



THE ROTARY CLUB OF DOWNTOWN SIOUX FALLS

Service above Self

Thank you for your interest in joining Downtown Rotary. Your proposer may have shared some information with you, but here is a little more about our club before you apply for membership.

About Rotary Club of Downtown Sioux Falls

The Rotary Club of Downtown Sioux Falls is the oldest and largest Rotary Club in South Dakota, and is among the largest Rotary Clubs in the *world*. It was started on July 1, 1915, at the Cataract Hotel by 42 business leaders who wished to have a place to socialize weekly. They were introduced to the new Rotary International organization started by Paul Harris in Chicago in 1905. After realizing they had the same business ethics and standards as Rotary International, they joined Rotary International and formed the "Sioux Falls Rotary Chapter".

The Rotary Club of Downtown Sioux Falls

- **Vision** - be the most influential and engaged service club in the community, comprised of leaders who want to create a lasting impact (outcome) in Sioux Falls
- **Guiding Principle:** *Service Above Self*
- **Club Values:** *Fellowship, Integrity, Diversity, Service, Leadership*
- **Club Distinction:** *The Club leaders want to join. The place where important conversations happen*

About Rotary International District 5610

Rotary International District 5610 encompasses South Dakota, southwestern Minnesota, northwestern Iowa and northeastern Nebraska. There are 38 clubs located in District 5610. The purpose of the District is to administer Rotary International policies and advance the objects of Rotary in accordance with Rotary International Bylaws.

About Rotary International

The mission of Rotary International is to provide service to others, promote integrity, and advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through its fellowship of business, professional and community leaders. There is a global network of 1.2 million neighbors, friends, leaders, and problem-solvers who come together to make positive, lasting change in communities at home and abroad.

Rotarians believe in a shared responsibility to act on our world's most persistent issues. 45,000+ clubs work together to: promote peace, fight disease, provide clean water, sanitation, and hygiene, save mothers and children, support education, grow local economies and protect the environment.

Rotary Club Member Expectations

- Engage, attend, and learn while connecting with members and participating in club activities
- Invest your personal time and talent where it is most needed as requested by Club leadership
- Pay a one-time \$100 new member fee & annual dues of \$625 each July 1 (prorated if joining after July 1)

I would be happy to answer any questions you might have or provide more information. Please don't hesitate to contact me.

Angie Kuiper, Executive Director

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Name *(First and Last)*

Birthday *(MM/DD/YYYY)*

Spouse's Name *(if applicable)*

Business Address *(please include city, state, zip)*

Business Phone

Business Email Address

Residential Address *(please include city, state, zip)*

Cell Phone*

Personal Email Address *(if applicable)*

*I agree to receive 1 text per week with meeting information until I opt out

If a former Rotarian, list club(s) and date (s) *(informal only; not a qualification criteria)*

Qualification Criteria Options | New members must meet at least one of the following criteria:

Please check **Yes** or **No** to each option and provide additional description if selecting **Yes**

Yes	No	Do you meet at least one of the following criteria within a recognized business, profession, or community service organization: ownership/partnership, executive or managerial leadership with decision-making authority, or serving as a primary local representative?
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Yes	No	I have demonstrated leadership in business and/or philanthropic efforts beyond participation with roles of responsibility, influence, or oversight that contribute to community impact; please describe.
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Yes	No	Are you actively seeking any elected position during the current or next election cycle?
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Please provide an overview of your professional career, including your current role, career progression, and notable achievements.

If retired, former organization/position held:

Please describe aspects of your personal background, values, and motivations that influence your goals and contributions within the community.

Please describe why you are interested in becoming a member of the Downtown Sioux Falls Rotary Club, what you believe you would contribute, and what you hope to gain from your membership experience.

Please share your experience with philanthropic, volunteer, or community service efforts. How have you contributed, and what impact have these experiences had on you and the community?



Downtown Sioux Falls Rotary Club Membership Proposal Form

Can be completed by proposer or applicant, but must be reviewed and signed by both parties prior to submission. Please answer questions thoroughly as your application will be reviewed by the club's Qualifications Committee, Board of Directors, then sent to the club membership for approval. Submit completed form to: DowntownSiouxFallsRotaryClub@gmail.com Application Review typically takes two weeks.

Please provide a professional high-resolution head shot, no more than 5 MB, to be used in your membership profile if accepted as a member.

Please provide a professional bio to give a complete overview for those reviewing your application:

LinkedIn Profile URL

Current Rotarian Proposer's Name *(Print/Type)*

"As the proposer, I agree to ensuring this new member, if selected, is appropriately on-boarded (introduced to others, encouraged to attend each week, accompanied to meetings as much as possible), attends the next orientation possible and will make myself available to support this member at induction."

Proposer Sign OR Type Name

Date

Rotary is grounded in the principle of Service Above Self. By submitting this application, I acknowledge that membership is not intended to elevate personal or professional status, but to unite individuals committed to serving others and making a positive impact in the community.

"As a member, I agree to attend weekly meetings, to the best of my abilities. I understand that Downtown Rotary is engaged in the active support of community needs. As a member of this service club I understand there are initiatives that will require financial and/or volunteer support. Downtown Rotarians are leaders whose support in these areas is anticipated and in some cases expected."

Applicant Sign OR Type Name

Date

***Candidates running for an elected office can apply and their application will go through the standard membership process. If approved, they will be admitted as a full member of the club. However, their induction (formal introduction to the club) will not be held until after the election.*