



**Rotary Club of Merced Sunrise &  
Merced Sunrise Rotary Club Charity**  
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## **Family Membership Application**

### **Our Vision**

Rotary Club of Merced Sunrise (Club) is a fellowship of business, professional, and community leaders committed to manifesting new opportunities and a better future for all peoples and their communities.

### **Our Mission**

Our Mission embraces The Rotary International (RI) Five Avenues of Service, contributing to a better Merced and a better world through "Service Above Self" while providing members extraordinary networking, fellowship, friendship and personal growth opportunities in our community.

### **Why Become a Family Member?**

Active Rotary membership provides an exclusive partnership:

- Join a highly respected service organization capable of assessing and responding to diverse community needs;
- Increase community awareness of your activities through Rotary association;
- Access Rotary's expansive international charitable network;
- Participate in meaningful high-profile volunteer projects and community programs; and
- Create new local and international initiatives and programs within Rotary that enhance the personal and professional interests of active members.

### **How Family Membership Works**

The Family Membership allows for two individuals to be identified by the organization as shared members of Merced Sunrise Rotary. The joint membership allows for either of the identified members to participate at our weekly meetings. If the second member wants to participate at the same meeting, one of the Family members would be required to pay the "breakfast cost" for that day (currently \$10.00).

The Family Membership will be provided a single vote on club business matters. Both Family members will be encouraged to participate in club activities.

Finally, it would be our Club's desire to have both members transition into full memberships.

## Rotary Basics

Rotary International (RI), the world's first service club organization, is made up of over 33,000 clubs in more than 190 countries. Its members form a global network of 1.2 million business and professional leaders who volunteer their time and talents to serve their communities and the world. Meaningful community and international service projects coupled with strong fellowship opportunities characterizes Rotary worldwide. Rotary enjoys a rich and sometimes complex tradition and organizational structure, with many programs and customs that can be confusing to new and even not-so-new members.

## Rotary Organization

Rotary is essentially a grassroots organization, with most of its service efforts being carried out at the club level. The district and international structure is designed to support the clubs and help them provide more service in their communities and abroad.

- **Clubs:** *Rotarians* are members of Rotary clubs (over 33,000), which belong to the RI global association. Each club elects its own officers enjoying considerable autonomy within the framework of Rotary's constitution and bylaws.
- **Districts:** Clubs are grouped into 530 separate RI districts, each led by a district governor, who is an officer of RI. The district administration, including assistant governors and various committees, guides and support the clubs.
- **RI Board:** The 19-member RI Board of Directors, which includes the RI President and President-elect, meets quarterly to establish policies. Traditionally, the RI President, who is elected annually, develops a theme and emphasis for the year.
- **The Secretariat:** Rotary International is headquartered in the Chicago suburb of Evanston, Illinois, USA, with seven international offices.

## Responsibilities of All Club Membership

The club is the cornerstone of Rotary, where the most meaningful work is carried out. All active Rotarians are responsible for these key elements:

- Participating in at least one service project that benefit their community and those internationally;
- Sustaining or increasing our membership base;
- Supporting The Rotary Foundation financially and through program participation;
- Developing leaders capable of serving in Rotary beyond the club level, and;
- Every Member meeting at least 50% attendance.

What Rotarians get out of Rotary depends largely on what they put into it. Many membership requirements are designed to robustly build Club fellowship and their Rotary experience, while stabilizing and strengthening their Club in each community.

## Rotary's Guiding Principles

The Object of Rotary is not only to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise but to also to encourage and foster:

- The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;
- High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;

- The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian’s personal, business, and community life; and
- The advancement of international understanding, goodwill and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in service.

## The Four-Way Test

The Four-Way Test is a nonpartisan and nonsectarian ethical guide for Rotarians to use for their personal and professional relationships. The test has been translated into more than 100 languages, and Rotarians recite it at Club meetings:

Of the things we think, say or do

1. Is it the **TRUTH**?
2. Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
3. Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
4. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

## Avenues of Service

We channel our commitment to service at home and abroad through five Avenues of Service, which are the foundation of club activity.

- **Club Service** focuses on making clubs strong. A thriving club is anchored by strong relationships and an active membership development plan.
- **Vocational Service** calls on every Rotarian to work with integrity and contribute their expertise to the problems and needs of society.
- **Community Service** encourages every Rotarian to find ways to improve the quality of life for people in their communities and to serve the public interest.
- **International Service** exemplifies our global reach in promoting peace and understanding. We support this service avenue by sponsoring or volunteering on international projects, seeking partners abroad, and more.
- **Youth Service** recognizes the importance of empowering youth and young professionals through leadership development programs such as Rotaract, Interact, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) and the Rotary Youth Exchange.

## Club History

The Rotary Club of Merced Sunrise has been in existence since May 1985 and has a proud history of fundraising, volunteerism and assisting worthwhile causes across Merced County, the Central Valley and internationally. We are an active club in giving and civic action. The Rotary Club of Merced Sunrise recently distinguished itself with all active members becoming Paul Harris Society Members - contributing more than \$1,000 to The Rotary Foundation annually in addition to their Club service. Less than 1% of all clubs worldwide perform at this level. The Club is governed by its President and Board of Directors and exists with a separate complimentary IRC 501(c)3 charity.

## Merced Sunrise Breakfast Meeting

Our Club meets for breakfast on Fridays at 6:30AM at Paul's Place Restaurant & Bakery at 2991 G Street, Merced. All Rotarians are required to maintain 50% attendance to remain engaged with the club initiatives and activities. The minimum attendance can be achieved through Club meetings,

committee work, charitable projects and meetings at other Rotary clubs. Rotarians are expected to wear their pins, badges or other appropriate forms of identification at every material Rotary event.

## **Membership Process and Application**

We encourage prospective members to attend at least two Club meetings prior to submitting your Vocational Education Membership Application. The membership application will then be passed on to the Board of Directors for review and approval with a final approval from the Club membership. Prior to agreeing to join our Rotary club, the applicant will be contacted by a Membership Committee representative to arrange an interview to discuss any questions about the merits and responsibilities of joining the Club.

In total, the approval process may take six to eight weeks. The applicant is strongly encouraged to continue to attend meetings during this period. The primary member existing under the Vocational Education Membership designation will be made an Active Rotary Member and issued a unique Rotary International ID number with all the rights and responsibilities thereto.

**Please note: The applicant will be invoiced for pro-rated annual membership dues starting at the date of formal induction. By signing these forms, the applicant agrees to the use of their personal information for matters related to Rotary business. The undersigned understands and affirms that information provided by members to Rotary and each other is not to be divulged to third parties or used for any purposes other than for Rotary business.**

## Personal Information – Primary Member

Full Name	
Preferred Phone Contact	
Preferred Mailing Address	
Preferred Email Address	
Date/Place of Birth	
Partner Name/Email	
Highest Education/Where	
Professional Designations	
Current/Prior Community Involvement	
Personal Interests	
Current/Prior Rotary Club Name	
Active Rotary Years/Dates	
Rotary Positions Held/RI#	

I, \_\_\_\_\_, confirm that:

- I received complete Rotary Club of Merced Sunrise membership information;
- I understand the privileges and responsibilities associated with Rotary membership; and
- I agree to promote the ideals of Rotary and to comply with the written and oral directives of the Rotary Club of Merced Sunrise.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Personal Information – Secondary Member

Full Name	
Preferred Phone Contact	
Preferred Mailing Address	
Preferred Email Address	
Date/Place of Birth	
Partner Name/Email	
Highest Education/Where	
Professional Designations	
Current/Prior Community Involvement	
Personal Interests	
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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Family Membership Schedule (rev. January 2019)

<b>Fee</b>	<b>Combined Membership</b>	<b>Note</b>
Club Dues & “Fines”	\$640	\$440/Annual Dues + \$200 “Fines” per Primary Member
Foundation Giving	\$200	Paul Harris Society required
Estimated Total	\$840	

The Family Membership will be responsible for selling a minimum of 10 shrimp feed tickets their first year of membership. The following year they will be encouraged to sell 30 tickets.