



## ROTARY CLUB OF LEXINGTON MEMBER PROPOSAL

### PROPOSED MEMBER INFORMATION

(PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT LEGIBLY)

I am proposing \_\_\_\_\_ for active membership in the Rotary Club of Lexington.

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Business Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Business Address \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Nature of Business \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Position: (check one) \_\_\_\_\_ Proprietor \_\_\_\_\_ Partner \_\_\_\_\_ Corporate Officer  
\_\_\_\_\_ Manager \_\_\_\_\_ Community leader \_\_\_\_\_ Other

Please describe: \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_ How Long Held \_\_\_\_\_

Description of Responsibilities \_\_\_\_\_

Previous Place of Employment/ Involvement \_\_\_\_\_

Dates \_\_\_\_\_ Position(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Information \_\_\_\_\_

Length of Residence in Lexington \_\_\_\_\_

Previous Membership in Rotary? \_\_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_\_ no Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_

Civic/Charitable Involvements, including years of service and offices held:

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## SPONSOR INFORMATION

Sponsor \_\_\_\_\_  
Name Primary Phone

How long have you known the proposed member? \_\_\_\_\_

Four Additional References

(at least two must be active members of the Rotary Club of Lexington)

Name _____	Phone _____
Name _____	Phone _____
Name _____	Phone _____
Name _____	Phone _____

### FOR MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE:

Proposal Received \_\_\_\_\_





## FAQs: Rotary Membership Proposal Process

### **What kind of member is Rotary looking for?**

Membership in Rotary involves a selection process.

The Rotary International Constitution is specific about the qualities we seek in a prospective Rotarian:

- Professionals and community leaders of good character and reputation
- Engaged as a proprietor, partner, corporate officer, manager or holding an important position in a recognized business, profession or within the community.
- Holding executive capacity with discretionary authority
- May be retired from any such position, and living or doing business in the club's local area  
(Article V, Section 2, Constitution of Rotary International)

### **What is the process for inviting a proposed member?**

- A Rotary member fills out a Membership Proposal form and sends it to the Executive Director who passes it along to the membership committee.
- The proposed member's name, sponsor and classification is published in the weekly newsletter "Wheel Horse" for review and comment by the membership.
- If, after seven days, there are no written objections from the membership, the Executive Director presents the membership proposal to the Board of Directors.
- When approved by the board, the proposed member along with their sponsor and chairman of the New Member Orientation Committee are notified that they are ready to be introduced into the club. A date is set on which to introduce the new member to the club at a weekly noon meeting.
- On introduction day, the new member receives a red Rotary badge and lapel pin.

### **What is the orientation process?**

First-year Rotarians ("Yearlings") need to complete a series of requirements before receiving a blue Rotary badge.

- Activities are designed to help Yearlings meet other members and become familiar with the club.
  - participate in a Yearling service project
  - attend a Yearling orientation meeting

- complete a short checklist, done at meetings, that promotes awareness of club meeting activities and member fellowship
- join a standing committee
- Every lunch table is set with at least one red napkin—reserved for a Yearling and identifying him/her for members to spark conversation and new friendships.

### **What are the attendance obligations of membership in the Rotary Club of Lexington?**

Members are expected to attend 50% of meetings OR make them up. Meetings are held every Thursday at the Red Mile from 12:00-1:00pm. Meeting can be made up through:

- Viewing meetings online in real time on Periscope or at any other time on YouTube
- Attending meetings of other Rotary clubs
- Attending board or committee meetings
- Serving at Rotary events

### **What are the financial obligations?**

- \$250 one-time admission fee, due upon acceptance
- \$525 annual dues, prorated in year one. Discounts are available for Seniors and Young Professionals.
- Many voluntary opportunities also exist to support the club's local projects through the Rotary Club of Lexington Endowment Fund and the international projects through The Rotary Foundation.

### **Are members required to serve on committees and participate in projects?**

- Rotary is so much more than a weekly networking lunch. The heart of Rotary is “**service above self.**” Members find the greatest meaning of their membership in the many, varied opportunities to serve the club and the community. They also build better friendships and business relationships through joining with other members in service.
- Members are expected to be active in recruiting additional club members.

## **PEOPLE OF ACTION**

**ROTARY - where neighbors, friends and problem solvers share ideas, join leaders and take action to create lasting change!**

