**SPONSOR**

As the sponsor of a proposed new member of Rotary, you have certain responsibilities:

1. The proposed member must meet the criteria as laid down by Rotary International, listed below
2. Because membership is by invitation only and must be approved by the Board of Directors, the proposed member, when attending a Rotary meeting, should be introduced as a guest, and not as a proposed member. Take particular care not to commit to the proposed candidate any guarantee of membership – they must meet the listed criteria.
3. If you wish to propose a candidate for membership, fill out the attached form and give or mail to the Club Secretary. You can expect the review process to take about one month before possible induction into the club. You will be notified as the application is processed and will be expected to take part in the orientation prior to induction.
4. The enclosed “What’s Rotary” may be given to the candidate to briefly explain Rotary. Service and involvement in Rotary activities is expected of all members and the candidate must understand that there is a definite time commitment for service and that attendance at weekly Rotary meetings to set minimums (60% is mandatory. They should also be aware that there is a financial commitment of approximately $1500 annually for meals, guests, fund raisers, Rotary dues, District dues and Foundation obligations.

**ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONSTITUTION**

ARTICLE V. SECTION 2 — Composition of Clubs.

1. A club shall be composed of active members each of whom shall be an adult person of good character and good business, professional and/or community reputation,
	1. engaged as a proprietor, partner, corporate officer, or manager of any worthy and recognized business or profession; or
	2. holding any important position in any worthy and recognized business or profession or any branch or agency thereof and have executive capacity with discretionary authority; or
	3. having retired from any position listed in sub-subsection (1) or (2) of this subsection; or
	4. being a community leader who has demonstrated through personal involvement in community affairs a commitment to service and the Object of Rotary; or
	5. having the status of Rotary Foundation alumnus as defined by the board; or
	6. having interrupted employment or having never worked in order to care for children or to assist the spouse in their work

and

having his or her place of business or residence located in the locality of the club or the surrounding area. An active member moving from the locality of the club or the surrounding area may retain membership in the club where the member’s board grants such permission and said active member continues to meet all conditions of club membership.

1. Each club shall have a well-balanced membership in which no one business, profession or type of community service predominates. The club shall not elect a person to active membership from a classification if the club already has five or more members from that classification, unless the club has more than 50 members, in which case the club may elect a person to active membership in a classification so long as it will not result in the classification making up more than 10 percent of the club’s active membership. Members who are retired shall not be included in the total number of members in a classification. The classification of a transferring or former member of a club, or a Rotary Foundation alumnus as defined by the board, shall not preclude election to active membership even if the election results in club membership temporarily exceeding the above limitations. If a member changes classification, the club may continue the member’s membership under the new classification notwithstanding these limitations.
2. The bylaws of RI may provide for active membership and honorary membership in clubs and shall prescribe the qualifications for each.
3. In countries where the word “club” has an inappropriate connotation, Rotary clubs, with the approval of the board, will not be obliged to use it in their names.