

# 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](http://www.rotarypnp.org).

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

## **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.

## ***Information for Prospective Rotarians***

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 dues for District 7475 and Rotary International. Dues are \$300 per year for individuals and \$900 per year for corporations, paid quarterly or in full. Non-corporate members pay \$15 for meals at meetings. The Board may approve an alternate dues payment schedule on request.
- *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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## Membership Application Form

Dear Prospective Club Member  
 Please complete this form and return it by mail or email. Items marked \* will be completed after processing. After the Board approves membership, you will receive an invoice for dues. If you have any questions, feel free to call the secretary.

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First Name

Middle Initial

Last Name

Nickname

Company Name

Title

Work Address

Work Address 2

City

State

Zip Code

Work Phone

Extension

Work Fax

Work Email

Work Cell Phone

Website

Rotarian Since

Former Club

Sponsor \*

Date Joined \*

Classification \*

Comments or questions \_\_\_\_\_

Send mail  Home  
 to:  Work

Send  Home  
 e-mail to:  Work

Spouse or Partner  
 First Name

Spouse or Partner  
 Last Name

Home Address 1

Home Address 2

City

State

Zip Code

Home Phone

Home Fax

Home Email

Personal Cell Phone

Date of Birth \*\*

\*\* - This information is used for Rotary International; your year of birth will not be disclosed to others.

I agree to comply with the By-Laws and Constitution of this Club. I recognize that being a Rotarian means active participation in Club events and/or attendance at meetings. I further agree to pay the one-time application fee of \$25, the annual membership fee of \$300, plus the cost of meals (\$15 each) for meetings I attend.

Sign/type: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_