



Thief River Falls Rotary Club New Member Orientation Package

Welcome to the TRF Rotary Club!

Our motto, “**Service Above Self**,” reflects our commitment to serving the community while building lasting friendships. We meet weekly at the Legion in TRF, except on holidays or during special social events. As a member, you'll receive a weekly email update with details about the upcoming meeting, including the location. Occasionally, we host offsite meetings or social events at our presenter's venue. For the latest updates, be sure to visit our [website](#), [Facebook](#), or [LinkedIn](#) pages.

What to Expect at Our Meetings

Our gatherings are informal, enjoyable, and include lunch. Meetings begin at 12:05 PM with an Invocation, followed by greetings, singing "**My Country, 'Tis of Thee**," and reciting the **Rotary Four-Way Test**. Guests are welcomed, and Club business is discussed, often in a lighthearted way with **Happy Dollars**—a fun segment where members share good news, with contributions supporting local projects.

By 12:30 PM, the guest program starts, and we aim to wrap up by 1:00 PM. Members are encouraged to suggest or host programs. In keeping with Rotary's values, discussions on religion and politics are avoided, as we strive for inclusivity. The Invocation is a personal expression and can be faith-based, inspirational, or tied to current events, provided it remains inclusive.

Beyond the Meetings

Rotary is not just about meetings—it's about community. We organize various social events like picnics, happy hours, golf outings, and holiday parties, with families warmly welcomed. Our focus on community service involves year-round projects, and we value member suggestions for new initiatives.

To fund these activities, we hold two major annual fundraisers: **Rotary Rose Sales** and volunteering at **RiverFest**.

Recent Community Contributions

Here are some projects we've proudly supported:

- \$5,000 to the **Advanced Thief River Childcare Grant Fund**.
- \$5,000 to **Challenger Elementary's 3rd Grade Teacher Fundraiser**.
- **Meals on Wheels** delivery.
- Contributions to **Close Up** students visiting Washington, D.C.
- Support for **Thief River Golf Club** projects.
- Funding the **Franklin Middle School football scoreboard**.
- Over \$10,000 in aid for **Ukraine**.



Membership Details

Quarterly membership dues are \$125, covering Rotary International, District, and Club dues. Payments can be made via check or directly to our treasurer, Jessica Muller.

For more about Rotary, visit www.rotary.org and log in to "My Rotary" using your email to access exclusive resources.

Living the Rotary Values

As a Rotarian, you'll uphold values under **Service Above Self**, guided by **The Four-Way Test** and **The Rotarian Code of Conduct**. These principles are regularly featured in the **Rotary monthly magazine**.

The **Rotary Foundation** supports both local and global projects. As you engage with Rotary, you may wish to contribute to this vital work.

Benefits of Membership

Rotary offers many rewards:

- The joy of community service.
- Building strong, lifelong friendships.
- A global network and instant connection with fellow Rotarians.
- Leadership and professional development opportunities.
- Business networking.
- Insightful presentations from community leaders.
- Access to local, district, and international conventions.

Get Involved!

Your Rotary experience will be as enriching as the effort you put into it. Attend meetings, participate in projects, bring your family to social events, visit other clubs, or even serve on the Board. Invite friends or colleagues to join—Rotary is a welcoming space for all.

Welcome to TRF Rotary Club and the world of Rotary. We look forward to making a greater impact together, locally and globally.

Not sure yet? That's okay! Feel free to ask questions, attend another meeting as our guest, and take your time deciding. If dues are a concern, your employer might cover them, or we may offer a new member scholarship of up to \$75 per quarter.

<https://trfrotary.org/>

TRF Rotary meets almost every
Tuesday at 12pm at the Legion



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Thief River Falls Rotary Membership Application

Name:

Date of Birth:

Nickname on Badge *(optional):*

Billing Address:

Employer:

Occupation:

Position:

Email:

Phone Number:

Membership Details

Quarterly Dues:

- \$125 per quarter *(see next page for breakdown and explanation of dues)*

Mandatory Fundraiser:

- **Golf Outing:** \$35/member
(Participation is encouraged; you will be invoiced regardless of attendance.)
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Optional Contributions

Rotary Foundation Sustaining Member

Would you like to become a Sustaining Member?

- Yes No

If yes, how would you like to pay?

- Quarterly (\$25/qtr)
- Yearly (\$100/yr)

Note: The first \$500 contributed will be matched by TRF Rotary. Upon reaching \$1,000, you will be recognized as a Paul Harris Fellow. This helps support global initiatives such as the fight against Polio.

Service Above Self

Membership Scholarship

Are you interested in a first-year membership scholarship to reduce your dues by up to \$75 per quarter?
(Only available if you are personally paying your dues, not if covered by your employer.)

- Yes No

Agreement

I understand it is my duty, if elected, to uphold the object of Rotary in all daily interactions and activities, and to adhere to the constitutional documents of Rotary International and the club. I agree to pay quarterly dues as outlined in the club bylaws. I consent to the club publishing my name and proposed classification for member review.

Proposed Member's Signature:

Date:

Quarterly Dues Breakdown: \$125/Qtr

- **Rotary District & International Dues:** \$50/Qtr
(Includes Rotarian Magazine)
- **Meals:** \$75/Qtr
(Covers 12.5 meetings per quarter at ~\$6 per meal. This also funds meals for Student Rotarians and Guests.)
 - **Note:**
 - Minimum meal charges apply regardless of attendance.
 - Encourages attendance to get full value.
 - Meal charge exemptions are available for extended absences (e.g., snowbirds).

Local Dues Usage

Local dues support the following programs and operations:

- **Programs:** RYLA, Kids Voting, Rotary Rose Parade float, 4-Way Test Essays, conferences, and President-Elect Training.
- **Operations:** Plaques, badges, awards, guest speaker gifts, tax preparation, postage, and other miscellaneous expenses.

Club Participation

Do you have any local programs, initiatives, or non-profits you are passionate about and would like our Rotary chapter to support?

- **Yes** **No**

If yes, please provide details:

Additional Notes

Happy Dollars Donations:

- Raise about \$800+ per year for miscellaneous local donations.

Additional Contributions or Obligations:

- Any initiatives beyond the outlined parameters will require a fundraising plan to ensure full financial coverage.