

MEMBER EXPECTATIONS

Thank you for considering membership in Marion Rotary. You have been approached because one of members concluded that you meet these qualifications.

“Prospective Members must be adults of good character and good business or professional reputation, who hold or have held a policy making position with discretionary authority in any worthy and recognized business, organization, or profession.”

Dues & Meals. Our dues are **\$290.00** a year and you will be expected to pay **\$19.25** a week for your Tuesday lunch whether or not you attend. This works out to **\$1,291.00** a year with the meals paid quarterly. There is a one-time initiation fee of \$100.00, unless you are transferring from another Rotary Club.

Attendance. We want members who will participate. We expect members to attend 60% of our meetings. If you join and do not attend 50% of the meetings two calendar quarters in a row you may be dropped from membership.

Service. Rotary is a service club and you should not join if you do not want to support our charitable efforts locally and internationally. Our motto is “Service above Self.”

Contributions. Traditionally, Marion Rotary’s contribution has been primarily financial through our local foundation. In recent years Marion Rotary marked our club’s 100th anniversary with a gift of \$470,000 to build the new all-access playground in McKinley Park. For our 75th Anniversary we donated \$143,000 to help build the YMCA and marked Rotary International’s 100th anniversary with a gift of \$35,000 to establish a new Turning Point shelter for victims of domestic violence. In addition to our projects, we have donated over \$20,000 a year in the form of college scholarships for local students and approximately \$25,000 in contributions to local charities annually.

Rotary International’s Foundation operates the largest student and teacher exchange programs in the world and carries out projects on every continent to improve education, eradicate disease, and promote peace. Rotary has been a prime mover in the efforts to eliminate Polio. You will be expected to make contributions to both foundations. You become a sustaining member of either foundation by committing to contribute \$100.00 a year for 10 years. Once you give \$1,000 you are designated a “Fellow” of that Foundation.

Leadership. Soon after you join you will be asked to participate in one or more of our committees and you will be expected to participate in a couple of committees every year. In fact, many committees require very little commitment of time over the year from its members. However, you will also be expected to chair committees when asked. Chairing a committee requires a greater time commitment. Each year you will be asked on which committees you want to serve, and your preferences will usually be honored. In time, you may be asked to serve on our Club’s and Foundation’s Boards.

OBJECT OF ROTARY

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:

First: The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;

Second: High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying by each Rotarian of their occupation as an opportunity to serve society;

Third: The application of ideal of service by every Rotarian to their personal, business and community life;

Fourth: The advancement of international understanding, good will, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional men and women united in the ideal of service.