



Dear Prospective Bloomington Rotary Member,

Thank you for your interest in the Bloomington Rotary Club! Rotary attracts the finest leaders from all sectors of our community. Bloomington Rotary is one of more than 35,000 Rotary clubs doing good works worldwide. Some reasons that Rotary may be right for you are:

- 1) **Rotary is a highly effective service organization.** Our members make a difference in the community. Throughout our nearly 100 years as a club, Bloomington Rotary members devote countless volunteer hours to organizations in our community, and around the world.
- 2) **Bloomington Rotary fosters a high-caliber business development environment.** Our membership includes top business and community/civic leaders in the region. Our Club provides strong networking and leadership development opportunities.
- 3) **Opportunities for personal growth, citizenship, and fellowship.** Through our weekly programs and service opportunities, our members continue their education on issues that matter, while building new business connections and lasting friendships.
- 4) **No attendance worries!** Our members are busy people, balancing work, family and volunteer commitments. The Bloomington Rotary Club understands this. Each person has their own way to be a Rotarian, which often involves contributions of time and support beyond our weekly luncheons. While we encourage each member to strive toward our goal of 50% attendance/participation over time, we value and recognize that there are many ways to participate outside of our regular luncheons.

Attached is additional information about membership and our organization's rich culture. Questions? Contact our Membership Chair Lori Garraghty at lgarraghty@gmail.com.

Hope to see you soon,

Traci Jovanovic
Bloomington Rotary President



Bloomington Rotary Club Overview

We are “diverse, engaged community of leaders whose fellowship and service have a significant, positive impact locally and globally.”

The Organization

- The Bloomington Rotary Club (www.bloomingtonrotary.org) is part of Rotary International, a worldwide service organization headquartered near Chicago. Rotary International (www.rotary.org) has more than 35,000 clubs and 1.2 million members in more than 200 countries and geographic locations. The Bloomington Rotary Club is part of Rotary’s 32-club Southern Indiana District 6580 (www.rotary6580.org).
- Founded in 1918, the Bloomington Rotary Club is the largest of the three Rotary clubs in the city. As one of the oldest Rotary clubs in the state, the Bloomington Rotary club is often looked to as a model for initiatives within our Rotary District.
- Over the years, Bloomington Rotarians have supported projects for Teachers Warehouse, Hoosier Hills Food Bank, Bloomington high schools, Ivy Tech, the Monroe County Boys and Girls Club, and other area non-profit organizations. Much of the community service work of Bloomington Rotary is funded through the Bloomington Rotary Foundation. The Bloomington Rotary also provides support for a school and orphanage in Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of the Congo.

The Membership

- Rotarians improve the quality of life in their community and around the world. Rotary membership represents a cross-section of local business, community and professional leaders.
- Members meet for lunch weekly on Tuesdays from noon to 1:00 p.m. (or virtually) to network with their peers and to listen to some of the most dynamic personalities in the world. Recent programs have included elected government and university officials, local arts organizations, and health experts. Bloomington Rotary usually meets in the Indiana Memorial Union, 900 E. Seventh Street, when available, following COVID-19 guidelines.

Rotary: **Service Above Self**

- The main objective of Rotary is **service to others in need** – in the community, in the workplace, and throughout the world. Bloomington Rotarians build goodwill and peace, provide humanitarian service, and demonstrate high ethical standards in all vocations.



Process for Becoming a New Member

We're glad you are interested in joining us! The following information will provide an overview of the process for becoming a Bloomington Rotary Club Member:

1. **It starts with a connection!** We want to learn more about you and share information about our Club. Join us as our guest at one of our weekly luncheons.
2. **Express your interest!** Contact our Membership Committee Chair, Club President, or any member. Any current member can sponsor you.
3. **Fill out an application!** Your sponsor, the Membership Chair or Secretary will provide you with an application.
4. **Your application is processed!** The Secretary forwards the application to the Membership and Classification Committees for review and forwarding to our Board.
5. **Membership approval is needed!** The board approves candidates' membership applications.
6. **You're In!** Once approved, you will be inducted at a Tuesday luncheon ceremony.

Questions? Contact: Membership Chair: Lori Garraghty (lgarraghty@gmail.com) or Club President, Traci Jovanovic (Traci.s.jovanovic@gmail.com)



Expectations for Rotary Club Members

Attendance: Our club has a goal of active attendance and participation for each member. In the past, this involved fixed percentages, with some members aspiring to perfect attendance using makeup meetings. That level of commitment is still respected. However, we recognize that the realities of life, family and career make that impractical for many members today, especially younger members. Flexibility has become important. Our goal is to help you meet your goals and help make the world a better place.

Today, Rotary is appealing to both younger and older populations, representing diverse economic and social backgrounds. We value diversity and respect the struggles to maintain work-life balance. We also recognize the importance of including all groups in our community in ways that enrich them and our club. Each person has their own way to be a Rotarian, which often involves contributions of time and support that is not reflected in attendance records. While we encourage each member to strive toward our goal of 50% attendance/participation over time, we value and recognize that there are many ways to participate outside of our regular luncheons.

Given our motto of “service above self” Rotarians are encouraged to participate in meaningful acts of service on behalf of the Club. We provide many opportunities for participation, understanding that our ability to give our time changes at various points in our lives. When a member has a life or career change, they may miss a month or two. We ask that they stay in touch and attend as they can. Members may also attend virtually and may view the recorded videos of our meetings on YouTube.

This is your club, and we want to support your needs and offer flexibility when it’s necessary. We also believe that when our members actively participate, both the Club and the individual receive a lot of benefit. We must work together to help build a better future for our members, the organization, and our community.

Committee Participation/Club Activities: Members are encouraged to serve on a Rotary committee, which can involve additional meetings and activities. Members are encouraged to participate in various Club activities including service projects.

Financial Commitment:

Application Fee	\$60 one-time fee (includes badge fees)
Dues	\$421 annually (\$105.25 billed quarterly)
Meals & Parking	Estimated weekly cost: \$15.11 per meal/billed quarterly when attended.
Annual Giving	\$80 optional contribution to the Bloomington Rotary Foundation (billed \$20 quarterly)
RI Foundation	\$100 optional contribution to Rotary International Foundation (billed \$25 quarterly)

The Rotary Standard of Conduct:

The Rotary “Four-Way Test” is a standard expected of all Rotarians:

1. Is it the Truth?
2. Is it Fair to all concerned?
3. Will it build Goodwill and Better Friendships?
4. Will it be Beneficial to all concerned?

*Plus the Bonus Bloomington Rotary Test - Is it FUN?