

How to Propose a New Member

While there are many of us who have been involved with Rotary for many years, we have many new Rotarians every year and it is important that each of us knows How to Propose a New Member. To start, every Rotarian has the privilege and obligation to seek qualified members. We can all help our club achieve a full representation of the business and professional life of our community. Membership is the means to accomplish Rotary's Mission and Goal. For those that need more information quickly, please consult the Rotary International website's at <http://www.rotary.org/membership/index.html>

1) What are the qualification for Proposed New Members?

The qualifications listed by Rotary International are

Adult of good character

Proprietor, partner, officer, manager or discretionary position in business/profession, or

Retired from the above

2) Other items to consider

are that the proposed new member understands the expected commitment of time, money and involvement. The expected time commitment: weekly meetings with a minimum of 60% overall attendance, which should really be 75-80%, also meetings, events, committees and service projects. The money commitment as you know, quarterly dues/meals are \$175 (x4=\$700), plus all of the fundraiser items that you cannot sell, another \$200 or so, plus fines and auction items, etc, it is just nice to let potentials know what will be expected. Finally is involvement in committees, social functions, fundraisers, and service projects We should ensure that a proposed new member is aware of all that we will expect from them as a Rotarian.

3) Attracting Prospective Members

The easiest way to Attract Prospective New Members is to talk to them about your experiences in Rotary and to invite them to attend a meeting, fundraiser, club activity or service project.

You can share a variety of Rotary publications with them, *Rotary Basics*, *This is Rotary*, and *What's Rotary?*, which are available on www.rotary.org.

You can introduce them to www.rotary.org, www.district5100.org, or www.hoodriverrotary.org to learn more about Rotary.

4) Eventually you can ask for a **Membership Application** and present it to the Board of Directors.