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Partner Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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Membership Committee:

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Board of Directors:

Past Presidents' Interview:

Member Classification

Introduced by

Introduction Date:

Approved

Date

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