

**ROTARY CLUB OF  
EAST LAKE SUNRISE  
MEMBERSHIP GUIDE**



Rotary is a global network of 1.2 million neighbors, friends, leaders, and problem-solvers who come together to make positive, lasting change in communities at home and abroad. Solving real problems takes real commitment and vision. For more than 110 years, Rotary members have used their passion, energy, and intelligence to take action on sustainable projects. From literacy and peace to water and health, we are always working to better our world, and we stay committed to the end.

**Our Motto: “Service Above Self”**



The Rotary Club of East Lake Sunrise meets weekly. Membership is by invitation and is based on one representative for each business, profession, and institution. This classification system ensures a cross-section of community representation.

### **Attendance**

The Club encourages you to attend each of the weekly meetings. Attendance is kept at each meeting and reported to the District each month. Rotary attendance is intended to help keep us focused on Rotary ideals and to foster a strong and active club. If you're unable to attend the Club meeting in person, please be sure to read the minutes of the meeting or join us on our zoom link which is sent out each week prior to the meeting in the agenda notes.

### **Other Club Meetings**

You are encouraged to attend meetings at other clubs. There are Rotary Clubs worldwide, and you are welcome to attend any meeting. This is an exciting -- and easy -- way to meet new people and experience Rotary at other clubs.

### **Dues and Meals:**

The Club will bill you for dues and expenses quarterly. Fee schedule: Dues - \$240.00 per year. Dues include dues for the Club, the District, and to Rotary International which includes an annual subscription to the "Rotarian" magazine. For those of us partaking in meals at the meetings, they can be added to your quarterly bill or paid for at the meeting. Basic meal charge is \$16.00.

## **Membership Basics**

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

1. You must be of good character and in good standing in your community.
2. You must be willing to participate in meetings and Rotarian functions.
3. You must be able to pay \$240 yearly membership dues.

### **What is the process of becoming a member?**

1. You must attend at least 3 weekly meetings as a guest of an existing Rotarian.
2. You must be proposed by an existing Rotarian and approved by the board.
3. You must be initiated and inducted as a new member.

### **What are the benefits of being a Rotarian?**

1. **Service:** Rotary is a service club that lets you make a difference as part of the world's largest family of givers. You will have many opportunities to assist a wide variety of local, national, and international humanitarian causes. New members are always encouraged to bring new ideas!
2. **Friendships and Relationships:** These are two of the primary reasons why Rotary began. The ability to network with a cross section of community leaders and professionals who help each other, and collectively help others, while promoting lasting friendships.

## **Weekly Meetings**

The Rotary Club of East Lake Sunrise meets weekly on Thursdays, at 8:00 A.M. for one hour at Eve's Restaurant located at 3150 Tampa Rd. Oldsmar, FL 34677

You are welcome to bring a guest to Rotary. If the guest would be a potential new member, the Club will pay for the meal of the guest. If it is a business guest or friend, meal charges are the responsibility of the person inviting the guest to the meeting. An invited speaker will have their meal covered by the club.

## **Structure of a Typical Club Meeting:**

- Invocation and pledge of allegiance
- Joke of the day
- President's announcements Committee Chair's announcements
- Dining and fellowship
- Guest speaker's program
- Any other business
- Happy Dollars and collection for the fight against Polio
- 50/50
- 4-way test
- Adjournment

## **Welcome to the Rotary Club of East Lake Sunrise**

This information sheet has been prepared to inform you about Rotary in general and our club specifically. Our club membership directory is available at our web site. Our club has been very active in both our local community and abroad. We have a dedicated and energetic membership of professional men and women from the East Lake/ Northern Pinellas area.

**Briefly, the responsibilities of a new member include the following activities:**

1. Greet members at the button table (at least 3 meetings);
2. Try to attend another Rotary club's meeting with one of our members.
3. Introduce visiting Rotarians and members with guests at one of our meetings.
4. Choose a service committee upon which to serve
5. Your sponsor will assist you in becoming a successful new member of our club.
6. Have your picture taken for our membership listing

**If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact your sponsor or any club member.**

**Contact Information**

Rotary Club of East Lake Sunrise **Club No.** 64214, **District No.** 6950

**Mailing Address**

Rotary Club of East Lake Sunrise PO Box 658  
Oldsmar, FL 34677

**Meeting Location Address**

Eve's Restaurant, 3150 Tampa Rd. Oldsmar, FL 34677

Web Site: [www.EastLakeRotary.org](http://www.EastLakeRotary.org)

Rotary International Web Site: [www.Rotary.org](http://www.Rotary.org)

E-mail Address: [info@EastLakeRotary.org](mailto:info@EastLakeRotary.org)

**Attendance:** Regular attendance by membership is one of the factors that makes our club successful. We realize that our membership is quite involved in its own businesses and in other civic and personal activities. While attendance is not mandatory, we encourage all members to attend as many meetings as possible (we would like to see you make at least 60% of the meetings). Regular consistent attendance adds to the effectiveness of our club as an organization and allows for the collegiality and public service for which we are known. We encourage all active members to visit other clubs from time to time for the purpose of developing more collegiality.

**Dues and expenses:** Dues are \$240 and are billed quarterly. Donations to the Paul Harris Foundation and The Rotary Foundation can also be billed quarterly per your request.

**Contribution Opportunities-Financial:** There are several opportunities to contribute financially to Rotary. These are encouraged but are not mandatory.

1. **Happy dollars** offered during meetings for significant or other events in our lives. All our happy dollars go to our club to be used at the club's discretion, such as a holiday party. This is strictly voluntary.

2. **EREY – Every Rotarian Every Year:** This is a \$100 donation payable in a lump sum or at \$25 per quarter with funds earmarked to Rotary Foundation. These funds are used solely for Rotary projects in our local community in conjunction with other local Rotary clubs. The funds are dispersed under the aegis of a local board of directors. Again, this is strictly voluntary.

3. **The Paul Harris Fellowship:** This is a \$1000 donation payable in a lump sum or at \$25 per quarter. The funds are earmarked for the Rotary Foundation to pay for Rotary International activities. These monies are used for a whole host of programs that have as a common theme to foster world peace and understanding. It is a great way to contribute to a great organization, is strictly voluntary, and can be done over a period of 10 years. When you reach the \$1000 level, you are honored before your club with a Paul Harris Fellowship and you will be given both a plaque and a pin.

**4. Rotary International Foundation Benefactor:** This is a donation of \$1000 or more that can be given as a cash contribution or as codicil to your will. The funds are earmarked for the Rotary Foundation for international peace and understanding projects.

**These contributions are completely voluntary and while we hope you would be able to sustain your level of contributions, there is absolutely no pressure to do so.**

### **Contribution Opportunities-Service:**

There are a host of opportunities to be involved with Rotary projects that occur locally, nationally, and internationally. This is done via your joining one of our committees. It is noted that individuals who join committees in Rotary at their point of initiation become more involved earlier and have richer and more enjoyable experiences in our club. Increased involvement leads to increased feelings of ownership and belonging and is a critical factor in integrating successfully in this club. There is a separate list of committee opportunities that your sponsor or a group mentor will discuss with you and assist you in picking that committee which would best serve your interests. This is encouraged of all our members, and your mentor or sponsor will work with you in choosing a committee assignment.

### **Committees:**

- **Membership** This committee should develop and implement a comprehensive plan for the recruitment and retention of members.
- **Public Image:** This committee should develop and implement plans to provide the public with information about Rotary and to promote the club's service projects and activities.
- **Service Projects** This committee should develop and implement educational, humanitarian, and vocational projects that address the needs of its community and communities in other countries. Projects in the past have included: Be involved in setting up and participating in projects such as bell ringing, turkey giveaways, Toys for Tots, Santa for Seniors, Roadside cleanup, or Habitat for Humanity.
- **The Rotary Foundation** This committee should develop and implement plans to support The Rotary Foundation through both financial contributions and program participation.
- **Administrative Committee:** This committee should conduct activities associated with the effective operation of the club in weekly meetings. Members of the committee should include a Sargent at Arms, weekly meal coordinator, persons responsible for room set-up.

### **Suggestions for Meeting**

1. We suggest you sit with different people at each meeting. You will get to meet more people more rapidly this way. Avoid the tendency to sit with your friends at each meeting.
2. We suggest that meetings are for developing fellowship, collegiality, and friendships. We ask that you do not use your associations in Rotary for business networking or for personal business gain. It is through service that you will gain much more than you thought possible.
3. We suggest that if you must leave a meeting early for any reason that informing the speaker in advance of your need to leave is considered appropriate

### **Introducing guests and potential new members.**

Once you have become a member of Rotary you are eligible to invite guests who might have interest in learning more about Rotary and our club. We suggest that you choose individuals you would be proud to sponsor and would be active service-oriented individuals who would bring additional richness and diversity to our club. You will be invited to introduce your guest at the appropriate time during the meeting.

## **Rotary Foundation and Rotary International:**

The mission of Rotary International and the Rotary Foundation is to support Rotary's efforts to achieve world understanding and peace through international humanitarian, educational and cultural exchange programs.

Current programs include:

- Polio Plus
- Health, Hunger, and Humanity (3-h) Grants
- Matching Grants for international service
- Ambassadorial Scholarships
- Grants for university teachers to serve in developing countries · Group Study Exchange
- Rotary Peace Programs
- Grants for Rotary Volunteers
- Carl P. Miller Discovery Grants

Your contributions to the Rotary Foundation are made via the Paul Harris Fellowship donations and through personal benefactor activities.

## **Rotary District and International Meetings**

There are yearly meetings of our Rotary District (District 6950) as well as international meetings of Rotary. International meetings are held in cities all over the world. You are always invited to attend these gatherings which are always interesting and will lead you towards a better understanding of the value and influence of Rotary in the world today.

**Rotary International Offices and Web-site** The offices of Rotary International are at One Rotary Center, 1560 Sherman Avenue, Evanston, IL. 60201. The phone is 847-866-3000. The fax is 847-866-9732. The web-site address is <http://www.rotary.org>.

## **Travel to other Clubs**

When you travel to another city or country, you can access a compendium of Rotary meetings in the city of your travel by logging onto the Rotary International website and entering the country and city of your destination. You should try this. Visiting other clubs is an honor and a great experience. Please feel free to ask for one of our flags prior to your departure. You are usually given an opportunity to present our flag to the president and membership of the club you are visiting. You can then bring the flag you received in exchange back to our club and present it to our president on behalf of your visit.

## **LAST BUT NOT LEAST:**

Enjoy being a member of Rotary. Ask questions for clarification and know that we are excited to have you as a member of our club!



# MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FOR EAST LAKE SUNRISE ROTARY

**Applicant's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Sponsor Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Applicant's Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Employed by/Name of Company/Institution:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Job Description & Title with Company/Institution:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone: Home/Cell** \_\_\_\_\_ **Work** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-mail address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Proposed Classification:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Fax** \_\_\_\_\_

**Applicant Birthday** \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

**Spouse Name :** \_\_\_\_\_ **Spouse Birthday** \_\_\_\_\_ / **Anniversary** / \_\_\_\_\_

Among other responsibilities, East Lake Sunrise Rotarians are expected to follow our "Four Way Test," participate in the Club's activities and be fiscally responsible for Club commitments. Financial Commitment: **Membership Fee:** \$60 quarterly (\$240 Annually)

Please answer the following questions, which will give us a better idea of who you are:

1. Why do you want to become a Rotarian?
  
2. What assets do you think you can bring to the Club?
  
3. What do you think Rotary can do for you?
  
4. What previous community service have you performed?

**To Be Completed by Sponsor:** I propose \_\_\_\_\_ for membership in the Rotary Club of East Lake Sunrise. As the sponsor, I accept the responsibility, during the first quarter of their membership, to 1) attend her/his orientation meeting, 2) make sure she/he attends the monthly meetings, 3) introduce her/him to our club's members.

**Date Proposed:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Signed** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date Admitted:** \_\_\_\_\_