

ENCINITAS ROTARY CLUB

NEW MEMBER PROCESS

Membership in the Encinitas Rotary Club is and has always been only by invitation from the club. People are proposed for invitation to membership by existing Rotarians. Implicit in this proposal is that the Rotarian making it knows enough about the character and qualifications of that person to vouch for them as a good prospect for membership in our Rotary Club.

- Prior to proposing the person for membership, that individual may be invited to up to **two** meetings as a special guest. This is encouraged so that the individual can get a feel for our club. The proposing member can obtain a Prospective Member Proposal Form from the Club Secretary.
- It is the responsibility of the proposing member to fully complete the proposal form. The proposing member will sign and date the form and turn it in to the club secretary.
- The club secretary will notify the Membership Chairman and the Board of Directors of the proposed individual.
- The Club Secretary will email the rest of the club membership as well as post the proposed individual prominently at the back table for a period of two weeks.
- Concurrently, the Membership Chairman will determine eligibility (must live and/or work in Encinitas or the immediately surrounding communities) and classification (no more than 10% of a club can be of a given classification - per the standard Rotary Club constitution).
- If there are no objections from the general membership and if there is no objection from the Membership Chairman, automatic board approval will be considered to occur at the next general meeting following the second posting.
- If there is an objection from any existing member, this objection is made known to the Club Secretary who then places this proposed individual on the agenda for the following monthly board meeting where ultimate board approval or disapproval will be decided.
- Upon automatic approval or specific board approval, the Membership Chairman will notify the Rotarian making the proposal as well as send a letter of notice that the person has been approved for membership in the Encinitas Rotary Club.
- The Membership Chairman or representative will also invite the candidate to a new member breakfast where candidates will be officially invited to join as well as be informed of the financial and time commitments for rotary. An application form containing such items as spouses' name, hobbies, etc. will be given out.
- If the candidate accepts the invitation, he/she brings the filled out form with the initiation dues to an upcoming meeting.
- The new member will be inducted as soon as possible, preferably the following meeting and will be assigned a mentor (drawn from a pool of mentor volunteers).
- The mentor will work to assimilate the new member into the club and will maintain the blue badge requirements.