

New Applicant Info Sheet

Why Join Rotary

Rotary International is a worldwide service organization with 1.2 million members across 130 countries and 45,000 clubs. Founded by Paul Harris in Chicago in 1905, Rotary has a long-standing tradition of bringing people together to create lasting change.

Rotary's Mission & Vision

Mission: We provide service to others, promote integrity, and advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through our fellowship of business, professional, and community leaders.

Vision: Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change—across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.

What Does This Mean for You?

Make a Real Impact

By being part of Rotary, you will have the chance to contribute to meaningful projects that **directly impact your community and the world**. Whether it's supporting local initiatives, tackling global issues like polio eradication, or leading sustainability efforts, your work will make a difference.

Build Valuable Connections

Rotary is a network of **leaders, professionals, and community builders**. Our members come from diverse industries, allowing you to **build strong relationships, exchange ideas, and even form business partnerships**.

Enhance Your Leadership & Skills

Through **project management, fundraising, public speaking, and strategic planning**, Rotary helps develop skills that you can take back to your workplace and personal life.

Be Part of Something Bigger

Joining Rotary means becoming part of a global movement dedicated to **service, integrity, and leadership**. You'll find inspiration, purpose, and a sense of belonging in a network that extends worldwide.

Kamloops West Rotary Club

Locally, the **Kamloops West Rotary Club** was founded in 1980 and has been actively making a difference in our community and beyond. With **55 members and growing** we are a **dynamic and diverse group** dedicated to meaningful service and fellowship.

If you're looking for a way to **give back, grow as a leader, and connect with like-minded people**, Rotary is the place for you!

Would you like to attend a meeting and see what Rotary is all about?

Contact a member of the **membership committee**

<https://kamloopswestrotary.club/?p=clubleaders> or email info@kamloopswestrotary.club

How to Join Us

We're excited you want to join Kamloops West!

Before submitting your application, take some time to meet with your sponsor to learn about Rotary and what is expected of its members. If you don't have a sponsor, we'll connect you with one. We also encourage you to attend a few meetings and a community event to get to know the club better.

If you haven't already entered your application online, you can go to kamloopswestrotary.club and to the **JOIN US** link at the top of the page. Fill this out with your sponsor.

Please continue to come to any of our club meetings! And if there is a volunteer event that interests you, talk to a member about signing up. We want to get to know you!

The process to become a member can take a month or more. Relax and get involved.

Here's what to expect:

- **Criminal Records Check.** You will receive an email from the BC Government CRC division to fill out your check. We'll send you a copy once it is finalized – usually in 2-3 weeks.
- **Orientation meeting.** You will be invited to meet with some of the Membership Committee to review your application and orient you to the club.
- **Membership committee review.** Our committee will review your application and notes from your orientation at a monthly committee meeting.
- **Board review.** Your application is presented to the board for approval at a monthly board meeting.
- **Club members approval.** Your application is presented to all members for review. This can take a couple weeks.
- **Pay your dues.** You will receive an invoice (pro-rated to July 1). \$325/year
- **You're a member!** We notify you that your application is accepted. The secretary will setup your account and give you instructions to access your member info.
- **Induction.** At a club meeting, we will induct you into the club and present you with your Rotary pin and new member package.
- **Mentor.** We assign you a mentor to guide you through your first Rotary year and complete your New Member Checklist
- **Classification talk.** You speak to the club about who you are and what you do.