# Rotary Club of the Plainfields



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## **Information for Prospective Members**

Rotarians are business and professional leaders who take an active role in their communities while greatly enriching their personal and professional lives. A Rotary club contains a diverse group of professional leaders from the community that the club serves.

#### Membership in a Rotary club offers a number of benefits, including:

- Effecting change within the community.
- Developing leadership skills.
- Gaining an understanding of and having an impact on international humanitarian issues.
- Developing relationships with community and business leaders.

Through Rotary's service programs, a Rotary club can have a significant effect on the quality of life in its community. Rotary Foundation programs offer opportunities to form international partnerships that help people in need worldwide. Some 1.2 million Rotarians in 33,000 clubs in more than 220 countries and geographic areas make significant contributions to the quality of life at home and around the globe.

#### **Resources for Prospective Members**

Our Club has been an active partner with our communities since 1921. We provide service opportunities to youth, seniors, and to all people. Our active scholarship program is exemplary; our support for the Rotary Foundation's effort to eliminate polio is on-going. Our Dictionary Project helps all third graders in both communities. For more information about our club, please visit our website - www.rotarypnp.org.

To find out more about Rotary International's rich history and the organization's mission and structure, visit the RI website (<u>www.rotary.org</u>) and see <u>About Rotary</u>. You can also explore recent issues affecting Rotary at <u>News & Features</u>.



## Becoming a Rotarian

Rotary International is one of the world's largest service organizations. The goal for a club's membership is to maintain an up-to-date and progressive representation of the community's business, vocational, and professional interests.

An important distinction between Rotary and other organizations is that membership in Rotary is by invitation. Rotary clubs invite individuals to join and become members.

Membership is vital to a Rotary club's operations and community service activities. A primary goal of the club is to continually expand the club with committed members who have the interest and ability to get involved in service and humanitarian projects. Prospective members are expected to:

- hold or be retired from a professional, proprietary, executive, or managerial position or from a community leadership position or otherwise be able to participate in Rotary meetings and activities;
- have a true interest in helping others with a group of like-minded people;
- have the capacity to meet the club's attendance or community project participation requirements;
- live or work or serve within the locality of the club or the surrounding area.

#### The membership process:

A person being considered for membership is invited by a member/sponsor to submit an application that is forwarded to the club's membership committee or Board of Directors. After membership is approved, the prospective member is invited to join and is sent an invoice for dues and membership fee. The new member is invited to a meeting and is inducted into the Club.

#### Classifications: professional representation:

Rotary uses a classification system to establish and maintain a vibrant cross-section of the community's business, vocational, and professional interests among members and to develop a pool of resources and expertise to successfully implement service projects. This system is based on the Rotary founders' paradigm of choosing cross-representation of each business, profession, and institution within a community.



A classification describes either the principal business or the professional service of the organization that the Rotarian works for or the Rotarian's own activity within the organization. Some examples of classifications include: clergy, consulting, social service, education, medical, banking, insurance, retail, and web development.

### **Responsibilities of Membership**

Rotary club membership carries certain responsibilities.

- Members are encouraged to attend as many weekly meetings of the club as possible (generally 50% over six months). Activities that count toward attendance include attending our club's regular meeting or that of another Rotary club; attending various other Rotary events; participating in Club projects; or attending Club or District committee or board meetings.
- Members are required to pay annual dues which include meals and dues for District 7475 and Rotary International. Dues are currently \$200 plus \$15/week for luncheon expense, and are invoiced \$225.00 per quarter, or pay in full, or make other arrangements. The Board may approve payment of the membership dues only and then payment of the luncheon fee whenever the member attends.
- Members are expected to participate in club service projects and support other club activities. (These count toward attendance.)
- Members are encouraged to aspire to leadership or committee roles, both within the club and within the District.

## Interested in the Rotary Club of the Plainfields?

If you are ready to make a commitment to serve the communities of Plainfield, North Plainfield and South Plainfield, and to support Rotary activities on an international scale, please fill out the membership application.

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## Rotary Club of the Plainfields Membership Application Form

Dear Prospective Club Member: Please complete as much information on this form as possible, and return it to me. Shaded items will be completed after the application is approved. If you have any questions, feel free to call me. Michael Townley Club Secretary Rotary Club of Plainfield-N. Plainfield c/o 342 Rahway Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080-3741 Tel.: 908-822-1441 or 908-227-6782 (m) Fax: 908-634-6634 E-mail: PNPRotary@gmail.com

First Name	Send mail Home Send Home to: Work e-mail to: Work
Middle Initial	n/a
Last Name	Spouse/Partner First Na
Nickname	Spouse/Partner Last Na
Company Name	Home Address 1
Title	Home Address 2
Work Address	Home City
WorkAddress2	State/Province
City	Postal Code
State/Province	Home Phone
Postal Code	Home Fax
Work Phone	Home Email
Extension	Pager/Pers. Cell #
Work Fax	Date of Birth **
Work Email	** - This information is used for Rotary International; your year of birth will not be disclosed to others.
CellPhone	
Website	If invited to join, I agree to comply with the By-Laws
Rotarian Since	and Constitution of this Club. I recognize that being a Rotarian means active participation in Club events and
Former Club	regular attendance at meetings, and that I will be invoiced for annual membership and luncheon fees.
Date Joined	Signed:
Sponsor	Date:
Classification	

Please indicate your availability for weekly meetings and occasional afternoon/evening projects:

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