

# Friends of Rotary

The Friends of Rotary program offers a flexible way to connect with our club and contribute to the community without the full commitment of Rotary membership.

## WHAT IS A FRIEND OF ROTARY?

A Friend of Rotary is a community-minded person who shares Rotary's values and wants to make a positive difference locally. This program creates a pathway for individuals who may have time, work, or financial constraints but still wish to be involved with our club and its service activities.

## BENEFITS OF BECOMING A FRIEND OF ROTARY

- Meet New Friends: Connect with diverse, engaged community members
- Opportunity to Network: Build professional and personal connections
- Get Involved in Local Projects: Contribute to meaningful community initiatives
- Connect to the Community: Strengthen your local ties
- Have Some Fun! Enjoy social activities and camaraderie
- Attend Events: Join our social and official functions
- Help Others: Assist in fundraising and volunteer activities
- Global Impact: Be part of international Rotary projects

## WHAT'S EXPECTED?

While there are no strict requirements, we hope you'll:

- Attend at least one club meeting or social event every three months
- Participate in at least one fundraising or service activity each year
- Pay for meals and social activities at the same rate as members

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## HOW IT DIFFERS FROM FULL MEMBERSHIP

As a Friend of Rotary, you:

- Don't pay membership fees
- Don't have voting rights within the club
- Don't serve on the Board
- Don't wear the official Rotary lapel badge
- Have a flexible attendance arrangement

## HOW TO BECOME A FRIEND OF ROTARY

Simply express your interest to any Rotary Club of Bright member. Each Friend of Rotary is sponsored by a club member who serves as your ongoing connection to the club, ensuring you receive information about activities and opportunities.

Friends of Rotary are always welcome to attend our fortnightly meetings held on the second and fourth Thursday of each month and more regularly in our busy months – November through February.

We value Friends of Rotary as an important part of our community service network. Many Friends eventually discover the rewards of full membership, but there's never any pressure to make that transition.

### For More Information

Contact our Membership Chair: Allan Poyner

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We're excited to welcome you as a Friend of Rotary. This could be your first step toward making a difference in our community while enjoying the camaraderie and connections that Rotary offers.