Membership in The Rotary Club of Denver provides the opportunity to get to know your business and professional peers in the greater Denver metropolitan area who have chosen Rotary as a way to meet one another and join together in service to the community.

There are several standing committees in Club 31. One committee, the Branch Rickey Award, is our Club's major fundraiser and the other is our Peach Committee. Denver Rotarians are expected to support both these annual fundraisers, the proceeds of which benefit our Denver Rotary Club Foundation. Other committees promote social and fellowship events such as our annual Family Picnic, Family Holiday Party, and other fellowship activities. Several committees are devoted to making sure that each detail of every weekly meeting is addressed. Still others provide opportunities for hands-on contributions to local youth programs such as Denver Kids; our adopt-a-school program, the Denver Center for International Studies; the Rotary College Counseling Initiative; High School Scholarship & Achievement Awards, Childhood Literacy and Youth Mentoring Programs, and the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards. Committees with an international emphasis offer opportunities to participate in World Community Service, Youth Exchange, Ambassadorial Scholarships, Group Study Exchanges and Ethics and Vocational Services.

MEMBERSHIP PROPOSAL FORM

If you are interested in becoming a Denver Rotarian and believe your vocational position and community involvement are in keeping with the Club's membership qualifications, you are encouraged to follow the instructions on the New Member Application Form and submit all required materials to The Rotary Club of Denver Office. As soon as all materials are received, your membership will be considered at the next monthly Board meeting. The Club's Executive Director will contact you as soon as the Board has acted upon your membership.

Thank you for your interest in our Club.

THE ROTARY CLUB OF DENVER

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Facts for Potential New Members

The Rotary Club of Denver, established in 1911, was the 31st Rotary Club to be formed as a part of Rotary International. Our club has almost 400 members who represent a broad spectrum of Denver's business leadership. Your name has been submitted by one of our members who believes, that because of your business affiliation and contribution to the community, that your association with Denver Rotary would be mutually beneficial to you and to the Club. The following is some information about our club that might be of interest to you.

<u>CRITERIA FOR MEMBERSHIP</u> IN THE ROTARY CLUB OF DENVER

The cornerstone of Rotary membership has been its classification system. By assigning each member a classification based on his or her business or profession, this system ensures that the club's membership reflects the business and professional composition of its community. The goal is professional diversity, which enlivens the club's social atmosphere and provides a rich resource of occupational expertise to carry out service projects and provide club leadership.

The Rotary Club of Denver seeks a senior individual from businesses and organizations located in its membership area. In addition to vocation, Rotary also places emphasis on an individual's involvement in civic and community activities.

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

The Rotary Club of Denver is one of over 33,000 Rotary Clubs in 200 countries around the world. As such, Rotary is the most international of the world's service clubs, enjoying the active participation of nearly 1.2 million members. Rotary was established in Chicago in 1905 by its founder, Paul

The object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise, and in particular to promote 1) the development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service; 2) high ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; the dignifying by all Rotarians of their occupation as an opportunity to serve society; 3) the application of the ideal of service by all Rotarians to personal, business, and community life; and 4) The advancement of international understanding, good will, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

Rotary's motto, "Service Above Self" and the 4-Way Test comprise the basis for community service and commitment to ethical standards, which have come to be universally recognized as characteristics of Rotarians. It asks the following four questions: "Of the things we think, say or do:

Is it the TRUTH?
Is it FAIR to all concerned?
Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?"

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The Rotary Club of Denver meets every Thursday from 11:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for lunch, fellowship, information on current club activities, and a program presented by a knowledgeable speaker on a topic of current interest. Most meetings are held in the Grand Ballroom on the fourth floor of The Denver Athletic Club located at 13th Street and Glenarm Place. The weekly news bulletin, The *Keyway*, lists meeting locations and featured programs on its front page. The *Keyway* is sent electronically via e-mail and can also be downloaded from our website at www.denverrotary.org.

<u>RESPONSIBILITIES OF ROTARY</u> MEMBERSHIP

Membership in The Rotary Club of Denver requires a personal and financial commitment. Prior to approval, new members must provide a one-time \$500 admission fee. Dues of \$335 per quarter include the cost of weekly luncheons and several special activities held throughout the year.

To acquaint new members with committees and club programs, all are required to participate in our New Member Orientation program. A Rotarian Ambassador will be assigned to each new member to assist, mentor and guide them through this process. Each new member will also be asked to:

- ~ Attend a New Member Social Gathering;
- ~ Meet with a Past Club President/Leadership;
- ~ Visit three specific Committee Meetings;
- ~ Participate in online New Member Orientation Information Sessions.

Upon formal introduction to the Club at a weekly meeting, new members are recognized in our weekly newsletter, *The Keyway*.

Regular attendance at weekly club meetings is an expectation of Rotary. Members can "make up" for missed meetings at any Rotary Club in the world, or by attending Club committee meetings. Members may call the Club Office for time and locations of meetings in the district. Frequent travelers are encouraged to purchase a world directory from the Club office or consult www.rotary.org.

FOUNDATIONS MEMBERSHIP

The Rotary Club of Denver offers two opportunities for members to participate in the Club's philanthropic activities. This past year, the Denver **Rotary Club Foundation** awarded over \$300 thousand to charitable programs in the Denver area, with an emphasis on youth programs. Denver Kids, Inc. is one of the primary recipients. The **Rotary International Foundation promotes** "world understanding and peace through Rotary." Most of its programs have an international focus. Membership in both Foundations is strongly encouraged. Fellow status may be achieved by a one-time contribution of \$1,000 or through Sustaining Memberships with a minimum contribution of \$100 per year to each Foundation. Sustained giving of \$100 annually beyond the Fellow status is recommended.

REWARDS OF ROTARY INVOLVEMENT

Becoming a Rotarian provides an opportunity to experience the traditions and fellowships of Rotary on the local and world level. On the international level, Rotarians have built-in friendships and business acquaintances through the worldwide Rotary network. World fellowship activities and annual conventions provide an opportunity to explore vocational and interests and hobbies with fellow Rotarians.