



Why Join Rotary? For a Prospective Member to Understand Rotary Twenty Answers to the Question



- 1. 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.
- 2. 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.
- 3. Personal Growth and Development:** Membership in Rotary continues one's growth and education in human relations and personal development.
- 4. Leadership Development:** Rotary is an organization of leaders and successful people. Serving in Rotary positions is like a college education in leadership: Learning to motivate, influence, and lead leaders.
- 5. Citizenship in the Community:** Membership in a Rotary club makes sense. Membership makes one a better community citizen. The average Rotary club consists of active citizens of the community.
- 6. Continuing Education:** Each week at Rotary, a program is designed to keep one informed about what is happening in the community, nation, and world. Each meeting provides an opportunity to listen to different speakers on various topics.
- 7. Fun:** Rotary is fun! Each meeting is fun. The club projects are fun. Social activities are fun. The service is fun.
- 8. Public Speaking Skills:** Many individuals who originally joined Rotary didn't often speak in public. Rotary helps to develop confidence and skills in public communication. Rotary allows you to practice and perfect these skills.
- 9. Citizenship in the World:** Every Rotarian wears a pin that says, "Rotary International." Few places on the planet do not have a Rotary Club. Every Rotarian is welcome – even encouraged – to attend any of the 30,000 clubs in 194 nations and geographical regions. This means instant friends in both one's community and in the world community.
- 10. Assistance when Traveling:** Because there are Rotary clubs everywhere, many Rotarians needing a doctor, lawyer, hotel, dentist, advice, etc., while traveling have found assistance through a local Rotary Club.
- 11. Entertainment:** Every Rotary club and district has social events and activities that provide diversion in one's business life. Rotary holds conferences, conventions, assemblies, and institutes that entertain in addition providing Rotary information, education, and service.
- 12. 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.
- 13. Family Programs:** Rotary provides one of the world's most extensive youth exchange programs; high school and college clubs for future Rotarians; opportunities for significant other involvement; and various activities designed to help family members grow and develop family values.
- 14. Vocational Skills:** Every Rotarian is expected to participate in the growth and development of their profession or vocation. Every Rotarian is expected 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.



15. Ethics: Rotarians practice the 4-Way Test that governs one's ethical standards. Rotarians are expected to be ethical in all business and personal relationships.

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

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

18. Nice People: Rotarians are friendly and, above all, nice people. They are important people who follow the policy: "It is nice to be important, but it is important to be nice."

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

20. The Opportunity to Service: Rotary is a service club. Its business is humanity. Its product is a service. Rotarians provide community service to both local and international communities. Rotary is a chance to do something for someone else with pride. Rotary is rewarding.

Some of the
Rotary Club of Indio Projects

Festival of Local Creatives

Interact Shadow Hills High School

RYLA ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARDS

Palm Springs Life
20th Annual Rotary Middle School Math Field Day
Date/Time: Aug 10, 2014
8:00am
Description: An exciting field day event for middle school students...
Reading Books & Dictionaries for Elementary Students

2nd Annual Indio Rotary Golf Tournament
Proceeds to Benefit Indio High School Scholarship Fund
Saturday, September 10, 2009
Shotgun Start at 7:30 AM
Lunch Provided Immediately Following
\$90 Per Player Includes Golf Cart & Range Balls
Limited Number of Players - Sign Up Early
Scrutable Format

NEWS FROM ACROSS THE VALLEY
INDIO
Rotary club members to receive CPR training
The next time there's an emergency there will be a few more people capable of helping out.
Members of the Rotary club in Indio will be getting training in the life-saving technique of cardiopulmonary resuscitation.

Senior Center gets Rotary gift
The Rotary Club of Indio has donated a new television set to the Senior Center of Indio.

Wheelerchair Donations

Fire Truck Donation to Tuxtepec, Oaxaca, Mexico

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