

Lafayette Rotary Club

Sponsorship checklist

What to consider when inviting a guest for membership:

- Can they make the financial commitment of at least \$252 a year plus at least \$100 to support the RI or Lafayette Rotary Club Foundation?
- Do they have the time to attend at least one meeting a month?
- Are they willing to give their time to at least one substantive Rotary effort?
- They may not belong to another service club.

Steps from guest to membership:

- Attend at least two club lunch meetings. (No charge for first 2)
- Give your nominee the new member information and committee activities summary, which can be found at www.lafayetterotary.org.
- Review committee activities and expectations with the nominee.
- If they appear committed to being an active member, fill out a membership request form, which you can pick up along with a packet of information from the club secretary.
- The secretary will alert the new member orientation committee.
- You both will be invited to attend an orientation meeting. These are generally held at least once a month.
- After the meeting, the nominee will receive an questionnaire by e-mail. If the individual does not have e-mail access, the sponsor can download the form from the Rotary Web site.
- The board, or the four senior directors, will vote on the nominee as soon as possible. The board meets on the 2nd Monday of the month.
- The application for membership will be publicized for one week in Ripples.
- You will be invited to present the new member at a club lunch.
- Tell the new member that he/she will be asked to make remarks when presented.
- Identify what committees he/she wants to serve on and contact the senior director in charge. The senior directors, in turn, are responsible for helping the new member connect with the committees of interest to them. (The 2008-9 senior directors are: Betty Doversberger, Service; Tom Frey, Rotary International; Jeanne Norberg, Membership; Fred Anderson, Administration.)

What's next?

- Serve as mentor to the new member.
- Make sure the chairs of the selected committees have contacted them and gotten them involved.
- Determine their interests in being involved in Family of Rotary events and let those committee chairs know. (Chairs for 2008-9 are Leta Kelley and Pat Corey.)
- For the first year, check in with your new member at least monthly to answer questions, offer suggestions.
- Identify one other member of the club to help you mentor the new member.