



# CLUB INFORMATION AND MEMBERSHIP PACKET

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## ROTARY and Club 23...

**What would it take to change the World? Rotary International is the world's first service Club organization, with more than 1.2 million members in 33,000 clubs worldwide.** Rotary club members are volunteers who work locally, regionally and internationally to combat hunger, improve health and sanitation, provide education and job training, promote peace, eradicate polio under the motto 'Service Above Self.'

**Since our founding in 1911, The Rotary Club of Harrisburg has been dedicated to doing good in the world as the 23rd oldest Rotary Club internationally (hence our nickname, Club 23.)** The Rotary Club of Harrisburg has been dedicated to doing good in the world as the 23<sup>rd</sup> oldest Rotary Club internationally. As Harrisburg's premier service organization with approximately 200 members, The Rotary Club of Harrisburg is comprised of some of the region's most prominent community leaders – men and women with diverse backgrounds in business, professions, religions, civic and non-profit organizations. Our members actively strengthen the Harrisburg community through our service, fellowship and by example. We gather at weekly meetings and other functions to fulfill our commitment to the Rotarian ideals of friendship, fellowship, and service to others. Committees/programs promote social and fellowship events, such as our annual Pancake Breakfast to benefit the Harrisburg School District.

**There has never been a better time to be involved in Rotary—where member benefits, community service and networking opportunities await you.** Other Club service committees bring us exceptional speakers each week, focus on our membership, work with our club website and PR/communications. Still others provide opportunities for hands-on contributions to local youth programs such as our Youth Community Development Team; Scholarships and Rotary Youth Leadership Awards. Committees with an international emphasis offer opportunities to participate in World Community Service, Youth Exchange, Ambassadorial Scholarships, Group Study Exchanges and Vocational Services. For more information, please visit our website at [www.hbgrotary.org](http://www.hbgrotary.org). Thank you for taking time to learn about Harrisburg Rotary. Below are some answers to frequently asked questions about club membership.

## Becoming a Member...

Below are some answers to frequently asked questions about club membership.

**What qualifies someone to join Rotary?** A prospective member must be in good standing in the community and be a business owner, an executive, manage their own time, or be in a managerial position to be eligible for membership.

**How does an individual become a Rotarian?** To join, you must have a sponsor. Your sponsor will invite you to a lunch meeting where you can meet other Rotarians and experience a Rotary meeting.

**Where does Rotary meet?** The Rotary Club of Harrisburg meets each Monday in downtown Harrisburg at the Harrisburg Hilton, 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Harrisburg. The meeting is a luncheon from Noon to 1:15 p.m. Occasionally we will meet offsite at another location. Please check our meetings calendar at [www.hbgrotary.org](http://www.hbgrotary.org).

**What are the current financial obligations of belonging to Harrisburg Rotary? (Rotary Fiscal Year: July 1—June 30)**

Annual: Dues (mandatory) .....	\$ 900.00
Initiation Fee (one time, due with application) .....	\$ 200.00*
Total Mandatory Costs.....	\$1,100.00
Giving to our Harrisburg Rotary Club Foundation (expected) .....	\$ 100.00
Giving to The Rotary Foundation (expected) .....	\$ 100.00
	\$1,300.00

**\*\*The initiation fee is waived for former members who rejoin within one year; \$100 after one year. Fees for Rotarians transferring from other Clubs is \$100 from within District 7390; \$150 outside our District.**

**Are there minimum attendance requirements?** To remain in good standing, a 50% attendance record is expected. Meetings missed are easy to make up. Attendance at regularly scheduled committee meetings, board meetings, new member orientations, Club social functions all count as a meeting. Additionally, you can make up a missed meeting by attending other Rotary Club meetings two weeks prior or two weeks after a missed meeting.

**What is the New Membership process?** Your Sponsor will ask you to complete a prospective Member Application and return it. Upon receipt, you will be notified by email. The Application will be submitted to the Board for consideration. Upon approval, you will be notified immediately. As soon as scheduling allows, you will be introduced to the Club by your sponsor during a regular Monday Club lunch meeting. At this meeting, you will receive your Red name badge.

**Is there a New Member Orientation?** The Rotary Club of Harrisburg is committed to help new members find their place in the Rotary World, availing all aspects of service to better the world around us. Our Club's New Member Orientation will follow a regular Rotary meeting with a New Member Packet filled with information about the Club.

**Are prospective members ever turned down?** Prospective members can be turned down because the Membership Committee or the Board of the Club feels that he/she does not meet the qualification for membership. Initiation fees will be returned.

Application is available for computer entry at [www.hbgrotary.org](http://www.hbgrotary.org)

**Thank you for taking time to learn about The Rotary Club of Harrisburg.**

# The Rotary Club of Harrisburg Membership Application

(application is available as a .pdf writeable form)

## Proposed Member and Sponsor Identification

Proposed Member's Full Name \_\_\_\_\_ Nickname \_\_\_\_\_ Prefix \_\_\_\_\_  
Harrisburg Rotarian Sponsor \_\_\_\_\_

## Business or Professional (Current position or last position held. Retired)

Business Name \_\_\_\_\_ Position/Title \_\_\_\_\_  
Direct Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell (optional) \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail address for Rotary Communications \_\_\_\_\_ Send mail to:  Home  Business  
Principal Activity of Firm \_\_\_\_\_  
Brief description of job duties \_\_\_\_\_

Length of time with business/organization \_\_\_\_\_ Number of employees \_\_\_\_\_

Please check below which most nearly describes your organization?

Public  Private  Sole Proprietorship  Nonprofit  Government  Other (\_\_\_\_\_)

## Personal and Family Information

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date (M/D/Y) \_\_\_\_\_  
Birth Place: City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_  
Hobbies/Interests \_\_\_\_\_  
Spouse/Partner's Full Name \_\_\_\_\_ Nickname \_\_\_\_\_  
Children (living at home or age 18 and under) \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Public High School that students living in your neighborhood attend \_\_\_\_\_

## Education

High School \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_  
College \_\_\_\_\_ Degree \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_  
Graduate \_\_\_\_\_ Degree \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

## Previous Vocational Experience (Complete if you have been in your current position less than 3 years)

Company	Position	Yrs. with Company
_____	_____	_____
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_____	_____	_____

## Community/Social/Civic Involvement (List current/recent involvement)

Name	Years	Offices held (if any)
_____	_____ to _____	_____
_____	_____ to _____	_____
_____	_____ to _____	_____
_____	_____ to _____	_____
_____	_____ to _____	_____

**Professional Organizations** *(List professional memberships)*

<i>Name</i>	<i>Years</i>	<i>Offices held (if any)</i>
_____	_____ to _____	_____
_____	_____ to _____	_____
_____	_____ to _____	_____

**Previous Rotary Experience** *(including membership with our club)*

Name of Club \_\_\_\_\_ Date Joined \_\_\_\_\_ Date Resigned \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Past President/DG? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, when/where? \_\_\_\_\_

**Rotary International Foundation Affiliation** *(if applicable)*

PHF Level \_\_\_\_\_ RI Number (if known) \_\_\_\_\_ Rotary Achievements (i.e. Officer/Director, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

**Three references we may contact.**

<i>Name</i>	<i>Phone</i>	<i>E-mail (optional)</i>	<i>(Personal or Business)</i>
_____	_____	_____	P ___ B ___
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**Why would you like to be a Rotarian?**

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**Applicant's Certification Statement**

**Please read carefully and initial each:** *(typed initials are acceptable)*

- \_\_\_\_ The responsibilities and criteria for membership have been fully explained to me by my sponsor.
- \_\_\_\_ I certify that I am personally and actively engaged in the business or profession or professional activity as noted under the Vocational information above.
- \_\_\_\_ I have been informed of the financial commitments of membership. I understand that the initiation fee accompanying this application will be held by the Club until my membership has been approved. In the event an invitation is not extended, this check will be returned. I understand that I will be billed quarterly in advance for Club dues and luncheons. Currently those costs total \$225 per quarter. Upon invitation to membership, I understand that I will receive a pro-rated bill for the remainder of that quarter's dues and luncheons following my acceptance.
- \_\_\_\_ I understand that each member is expected to support both Foundations and the Club's annual fundraisers.
- \_\_\_\_ I understand that each member should attend this club's regular meetings as frequently as possible. All Club members are required to actively participate in club activities and service projects. Rotary's ideal of 'Service Above Self' calls for Rotarians to serve others by following high ethical and moral standards.
- \_\_\_\_ Enclosed with this application is a photo (preferably digital) which will be published in our Roster upon membership acceptance.

**Applicant Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_  
*(typed name is acceptable)*