



Welcome!

You're considering joining Rotary, the world's oldest and largest humanitarian service organization, and specifically, the Rotary Club of Marietta Metro, serving Marietta and the surrounding area since 1978.

More than just weekly lunch meetings.

Membership in Rotary involves a commitment of your time and talents. You'll find that you make strong friendships and valuable business and community connections through your participation in Rotary. Members are expected to attend as many of our weekly luncheons as possible; however, we understand that from time to time you'll need to miss a meeting for business or personal reasons.

Participation is the key! To get the most from your membership in Rotary, we encourage you to serve on a committee, attend some club social events, work actively on our community service projects and fundraising events, and consider serving in a leadership role in the club. Participation in these types of activities will enrich your experience and support the club.

Your financial commitment. We think it's important for you to be aware of the financial expectations before you commit to joining our club. Our club's requirements are as follows:

- Individual dues: \$310/quarter. This covers your dues to Rotary International, Rotary District 6900, our club, and your weekly meal costs.
- Associate Member dues: \$100/quarter plus the cost of the meal at each meeting you attend (currently \$25). This covers the cost of dues to Rotary International, Rotary District 6900, and our club.
- Corporate Member dues: \$310/quarter for the primary corporate member plus \$30/quarter for each additional Associate corporate member. This covers dues to Rotary International, District 6900, our club, and one person's weekly meal.

Dues are billed by email from the Treasurer and can be paid by check (sent by mail or brought to any meeting) or credit card.

Additional obligations and opportunities

- *Annual Golf Tournament* – this is our major fundraiser held in May, the proceeds from which fund our many service projects. All members are expected to participate in some way.
- *Annual Sporting Clays Classic* – this is a smaller fundraiser, usually held in September, that also helps fund our projects.
- *Sunshine* – this is a time during each meeting when members are encouraged to share personal or family news that makes them happy. Each Sunshine announcement is \$1.00. There's no requirement to participate but doing so helps the other club members get to know you better.
- *Weekly Raffle* – Again, you aren't required to participate; however, if you're willing, you will be assigned to bring a raffle prize worth \$25-\$50 to one meeting per year. Proceeds from the weekly raffles help to fund the scholarships we award to local college students.

Your service commitment

Rotarians are committed to making the world a better place by applying their time, effort, and financial resources to local, regional, and international Rotary club service projects. The service commitment Rotarians make is live our motto of "Service Above Self."

All members of the club commit to:

- Attendance at weekly meetings
- Periodic assistance with meeting duties
- Participation in our various community service and fundraising events
- Membership on a committee or special project

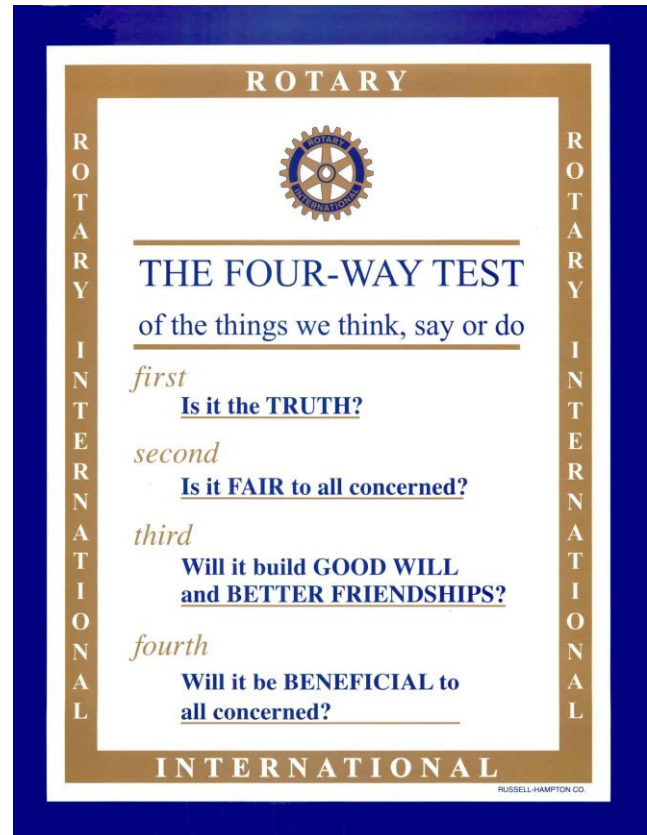
Opportunities to get involved

Once you've been a Rotarian for a while and you learn more about the club, you may find yourself motivated to get more involved. If so, you're encouraged to visit other clubs, attend RLI (Rotary Leadership Institute), attend the annual District Conference and/or District Training Assembly, attend the annual Rotary International Convention.

Application Process

A member of our club in good standing must sponsor you for membership. The process is as follows:

1. You attend three club meetings. This will give you and other club members an opportunity to start getting acquainted.
2. When you're ready, the club Secretary will send you an application form. The form can be completed and submitted online.
3. As soon as the application form is received, it is circulated to the members of the Board of the Club for a vote. (Usually takes a couple of days.)
4. After the vote is taken, the application is sent to all members of the club. They have 7 days to review it. If no objections are received, you will be notified the club President is ready to induct you into the club.
5. When you're inducted, you will receive your Rotary pin and a red member badge. We hope you'll wear your pin proudly!
6. At some point in the process, you will be invited to attend a Rotary information session that we refer to as a "Fireside Chat." It's held in the evening for a couple of hours and includes a light supper.
7. A few weeks after your induction, you'll be asked to give a short (2-5 min.) speech to the club. This will be an opportunity for you to share a bit more about yourself, your family, and your business and perhaps a funny story or two.
8. Your sponsor's role is to help you become better acquainted with the workings on the club, to introduce you to other members, and to answer any questions you might have.
9. You will receive a weekly newsletter every Sunday evening or Monday morning. It's a brief recap of coming dates and events, as well as club meeting assignments. Also be sure to check the club calendar on our website and *LIKE* us on Facebook.



Some of our service projects:

- Dictionaries for all 3rd graders in the MCS
- Preparing and serving dinners at the Men's and Women's Extensions
- Supplies and equipment for autistic children at Dunleith Elementary School
- Construction of an outdoor classroom at Hayes Elementary School
- Valentine's Day treat bags for senior citizens receiving Meals on Wheels
- Scholarships for students at Georgia Highlands College and Chatt Tech
- SOAP Project to combat Human Trafficking
- Personal care items for LiveSafe Resources
- The SOUPer Bowl project to benefit food insecure students
- Interact clubs at Marietta, Pope, and Lassiter High Schools
- Clothing drive for homeless veterans
- Veterans Day program
- Collection of home medical equipment for FODAC
- Emily Lembeck Early Learning Center reading program
- And many more!