



Dear Prospective Bloomington Organizational Member,

Thank you for your interest in the Bloomington Rotary Club! Bloomington Rotary is one of more than 35,000 Rotary clubs doing good works in their communities and other countries. Some reasons to consider joining us include:

- 1) Rotary is a highly effective service organization.** Our members make a difference in our community. For more than 100 years, Bloomington Rotary has made a difference in our community and overseas.
- 2) Bloomington Rotary is a great way to get to know other community leaders and develop your leadership skills.** Membership includes top business, community, and civic leaders and provides strong networking and leadership opportunities.
- 3) Opportunities for personal growth, citizenship, and fellowship.** Through our weekly programs and service opportunities, our members gain insight on issues that matter, while building business connections and lasting friendships.
- 4) Family of Rotary.** As a Bloomington Rotarian, you can visit any of the more than 35,000 clubs in 200 countries throughout the world.

Attached is additional information about membership and our organization's rich culture. Questions? Contact our Membership Chair, Lori Garraghty at [lgarraghty@gmail.com](mailto:lgarraghty@gmail.com).

See you soon,

Traci Jovanovic  
Bloomington Rotary President



## Bloomington Rotary Club Overview

*We are “a 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](http://www.bloomingtonrotary.org)) is part of Rotary International, a worldwide service organization headquartered near Chicago. Rotary International ([www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org)) has more than 35,000 clubs and 1.2 million members in more than 200 countries. The Bloomington Rotary Club is part of Rotary's 32-club Southern Indiana District 6580 ([www.rotary6580.org](http://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, Bloomington Rotary club is often seen as a model for initiatives within our Rotary District.
- Bloomington Rotarians support Teachers Warehouse, Hoosier Hills Food Bank, Bloomington schools, Ivy Tech, Boys and Girls Clubs, and other area non-profit organizations. Bloomington Rotary also provides support for a school and orphanage in Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of the Congo.

### Membership

- Rotarians improve the quality of life in their community and around the world. Rotary membership represents a cross-section of local business and community leaders.
- Members meet for lunch on Tuesdays from noon to 1 p.m. to network and to listen to dynamic speakers. Recent programs have included elected government and university officials, local arts organizations, and health experts. Bloomington Rotary usually meets in the Frangipani Room at Indiana Memorial Union, 900 E. Seventh Street.
- **What is an “Organizational Membership?”** Through Organizational Memberships, organizations support at least one Rotary member, while allowing up to 3-4 additional representatives to participate in Club functions. While the other representatives are not voting members, the organizational membership allows for greater engagement from the organization and opportunities for professional development and relationship building. Representatives will receive a name badge and all Club communications. Just as with our individual memberships, organizational members are encouraged to make annual donations to Bloomington Rotary Foundation (our local charitable foundation) and The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International (Rotary's worldwide charitable foundation).

### Rotary: *Service Above Self*

- The objective of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster: the advancement of international understanding, goodwill and peace through a worldwide fellowship of business professional persons united in the ideal of service.



## Process for Becoming a Member

We're glad you're 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 or service activities.
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](mailto:lgarraghty@gmail.com)), or Club President, Traci Jovanovic ([Traci.s.jovanovic@gmail.com](mailto:Traci.s.jovanovic@gmail.com))



## Expectations for Rotary Club Members

**Attendance:** Our club has a goal of active attendance and participation for each member. While we encourage each member to strive toward our goal of 50% attendance, we value and recognize that there are many ways to participate outside of our regular luncheons. We also believe that when our members actively participate, both the Club and the individual receive a lot of benefit.

**Committee Participation/Club Activities:** Members and organizational representatives are encouraged to serve on a Rotary committee. Time commitments vary. Members and organizational representatives also are encouraged to participate in various club activities, including service projects.

### Financial Commitment:

Application Fee	\$275 one-time fee (includes badge fees for member & representatives)
Dues	\$421 annually (billed \$105.25 per quarter)
Meals & Parking	\$15.11 per meal/billed quarterly (organization will be billed for one meal/week; can be used by any representative(s) toward meal charges during the quarter. Additional meals will be billed accordingly. Charges for unused meals will be included in bill)
Bloomington Rotary Foundation	\$400 suggested annual contribution to the Bloomington Rotary Foundation (optional contribution will be billed quarterly)
The Rotary Foundation	\$100 suggested annual contribution to Rotary International Foundation (optional contribution will be billed 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?