



## 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 25 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 41 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 1.4 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. 46,000+ 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 \$545 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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**DOWNTOWN SIOUX FALLS ROTARY CLUB MEMBERSHIP PROPOSAL FORM**

*See last page for submission information*

**Name** **Birthday** **Spouse's Name** (if applicable)

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

**Business Email Address**

**Residence Address** (please include city, state, zip) **Cell Phone\***

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

**Personal Email Address** (if applicable)

**If a former Rotarian, list club(s) and date(s)** (Informational 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 you check Yes.*

**Yes**      **No**      **1.** Is engaged as a proprietor, partner, corporate officer or manager of any worthy, recognized business, profession or community service organization; describe:

or **Yes**      **No**      **2.** Holds a position of responsibility in an executive capacity with discretionary authority (supervisory, hiring or budgetary) in any worthy recognized business, profession or community service organization; describe:

or **Yes**      **No**      **3.** Performs as the primary local agent or branch representative of any worthy, recognized business, profession, or community service organization; describe:

or **Yes**      **No**      **\* 4.** Is considered a thought leader in our community; Is clearly working to make a lasting impact in our community; describe:

**\*#4: May require an interview with Qualifications Committee**

**Name of firm/organization, current position, description of duties:**

**If retired, former organization/position held:**

**Community involvement or other activities that would enhance consideration as a Rotarian:**

**Describe how your membership will help the Downtown Sioux Falls Rotary Club achieve its vision of being the most influential and engaged service club in the community, comprised of leaders who create a lasting impact/outcome in Sioux Falls:**



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*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](mailto: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. You may also include a link to your updated LinkedIn profile.**

**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**

**"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**