

## **ROTARY CLUB OF GRANDE PRAIRIE - APPROVAL PROCESS FOR NEW MEMBERS**

Sponsoring a person for membership in the Rotary Club of Grande Prairie is an honor for the applicant and a special responsibility for the sponsoring Rotarian (Sponsor). The approval process can take up to two weeks and includes the following:

1. The Sponsor should bring the applicant to at least two Rotary meetings. Please do not imply that membership in our Rotary Club is guaranteed. This can lead to embarrassment and hurt feelings should the applicant not be accepted. Never introduce your applicant as a "future Rotarian" at a lunch meeting.
2. The Sponsor should discuss both the time commitment (Friday meetings plus service on committees) and the financial commitments of Rotary with the applicant, sign the completed application (please make sure it is either typed or printed legibly), and submit it to the Club Secretary.

### **FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS AS OF Feb 1, 2015**

1. Annual Membership \$300.00 (prorated quarterly at \$75.00).
  2. Weekly lunches are \$20.00 each week (billed quarterly).
  3. International Foundation Contributions – optional.
3. When a signed Membership Application is received by the Club Secretary, it is forwarded to the Chair of the Membership Committee for assignment and review of the listed references. Once a month, the entire Membership Committee meets to discuss and determine the vocational classifications that our club should seek out.
4. Acceptable Grounds for Objection of Proposed Member:
- Would not pass the 4-Way Test
  - Unable to meet the time commitments of Rotary (ie: away a lot, other commitments, etc.)
  - Moral or ethical
  - Too many members already in the proposed classification (maximum 10%)
5. Unacceptable Grounds for Objection:
- Age
  - Professional status
  - Classification (unless too many member currently in the proposed classification)
  - Gender

5. If the Membership Committee recommends an Applicant for membership, his/her name is forwarded to the Executive Board of Directors for approval. Once the applicant has been approved by the Board, notification will go out to all active members asking if there are any concerns about the application to ensure that no unknown factors are missed.

6. He/she is then invited to attend a mandatory orientation with their Sponsor. The new Member will also be asked to provide a bio, picture, and fill out a billing form (providing visa number to meet the required financial obligations). Once the new member has been approved, they will be introduced as a new member to the club by the Club President at a regular Friday lunch meeting. The intent is to have the new member inducted into the Club as quickly as possible.

MEMBERSHIP PROPOSAL FORM

I propose:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Address: \_\_\_\_\_ PC \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_ PC \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Partner's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Wedding Anniversary Date: \_\_\_\_\_

For (check one):  Active membership  Honorary membership

If a former Rotarian, list club(s) and date(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Proposed Classification (if active): \_\_\_\_\_

Position held in place of business: \_\_\_\_\_

Are they in control of their time?      Yes      No

How long have you known the proposed member? \_\_\_\_\_

What would make this person a worthy Rotarian? (i.e. is eager to serve, wants to get involved in the community, upright in business and personal dealings)

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\_\_\_\_\_  
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Activities that would enhance consideration as a Rotarian: \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Proposer's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Proposer's signature: \_\_\_\_\_