

Seneca Rotary Club



NEW MEMBER APPLICATION

Dear Prospective Member,

Thank you for your interest in the Seneca Rotary Club. Rotary is an international organization of business and professional persons united to provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations and help build goodwill and peace throughout the world. The organization is comprised of over 31,000 clubs in 163 countries, with a total membership of over 1.2 million.

The Seneca Rotary Club's membership is between 40 and 50 members, representing top or senior level professionals and managers of large to small businesses in the Seneca area.

There is a onetime charge of \$35 assessed to all new members. Billing for dues is handled on a semi-annual basis, with the current rate structure set at \$100 for dues. Members are also encouraged to contribute \$50.00 to the Rotary Foundation on a semi-annual basis.

The information you provide on the attached application will be reviewed by our Membership Committee and approved by our Board of Directors. When approval is granted, your information will be published to the general club membership. Membership is approved if there are no objections received within 2 weeks.

Rotary offers each member unique opportunities and responsibilities. Members of Seneca Rotary are expected to actively and financially support club projects, support The Rotary Foundation, adhere to membership guidelines set forth by Rotary International, and help keep the organization viable by identifying and inviting prospective members to join the club.

The Membership Committee

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WHY JOIN ROTARY?

Friendship: in an increasingly complex world, Rotary provides one of the most basic human needs: the need for friendship and fellowship. It is one of two reasons why Rotary began in 1905.

Business Development: The second original reason for Rotary's beginning is business development. Everyone needs to network. Rotary consists of a cross section of every business community. Its members come from all walks of life. Rotarians help each other and collectively help others.

Personal Growth and Development: Membership in Rotary continues one's growth and education in human relations and personal development.

Leadership Development: Rotary is an organization of leaders and successful people. Serving in Rotary positions is like a college education. Leadership: learning how to motivate, influence, and lead leaders.

Citizenship in the Community: Membership in a Rotary club makes one a better community citizen. The average Rotary club consists of the most active citizens of any community.

Continuing Education: Each week at Rotary there is a program designed to keep one informed about what is going on in the community, nation, and world. Each meeting provides an opportunity to listen to different speakers and a variety of timely topics.

Fun: Rotary is fun, a lot of fun. . Each meeting is fun. The club projects are fun. Social activities are fun. The service is fun.

Public Speaking Skills: Many individuals who joined Rotary were afraid to speak in public. Rotary develops confidence and skills in public communication and the opportunity to practice and perfect these skills.

Citizenship in the World: Every Rotarian wears a pin that says "Rotary International." There are few places on the globe that do not have a Rotary club. Every Rotarian is welcome – even encouraged – to attend any of the more than 33,000 clubs in over 200 nations and geographical regions. This means instant friends in both one's own community and in the world community.

Assistance When Traveling: Because there are Rotary clubs everywhere, many a Rotarian in need of a doctor, lawyer, hotel, dentist, advice, etc., while traveling has found a assistance through Rotary.

Entertainment: Every Rotary club and district has parties and activities that provide diversion in one's business life. Rotary holds conferences, conventions, assemblies, and institutes that provide entertainment in addition to Rotary information, education, and service.

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The Development of Social Skills: Every week and at various events and functions, Rotary develops one's personality, social skills and people skills. Rotary is for people who like people.

Family Programs: Rotary provides one of the world's largest youth exchange programs; high school and college clubs for future Rotarians; opportunities for spouse or partner involvement; and a host of activities designed to help family members in growth and the development of family values.

Vocational Skills: Every Rotarian is expected to take part in the growth and development of his or her own profession or vocation; to serve on committees and to teach youth about one's job or vocation. Rotary helps to make one a better doctor, lawyer, teacher, etc.

The Development of Ethics: Rotarians practice a 4Way Test that governs one's ethical standards. Rotarians are expected to be ethical in business and personal relationships.

Cultural Awareness: Around the world, practically every religion, country, culture, race, creed, political persuasion, language, color, and ethnic identity is found in Rotary. It is a cross section of the world's most prominent citizens from every background. Rotarians become aware of their cultures and learn to love and work with people everywhere. They become better citizens of their countries in the process.

Prestige: Rotary members are prominent people: leaders in business, the professions, art, government, sports, military, religion, and all disciplines. Rotary is the oldest and most prestigious service club in the world. Its ranks include executives, managers, professionals – people who make decisions and influence policy.

Nice People: Rotarians above all are nice people – the nicest people on the face of the earth. They are important people who follow the policy of it is nice to be important, but it is important to be nice.

The Absence of an "Official Creed:" Rotary has no secret handshake, no secret policy, no official creed, no secret meeting or rituals. It is an open society of men and women who simply believe in helping others.

The Opportunity to Serve: Rotary is a service club. Its business is mankind. Its product is service. Rotarians provide community service to both local and international communities. This is perhaps the best reason for becoming a Rotarian: the chance to do something for somebody else and to sense the self-fulfillment that comes in the process and return of that satisfaction to one's own life. It is richly rewarding.

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Personal Information

Name	
Nickname	
Street Address	
City, State, Zip Code	
Home Telephone	
Mobile Telephone	
E-Mail Address	
Preferred Form of Contact	
Date of Birth	
Name of Spouse	
Date of Anniversary	
Children	

Education

College/University (Degree/Graduation Year)	
College/University (Degree/Graduation Year)	
College/University (Degree/Graduation Year)	
Military Service (Branch of Service/Rank)	

Employment Information

Name of Employer	
Title/Position	
Type of Business	
Proposed Classification	
Street Address	
City, State, Zip Code	
Work Telephone	

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Transferring Rotarian

Special Interests

Previous Club Name	
Dates of Membership	
Contact Person at Previous Club	
Positions Held	
Paul Harris Fellow	

Please describe your special interests, hobbies and talents.

Community Involvement

Summarize your past and present community involvement.

Desire to Become a Rotarian

Please elaborate on why you want to be a Rotarian.

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Involvement as a Rotarian

The Rotary Club of Seneca has many activities for Rotarian involvement. All members are encouraged to participate actively. Examples of areas for involvement within Rotary's Five Avenues of Service are listed below.

Please indicate your area(s) of interest:

Club Service (activities that relate to our club)

- Coordination of fellowship and social events for members
- Communications to members via email, newsletters, and website
- New member recruitment and retention activities
- Media and public service announcements for club activities and community service projects
- Programs

Vocational Service (projects relating to work and preparation for employment)

- Promoting Rotary through our occupation
- Ballenger Award - Honoring a businessman or woman who is not a Rotarian
- Literacy Program - Supporting our local Schools and Vocational Schools

Community Service (Activities that focus on the needs of our community)

- Bell Ringing for Salvation Army
- Poker Run on Lake Keowee, 2nd Saturday in June
- Oktoberfest Rotary Run
- SCRIP Program - using gift cards to raise money for Rotary
- Other Fund Raising events

International Service (Service in other countries throughout the world)

- World Community Service - Providing sustainable water in International communities
- Rotary Foundation - Contributing to the Foundation to provide money for projects locally and Internationally
- Group Study and Student Exchange program

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New Generations/Youth Services (Projects concerning youth)

- _____ Young Professionals program
- _____ Rotary Youth Leadership Association (RYLA) Providing Scholarships to High School Student to attend Erskine College for a week of leadership training
- _____ Student of the Month - Providing recognition to students that have shown great improvement in school. Monthly program during the school year.
- _____ Scholarship Foundation - The Seneca Rotary Club has its own Foundation to honor high achiever students at Seneca area schools. Once a year in May.

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Agreement and Signature

By submitting this application, I affirm that the facts set forth in it are true and complete.

- I agree to submit a current resume along with this application to the Club Secretary.
- I understand that it will be my duty, if selected, to exemplify Rotary's 4 Way Test in my daily contacts and activities.

Of the things we think, say, and 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?

- I agree to pay the new member fee of \$35 and \$100 semi-annual dues.
- I will be committed to the goal of Every Rotarian Every Year through my optional yearly gift of \$100 to the Rotary Foundation.
- I confirm my commitment to meet Rotary's attendance requirement of attending or making up at least 50% of the regular weekly club meetings in each half of the Rotary Year. I understand that if I am absent from a weekly meeting, I can make up the meeting two weeks prior or two weeks after the missed meeting by (1) attending a meeting of any other Rotary club in the world, (2) attending a club committee meeting or board meeting, (3) attending a district conference, convention, or meeting, (4) participating in a club service project, or (4) attending a virtual meeting on Rotary e-Club One (www.rotaryeclubone.org). I will notify the Club's Secretary of Arms of any and all make-ups in a timely manner.
- I agree to help raise money towards whatever club goal is set for the current year for our Rotary club's charitable contributions.
- I accept my responsibility to be an active club member by serving on club committees.
- I grant permission to have my name and pertinent information circulated to the club membership prior to the club voting on my nomination.

Name (printed)	
Signature	
Date	

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Sponsoring Rotarian

Name of Sponsoring Rotarian	
How long have you known the prospective member?	
Is this person's personal reputation one of integrity?	
Is this person's business reputation good and up to the standards of Rotary?	
To your knowledge, will this person be able to comply with the attendance rules and financial commitment as projects and activities as well as give sufficient time to club	
If this Prospective Member is approved for membership, will you as the Sponsor take an active role for at least the first six months to see that he/she attends all required and regular meetings and encourage them to become actively involved in the club's activities?	
Name (printed)	
Signature	
Date	

Membership Criteria Recommendations per Rotary Bylaws

A) A club shall be composed of active members each of whom shall be an adult person of good character and good business, professional and/or community reputation.

- 1) Engaged as a proprietor, partner, corporate officer, or manager of any worthy and recognized business or profession; **or**
- 2) Holding any important position in any worthy and recognized business or profession or any branch or agency thereof and have executive capacity with discretionary authority; **or**
- 3) Having retired from any position listed in subsection (1) or (2) of this subsection; **or**
- 4) Being a community leader who has demonstrated through personal involvement in community affairs a commitment to service others and who abides by the Objects of Rotary including positions such as **major** civic or charitable agency directors, military or governmental agency leaders, ministers, school superintendents, etc.

B) The following guidelines should also be given strong consideration:

- 1) The primary proposer **shall** have known the applicant for a minimum of one year or has worked extensively through a personal or professional engagement with applicant to adequately know the character of that individual.
- 2) It is preferred that both endorsers of applicant should know the nominee well enough to feel comfortable that the individual is of good character for inclusion into the Seneca Rotary Club.
- 3) The applicant **shall** have lived or worked in the community, generally Pickens or Oconee County, for a minimum of one year. *Exceptions: Former Rotarians moving into the Seneca area community may have this requirement waived.

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Action on Application – For Club Business Use Only

Application and resume received	
Application circulated to Membership Committee	
Application approved by the Board of Directors	
Prospective Member's name, business newsletter, and classification posted for one week in the club	
Prospective Member announced at club at large two club meetins and voted on for approval by	
Prospective Member inducted	