

## **Information for Potential New Members of Champaign West Rotary Club**

### **What is Rotary?**

Rotary International is a worldwide organization made up of more than 1.2 million members who are a part of 33,000 clubs in 200 countries. Those members seek to give back to the community and connect with like-minded leaders and friends. Rotary is an organization of business and professional persons united worldwide who provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations and help build goodwill and peace in the world.

Rotary's motto is Service Above Self. Its members are encouraged to look at each situation using the 4-Way Test. Is it the truth? Is it fair to all concerned? Will it build goodwill and better friendships? Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

The Rotary Club of Champaign West is a club of approximately 110 members with a mission focused on providing our members opportunities for friendship, fellowship, and personal growth while responding to the needs of the youth of our community and improving the greater world community through individual and club support of Rotary International. CWR strives to be an exemplary Rotary Club, recognized for outstanding service and for providing an environment for the enhancement of fellowship and personal development.

### **How do I join?**

In order to join Champaign West Rotary Club, you will need to have a club member sponsor you. The role of the sponsor is to invite prospective members to a minimum of three meetings as a guest before proposing membership. Once the club member is ready to propose membership, they will use this form:

<http://champaignwest.org/documents/New%20Docs/new-member-application.pdf>

Once membership has been approved, the new member will be mentored by a different club member, and introduced to the club by their sponsor. Finally, the sponsor and other members of the club will follow-up to ensure active membership.

### **What are the requirements of membership?**

The primary requirement of membership is to be an active and engaged member. Being an active member is accomplished through regular meeting attendance, participation in events, and furthering the club mission by pursuing areas of passion via committee participation. Club meetings are every Wednesday at noon at the Round Barn Convention Center. Members should strive for 80% attendance, and at a minimum must meet the 50% attendance rule. Additional attendance information and opportunities are shared with new members during their orientation.

In addition to participation, an annual financial commitment to the club is required via dues and donations. Yearly dues and a required donation to CWR Charities are \$250. There is also an optional suggested contribution to Rotary International for \$100.

To learn more about Champaign West Rotary Club please visit <http://champaignwest.org/>.