

**Rotary Club of Springfield (Downtown)**

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The  
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Becoming a member of Rotary is by invitation only from a member of that club. When one joins you are joining the largest service club in the world with over 1.2 Million members and clubs in nearly every country in the world. All our members put politics, religion, and personal things aside so each member can live by the Rotary Pledge and foster our motto of Service Above Self. Members come from every walk of life and are established leaders in their businesses and communities. The networking of members from a diverse array of professional, educational, governmental, business, and public service organizations helps Rotary provide benefits and service locally as well as globally in a way that is highly effective and hopes to be beneficial to all.

*Key points in the process of joining.*

- Invitation to visit from a club member, then applicant attend a some meetings, then if applicant wishes to join they proceed
- Or Applicant turn in application form and club ask for a volunteer member sponsor
- Eligibility for membership is composed of adult persons of good character and good reputation with a career that has involved management, leadership, or a profession
- Applicant turn in application form and include a picture and their occupation classification for the website listing
- A representative from the Membership Committee interviews the applicant and recommends to the Board whether or not the Board should approve the application
  
- Upon Board approval for consideration of membership  
the name of the applicant is published in the club newsletter, the Rotazark, for two weeks to see if any members object to the applicant joining the club.
- Reading of the name of the proposed new member at 2 consecutive meetings
- If there are no objections from current club members, the applicant is introduced as a new member by their sponsor at an upcoming meeting
  
- New member is given a Red name badge until they have completed all the new member requirements
- Red Badge  
Requirements to become Blue Badge Fully Active Member on attached sheet—(basically get involved)
- Our Clubs Dues are set at every 6 months
  - Membership \$110 (one time \$ 175 administrative fee waved if under age 40)
  - Meals \$337.50 (for the weekly meal for 6 months or prorata \$14 per week)
  - Voluntary Service Fund donation \$50
  
- Attendance-- is strongly encouraged. A make-up at a Rotary event or another club's meeting will count toward your attendance and thus many members have several years of perfect attendance with the make-up events.
- Make-up-- can visit any Rotary Club in the World or participate in any Rotary event and get a makeup
- Service Projects—voluntary participation but every member is expected to try and participate when they can
- All members strive to follow our pledge of the Rotary 4-Way-Test.

***We hope **YOUR** joining our club and our many activities will be beneficial to all  
and add even greater strength to our service to our community and the world and  
to our motto of Service Above Self.***