

# Why You Should Join Rotary

1. **Friendship:** In an increasingly complex world, Rotary provides one of the most basic human needs: the need for friendship and fellowship. It is one of two reasons why Rotary began in 1905.
2. **Business Development:** The second original reason for Rotary's beginning is business development. Everyone needs to network. Rotary consists of a cross section of the business community. Its members come from all walks of life. Rotarians help each other and help others.



Rotarians serving dinner to temporary residents at the YMCA shelter in Plainfield.

3. **The Opportunity to Serve:** Rotary is a service club. Its business is humankind. Its product is service. Rotarians provide community service to both local and international communities. This is perhaps the best reason for becoming a Rotarian: the chance to do something for somebody else.

Like our scholarship program, which awards nearly \$20,000 annually to deserving high school seniors graduating from Plainfield and from North Plainfield high schools..

4. **Personal Growth and Development:** Membership in Rotary continues one's growth and education in human relations and personal development.
5. **Leadership Development:** Rotary is an organization of leaders and successful people. Serving in Rotary positions is like a college education. Leadership: - learning how to motivate, influence, and lead leaders.
6. **Citizenship in the Community:** Membership in a Rotary club makes one a better citizen. The average Rotary club consists of the most active citizens of any community.
7. **Continuing Education:** Each week at Rotary there is a program designed to keep one informed about what is going on in the community, nation, and world. Each meeting provides an opportunity to listen to different speakers and a variety of timely topics.
8. **Fun:** Rotary is fun! Each meeting is fun. The club projects are fun. Social activities are fun. The service is fun.
9. **Public Speaking Skills:** Many individuals who joined Rotary were afraid to speak in public. Rotary develops confi-

dence and skill in public communication and the opportunity to practice and perfect these skills.

10. **Citizenship in the World:** Every Rotarian wears a pin that says "Rotary International." There are few places on the globe that do not have a Rotary club.

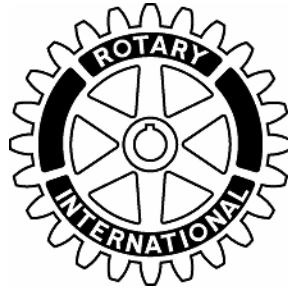
Every Rotarian is welcome – even encouraged – to attend any of the 32,000 clubs in 200 nations and geographical regions. This means instant friends in one's own community and in the world community.

11. **Assistance when Traveling:** Because there are Rotary clubs everywhere, many a Rotarian in need of a doctor, lawyer, hotel, dentist, advice, etc., while traveling has found assistance through Rotary.
12. **Entertainment:** Every Rotary club and district has parties and activities that provide diversion in one's business life. Rotary holds conferences, conventions, assemblies, and institutes that provide entertainment in addition to Rotary information, education, and service.
13. **The Development of Social Skills:** Every week and at various events and functions, Rotary develops one's personality, social skills and people skills. Rotary is for people who like people.
14. **Family Programs:** Rotary provides one of the world's largest youth exchange programs; high school (Interact) and college (Rotract) clubs for

future Rotarians; opportunities for spouse involvement; and a host of activities designed to help family members in growth and the development of family values.

15. **Vocational Skills:** Every Rotarian is expected to take part in the growth and development of his or her own profession or vocation; to serve on committees and to teach youth about one's job or vocation.
16. **The Development of Ethics:** Rotarians are expected to be ethical in business and personal relationships. Rotarians practice the 4-Way Test that governs one's ethical standards.
1. Is it the Truth?
  2. Is it Fair to all Concerned?
  3. Will it build Goodwill and Better Friendships?
  4. Will it be Beneficial to all Concerned?
17. **Cultural Awareness:** Around the world, practically every religion, country, culture, race, creed, political persuasion, language, color, and ethnic identity is found in Rotary. It is a cross section of the world's most prominent citizens from every background.
18. **Prestige:** Rotary members are prominent leaders of business, the professions, art, government, sports, military, religion, and all disciplines. Its ranks include executives, managers, professionals – people who make decisions and influence policy.

19. **Nice People:** Rotarians above all are nice people - the nicest people on the face of the earth. They are important people who follow the policy of it is nice to be important but it is important to be nice.
20. **The Absence of an "Official Creed":** Rotary has no secret handshake, no secret policy, no official creed, no secret meeting or rituals. It is an open society of men and women who simply believe in helping others, both in the local and international communities.



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Contact us today for more information about our Rotary Club and how you can be considered for membership.

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