

# What are the BENEFITS of joining Rotary?

**Friendship.** In an increasingly complex world, Rotary provides one of the most basic human needs: the need for friends and fellowship. It is one of the two reasons why Rotary began in 1905.

**Business Development.** The second original reason for Rotary's beginning. Everyone needs to network. Rotary consists of a cross section of every business community. Its members come from all walks of life. Rotarians help one another, and collectively help others.

**Personal Growth and Development.** Membership in Rotary continues one's growth and education in human relations and personal development.

**Leadership Development.** Rotary is an organization of leaders and successful people. Serving in Rotary positions is like a college education in leadership: learning how to motivate, influence and lead leaders.

**Citizenship in the Community.** Membership in a Rotary club makes one a better community citizen. The average Rotary club consists of the most active citizens of any community.

**Continuing Education.** Each week at Rotary there is a program designed to keep one informed as to what is going on in the community, nation and world. Different speakers, different topics.

**Fun.** Rotary is fun. A lot of fun. Each meeting is fun. The club projects are fun. Social activities are fun. And the service is fun.

**Public Speaking Skills.** Many individuals who join Rotary are afraid to speak in public. Rotary develops confidence and skill in public communication. And opportunity.

**Citizenship in the World.** Every Rotarian wears a pin that says: "Rotary International." And every Rotarian is welcome - even encouraged to attend - 29,000 clubs in 195 nations and geographical regions. There are few places on the globe which do not have a Rotary club. Instant friends in both one's own community and in the world community.

**The Development of Social Skills.** Every week and at various events and functions, Rotary develops one's personality, social and people skills.

**Family Programs.** Rotary provides one of the world's largest youth exchange programs; high school and college clubs for future Rotarians.

**Vocational Skills.** Every Rotarian is expected to take a 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.



**Rotary**  *It's not all hard work!*

Rotarians have a lot of fun while helping others. Rotary combines service with opportunities to make professional connections and friends.

CHALLENGES: **Teamwork** **Mentoring**

**Leadership**

*Inspiration*

**NETWORKING**

*Fun & Friendship*

*Community Involvement*

*Global Connections*

*Responsibility*

*Support for your cause*

*Recognition*

*Sense of Purpose*

*But what's in it for me?*

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