

Join us

Rotary Club of Cleveland - Women of Rotary

Monday, September 21, 2020



Women of Rotary

7:00 p.m. via Zoom

RSVP- <https://rotaryclubofcleveland.com>

Or via email at rotarycleveland@gmail.com

Rotary is a global network of neighbors, friends, leaders, and problem-solvers who see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change – across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves. **The Rotary Club of Cleveland is actively seeking** to broaden its membership and intentionally attract and retain a broad, diverse group of people that will reflect the community we are serving. One action item to broaden our diversity is by creating a space where women feel welcomed and our goal is to start with the Women of Rotary program.

The purpose of the Women of Rotary program is to create a safe space for female Rotarians to network with each other and strengthen our commitment to the work of Rotary. The group is an intentionally inclusive group and proactively affirms Rotary International's statement that "As a global network that strives to build a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change, Rotary values diversity and celebrates the contributions of people of all backgrounds, regardless of their age, ethnicity, race, color, abilities, religion, socioeconomic status, culture, sex, sexual orientation and gender identity."

Who can participate?

The program is being run out of the Rotary Club of Cleveland but is open to any Rotarian who identifies as female in the Greater Cleveland area. Whether you are with a small or large club, by opening this program to a wide-ranging group we can also help to strengthen the surrounding clubs in our district. The program is free for all participants as long as they are Rotarians. Sarah Rintamaki and Meryl Johnson will visit other local Rotary clubs to promote the program.

Format

The group will meet virtually every other month on the third Monday of the month at 7pm through the Zoom platform. On opposite months, the group members will be assigned a pairing and asked to meet one on one at a time mutually convenient for each other. To encourage participation, each pairing that met during the off month would be entered into a monthly drawing to win a small prize. All participants will receive a Women of Rotary pin.

The program will run for one year with a goal that at the end of the year the participants will develop and create a stronger connection to Rotary. In addition, a secondary goal is that it can give the women of Rotary opportunities to practice both speaking in front of larger groups and building networking skills during the 1:1 meetings. Finally, it will also give opportunities for more senior women in the club to mentor newer members.