

## Who Should be a Member of the Upper Keys Rotary

Our founding documents direct us to “...thoroughly investigate the character, business, social, and community standing... of all persons proposed for membership...”

Our club documents, new and old, precisely name “Integrity” as a defining characteristic for members of the Upper Keys Rotary Club.

**--Therefore: Applicants accepted for membership should not have a factor that speaks against that person’s integrity. Examples might be, but are not limited to convictions or adjudications of guilt for misdemeanors or equivalent professional complaint involving physical violence or misuse of funds, convictions or adjudications of guilt for any level of felony or the equivalent professional complaint.**

Leadership and willingness to serve are factors named in our Club Constitution:

**--Therefore: Applicants accepted for membership should have shown accomplishment and express willingness to participate in Community Service and Club Service.**

The reputation of our club and foundation is based on the reputations of our members. Our club documents, new and old, define reputation and community standing as important characteristics for our members.

**--Therefore: Applicants accepted for membership should have a reputation for responsibility and fair dealing within the community. Examples of negative factors might be, but are not limited to, slow or no payment of bills for work or supplies, poor treatment of employees, poor sportsmanship, or poor behavior on the job or in public.**

All the Club’s documents cite the Rotary 4-Way Test as being important for Rotarian life.

**--Applicants accepted for membership should meet the test “Will their membership be beneficial to all concerned?” Answer the question, “Would you want this person to be the president of our club?”**

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The factors above are based on our founding documents. They have a solid foundation. Joe Miklas and Neil Boyce suggest that a level of engagement with the community is important and suggest:

- **A prospective Rotarian should have a demonstrated commitment to the community.**