



Rotary Club of Sylva



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Standard of Membership

An association of over 1.2 million members representing 34,000 autonomous clubs in 160 countries, Rotary International (RI) is the world's largest service organization. The goal for a club's membership is an up-to-date and progressive representation of the community's business, vocational and professional interests. Members of Rotary are part of a diverse group of leaders working to address various community and international service needs and to promote peace and understanding throughout the world. We need new members to infuse our club with new ideas, energy, and enthusiasm. Our members are our most important asset. They are the force that allows Rotary to carry out its' humanitarian efforts and achieve its mission.

The Rotary Club of Sylva has a rich and proud tradition of quality and enthusiastic members who have enabled our club to thrive and achieve remarkable success in supporting community and RI causes. Our goal is to have a vital club with individuals who represent the diversity of the community. We seek members who demonstrate professional growth, leadership, and 'service about self' and who have the interest and ability to support our club and its projects. We are committed to a continuation of that tradition for the good of all those we serve.

In order to assure that potential candidates for membership and their sponsors are fully aware of and prepared to accept the responsibilities of club membership, each club member who is considering proposing an individual for membership is urged to be familiar with and support our standard and this process for the recruitment of new members.

Qualifications:

Candidates for membership must:

- Hold – or be retired from a position of professional stature in the public or private sector.
- Demonstrate volunteer service commitment to the community or chosen field of endeavor.
- Have the availability and willingness to meet the club's personal engagement goals; attendance (including make-ups); and community project participation requirements.
- Live or work within the Jackson County area.

Responsibilities of Membership

Rotary club membership carries with it certain responsibilities:

- Members are expected to attend weekly meetings of the club. If unable to meet in person, opportunities to make up attendance include attending a regular meeting of another Rotary club, attending various other Rotary committee meetings, or attending a club service or social project authorized by the Board of Directors.
- Members are required to meet the financial obligations of the club in a timely manner. RI, District and club dues are \$182.50/quarter for Rotary year 2017-18. Members are also expected to contribute voluntarily, but generously, to The Rotary Foundation. The standard is \$25 per quarter, and it is encouraged that all members give through Rotary Direct.
- There is a one time \$50 admission fee that is paid to the Rotary Foundation. The club matches this \$50 in a member's name as a welcome.
- Members are expected to participate in or otherwise support local or international Rotary activities or projects.
- All members are required to participate in the club's fundraisers.
- All members should participate in a committee, continuous improvement opportunities, and aspire to leadership roles within the club.

New Member Process

1. Sponsor invites prospective member to first of three meetings.
 - Sponsor orients the prospective member with 'Our Standard of Membership', Benefits of Membership, and "Responsibilities of Membership".
 - Sponsor introduces the prospective member to as many Rotarians as possible.
2. Prospective member attends the third of three meetings and completes the "New Member Information Form".
3. At the next board meeting the officers/directors review the New Member Application Form and vote to forward the application to the club membership.
4. The general membership has seven days to comment on the new member application.
5. The board determines classification status; reviews any member comments; and makes final determination.
6. Upon approval, the individual is sworn-in as a member; a mentor is assigned; and s/he begins the 'New Member Orientation Program'.