

100 Ways to Recruit New Members

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- 1. Ask someone
- 2. Bring a guest to a meeting
- 3. Advertise in newspapers &cable TV
- 4. Have a clear club goal & strategic plan
- 5. Letters or personal contact with local businesses
- 6. Contact with the Chamber of Commerce
- 7. Bookmarks inserted in library books
- 8. Public meetings at malls, outdoors etc.
- 9. Booth at malls, fairs festivals etc.
- 10. Pamphlets in doctors' offices, libraries
- 11. Host an Open House
- 12. Hold a club assemble only on membership
- 13. Ask a Rotary Foundation Alumni to join
- 14. Give the membership chair one minute at every meeting
- 15. Make the membership chair a club director
- 16. Put together a guest information packet
- 17. Invite prospects to a service project
- 18. Invite a family member to join
- 19. Letter to people in the news with an invitation To Rotary
- 20. Club business card with meeting time and location
- 21. Distribute extra copies of "The Rotarian" in waiting rooms, etc.
- 22. Hold high profile meetings
- 23. Have a special guest day
- 24. Ask for help from RIMC/RIMZC
- 25. Hold wine and cheese reception for prospects

- 26. Send club members to membership seminar
- 27. Make prospective members feel important
- 28. Honor outstanding community members
- 29. Reach out to Rotoractors (before 30yrs)
- 30. Make some meetings social events
- 31. Build a club website
- 32. Use group e-mail to promote Rotary
- 33. Put posters in public areas
- 34. Ask corporations to sponsor or subsidize membership
- 35. Have a reward program for those who bring in new members
- 36. Create more fun
- 37. Create a Facebook page for your club (other social media)
- 38. Invite the media to cover well known speakers
- 39. Use word of mouth
- 40. Network with coworkers, friends and family
- 41. Follow up with guests
- 42. Place a colored dot on the dot of every member to remind them to bring a guest
- 43. Lead by example...How many members have you sponsored?
- 44. Have members give Rotary chats at other organizations
- 45. Provide guests with a free first time meal
- 46. Look to diversify in ethnicity and gender
- 47. Update your clubs classification survey
- 48. Provide brochure for new employee packets in member companies
- 49. Advertise in sporting events
- 50. Ask the District for help!!!
- 51. Hold joint meetings with non-Rotary groups
- 52. Share your Rotary experiences with others
- 53. Participate in community events
- 54. Advertise Polio Plus in the local media
- 55. If a prospect cannot attend your meeting because of time, suggest another club
- 56. Publicize club successes in local newspapers
- 57. Circulate the club brochure and newsletter
- 58. Design a club brochure
- 59. Hold recruiting events with two or more clubs
- 60. Form/join a speakers bureau
- 61. Wear your pin!!! Wear your pin!!! Wear your pin!!!
- 62. Mention Rotary at meetings of other organizations during announcements
- 63. Send newsletters to guests

- 64. When asked about your leadership skills, mention Rotary
- 65. Ask the AG/District Membership Chair to attend a board meeting
- 66. Ask every member to submit 3 prospects to the membership chair
- 67. Make it FUN!!!!
- 68. Give every member a Rotary decal or bumper sticker for their car
- 69. Give testimonials about Rotary while guests are at the meeting
- 70. Repeatedly invite prospective members
- 71. Practice selling Rotary at club meetings- one minute elevator speech
- 72. Conduct a Membership Satisfaction Survey
- 73. Presidential Plea...bring a new prospect
- 74. Bring your boss to a meeting
- 75. Make direct contact with women's business organizations
- 76. Bring your co-worker to a meeting
- 77. Bring your subordinates to a meeting
- 78. Have new member kits
- 79. Use books, brochures, videos and posters from RI
- 80. Hand out invitation cards for a free breakfast
- 81. Members constantly promoting and raving about Rotary
- 82. Meet at a good location
- 83. Break up club into membership "teams"
- 84. Develop a year round membership strategy
- 85. Have a large poster that lists all the members that have sponsored a new member in the past year
- 86. Select a missing classification and plan on filling it
- 87. Have incentives for recruiting
- 88. Display a thermometer showing progress towards club goals
- 89. Induct a new member with pizzazz and invite a spouse/partner to be present
- 90. Develop a welcome letter from the president to welcome a new member
- 91. Contact all members that have resigned in the past three years
- 92. Use billboards at bus stops and road sides
- 93. Ask Rotarians to put Rotary ads on their commercial trucks
- 94. Recognize new members in newsletters
- 95. Regularly check RI website for new ideas
- 96. Subscribe to the Rotary Membership minute on the RI website
- 97. Invite spouses to social functions
- 98. Ask recipients of Rotary service or donations to speak for Rotary
- 99. Pass out M&M candy to remind members that "Membership Matters"
- 100. ASK AGAIN!!!!!