

Becoming a Rotarian

- **The Rotary Club of Sturbridge**

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Our Motto: Service above Self

What else do I need to know?

Becoming a Rotary Club member is by invitation. While we are a friendly and relaxed Club of men and women, we do follow policies and procedures that help us keep the Club running smoothly, while respecting the wishes of the majority of members.

Attendance

We meet every week at 6 PM on Monday evenings at the Publick House in Sturbridge.

If traveling, members can 'make-up' a missed meeting at any of the 35,000 Rotary Clubs in 120+ countries; usually a great experience, offering friendship and insights into local and national customs.

Rotarians are required to attend at least 50% of regular meetings (including make-ups) to maintain their membership, but attending more frequently is strongly encouraged and beneficial.

Dress Code

Rotarians customarily wear "business casual" at meetings.

Badges

Rotary pins and badges are worn at all Rotary meetings, indicating your membership classification and identifying you to other Rotarians.

Your Sponsor

All potential members have a Club sponsor who is responsible for your smooth introduction to Rotary membership. That sponsor continues as your mentor in all things Rotary.

What does it cost?

Annual Membership dues are currently \$200.

The current cost per meeting is \$24.00 which includes a multi-course dinner, a 'Happy Dollar' donation, a raffle ticket and is paid the evening of the meeting.

Members are expected to participate in fund raising activities organized by the Club. Those fund our Club's scholarships as well as local and international humanitarian projects.

Members are encouraged to contribute at least \$125 annually to the Rotary Foundation.

There are optional social activities involving pot-luck suppers, theater evenings, sports events and travel, e.g. to Stourbridge UK.

What's Next?

We follow a standard procedure for all potential members which includes:

Inviting a potential member as our guest to a regular meeting, to get to know us.

Holding an Information Meeting with the Membership Chairperson to inform the applicant about the Club and to get to know them better.

Completion of an application form.

Consideration of the application form by the Membership Committee and the Club.

Official induction and welcome to the Club.

Please direct your questions about becoming a member to Membership Chairman Bill Lemke, at 508-347-7416.