



# *Interested in becoming a Rotarian?*



**The Rotary Club of Peoria** is happy that you have indicated a desire to become a member of this Club. Rotary was founded in Chicago, Illinois in 1905 by Paul Harris to promote friendship among a cross section of business and professional men. In 1987, Rotary was enhanced by offering women the opportunity to become members.

Chartered in 1913 and the 76<sup>th</sup> oldest Rotary Club in the world, **The Rotary Club of Peoria** is the premier service club in the area. Our membership is over 180 strong. Working to improve our community is a very important aspect of Rotary. We strive to participate in activities that make our community a better place in which to live and work.

You have been proposed for membership by a Rotarian who feels you are a leader in our community in your particular business or profession. Basis for membership is on a classification principle, i.e. a surgeon, a tax attorney, a high school principal, etc.

The Rotary Club of Peoria meets every Friday at **(The Warehouse on State - 736 SW Washington St - Peoria, IL 61602)** if the meeting location changes you will be notified by email. Doors open at 11:30 AM. The meetings begin with lunch, club business and program to start at 12:00 noon. Meeting is scheduled to end at 1:00 PM sharp.

## **A Rotarian's Responsibility**

**Attend** Rotary meetings on a regular basis. Missed meetings can be made up at any of the more than **34,000 Rotary Clubs** around the world.

**Participate** in Club activities and service projects.

**Read** the *GREEN LIGHT*, the Club's weekly newsletter. The Green Light keeps you informed about weekly meetings, meeting locations and other pertinent information concerning Club activities, projects and Board Actions.

**Share** Rotary by sponsoring qualified individuals for membership.

**Pay** quarterly dues promptly. **Rotary dues are \$50 quarterly and meals are \$156 quarterly, for a total of \$206. There is an Initiation Fee of \$100 for new members.**

**Inform** Rotary office about your current employment, address, telephone number, email address, etc.

## **Benefits of Rotary Membership**

- Identifies you as a Leader in your profession and our community
- Networking opportunities
- Camaraderie and fellowship
- Pertinent, informative programs featuring speakers from the business community, education and government sectors. Weekly speakers have included national and world leaders.
- Opportunities for community service

## **The Objectives of Rotary**

The objective 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 application of the idea of service by every Rotarian to his/her personal, business and community life
- The advancement of international understanding, good will and peace through a world fellowship of professional business men and women united through the ideal of service.

## The Five Areas of Rotary Service

**Club Service**

**Vocational Service**

**Community Service**

**International Service**

**Youth (New Generation) Service**

Rotary Club of Peoria has many committees that help plan and implement projects to address these areas. New Rotarians are always invited, and encouraged, to participate in activities of particular interest to them. Some of the Club's current activities include a reading partnership with Trewyn School, the *Tee It up for the Troops* golf outing, the Goodwill "*Stand Down*" for homeless veterans, a spaghetti dinner for Wheelchair Basketball athletes and their families, the annual Sterling Merit Awards Banquet honoring the top 8% of graduating high school seniors, the Blumenthal Scholarship at Peoria High School and the Bill Hardin Scholarship at Manual Academy to support Bradley University and Illinois Central College.

## Rotary Giving

The **Rotary Foundation** of Rotary International provides financial support for the achievement of world understanding and peace through local, national and international humanitarian, educational and cultural programs.

The **Rotary Club of Peoria Endowment Fund** provides financial support for projects and organizations that enhance the quality of life in the Peoria Area, consistent with the historic charitable efforts of Rotary.

### ROTARY'S 4-WAY TEST

The 4-Way Test is the ethical guide for all Rotarians to use in their professional and business lives. It has been translated into more than 100 languages and published in thousands of ways. The 4-Way Test should be known and followed by all Rotarians.

Of all the things we think, say or 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?

Speak to your sponsoring Rotary Club of Peoria member about attending an upcoming meeting. For additional membership information contact the Rotary Club of Peoria office at (309) 676-5432 or email [infodowntown@peoriarotary.org](mailto:infodowntown@peoriarotary.org). Visit the club website at [www.peoriarotary.org](http://www.peoriarotary.org) for up-to-date club information and to take a look at the latest newsletter.

***We hope to see you soon!***



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