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For Members Only

Membership Responsibilities

What Rotarians get out of Rotary depends largely on what they put into it. Many membership requirements are designed to help club members more fully participate in and enjoy their Rotary experience.

Attendance

Attending weekly club meetings allows members to enjoy fellowship, enrich their professional and personal knowledge, and meet other business leaders in their community. If members miss a meeting of their own club, they're encouraged to expand their Rotary horizons by attending a meeting of any other Rotary club in the world.

Service

By participating in local and international service projects, club members can volunteer their time and talents where they're most needed.

The four Avenues of Service are Rotary's philosophical cornerstone and the foundation on which club activity is based:

- Club Service focuses on strengthening fellowship and ensuring the club's effective functioning.
- Vocational Service encourages Rotarians to serve others through their vocations and to practice high ethical standards.
- Community Service covers the projects and activities the club undertakes to improve life in its community.
- International Service encompasses actions taken to expand Rotary's humanitarian reach around the globe and to promote world understanding and peace.

Read more about Rotary fellowship and service.

Finding and keeping members

To keep clubs strong, every Rotarian must share the responsibility of bringing new people into Rotary. Even new members can bring guests to club meetings or invite them to participate in a service project.

Keeping members involved in Rotary is another responsibility. Fostering strong fellowship and encouraging early participation in service projects are two of the best ways to sustain a club's membership.

Dues

Club members are required to pay [annual dues](#) to their clubs,

RI President's Message

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Rotary recently surveyed our members and found something that should be unsurprising but still caused many of us in Rotary leadership to sit up and pay attention: The single most important factor in member satisfaction is the club experience. How at home you feel in your club, how rewarding club meetings are, and how engaged you feel in service projects.

I have seen this firsthand across the Rotary world this year. When members feel an emotional connection to their club, they cannot imagine leaving. And that connection is often forged in "Rotary moments," when people feel that special connection to the people around them and the impact of their service. Our Imagine Impact Tour is all about shining a light on those Rotary moments and encouraging our members to tell their stories.

But there's something else that makes an enormous difference in building and sustaining that connection. It's the comfort and care of our members — both Rotarians and Rotaractors. As my Rotary friend Todd Jenkins says, "People can't see how you think, but they sure can see your actions."

We are in the relationship business, and if we take care of each other — genuinely show concern for each other — then we will make friends for life, and we will do anything to widen that circle of friendship.

The question is: How do we live with our eyes wide open and do the things that really matter? We do this by taking time for each other, actively listening to one another, and treating every Rotary member as equally valuable — no matter how long we have been a member or what position we hold.

People like me in Rotary leadership can offer all kinds of advice about how to make your club experience more valuable. But what's most important is for everyone in every Rotary club to speak up and listen to one another. We should never be afraid to share with our fellow Rotary member what we expect to get out of our membership and have an open discussion about how to make that happen.

To lead a Rotary club is to invite such dialogue and to be willing to try new approaches. Good leadership is giving it away. Propping others up. Allowing others to feel the victory.

I have one last request for club leaders. We still need to do more worldwide to increase our female membership. It's up a bit this year, but I know we can and must do better. Rotary is growing again. As I write this, we're just a handful of members away from surpassing 1.2 million Rotarians again. So let's redouble our efforts to bolster our clubs with great new members, then keep them for life by providing comfort and care.

Jennifer Jones

President 2022-23

districts, and Rotary International, as well as the subscription fee to the appropriate Rotary magazine.

Leadership

Club members are encouraged to volunteer for leadership roles at the club level and beyond. To learn more about leadership opportunities in your district, see the district leadership seminar page and the club committees page.

Questions to ask your club

These questions can help you get started on becoming more active in your club and better informed about Rotary:

- What club committee could use my skills?
- What community service projects is my club sponsoring?
- Does my club participate in any programs, such as World Community Service, Youth Exchange, Rotaract, or Rotary Youth Leadership Awards?
- How can I assist my club officers?
- Who in my club can serve as my mentor?
- What opportunities are there for getting involved in international service?
- Can I serve as a greeter at club meetings?
- How do I find out where to make up missed meetings?
- When is the district conference?

Finding and keeping members

Recognize members of your club who sponsor a new member with this pin. Pins can be ordered through licensed vendors.

To be effective and relevant to a community, a Rotary club needs members. A club's ability to serve the community is directly related to the strength and size of a club's membership base.

Finding members

It's the responsibility of current Rotary club members to invite other qualified individuals to join Rotary. New members bring important benefits to the club, including an increased capacity to serve the community, future leadership, diversity, and fresh ideas, interests, and energy.

Keeping members

Retaining good members is as critical to Rotary's long-term success and health as the induction of new members. Current members who are dedicated, active, and motivated support the effective functioning of the club and are likely to attract new members. Successful retention strategies include educating members and keeping them involved and informed. If your club is aware of a member who is moving but still wishes to maintain Rotary membership, encourage that member to complete the relocation form.

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When a new member becomes active, involved, and connected, both the club and the new member become stronger. Ideas for integrating a new member into your Rotary club include

- Introducing the new member to other club members each week for the first month
- Encouraging the new member to become involved in club service projects
- Inviting the new member to attend meetings of sponsored Interact or Rotaract clubs
- Encouraging the new member to get involved in international programs, such as Group Study Exchange or Rotary Youth Exchange
- Inviting the new member to neighboring clubs for a make-up meeting so they can learn about attendance requirements and observe the spirit of fellowship
- Asking the new member and his or her spouse to social activities, dinners, or other special events
- Encouraging the new member and his or her spouse to attend the district conference
- Appointing a mentor to help the new member become an active Rotarian.

(Source : rotary.org)

Life Lessons

Life is worthwhile if you TRY.

Try something to see if you can do it. Try to make a difference. Try to make some progress. Try to learn a new skill. Try your best. Give it every effort.

Life is worthwhile if you STAY.

You have to stay from spring until harvest. If you have signed up for the day or the game or the project, see it through. Don't end in the middle.

Life is worthwhile if you CARE.

If you care at all, you will get results. If you care enough, you will get incredible results.

Care enough to make a difference.

Care enough to turn somebody around.

Care enough to change.

Care enough to win.

Life is worthwhile if you PLAN.

If you don't design your own life plan, chances are you'll fall into someone else's plan.

Life is worthwhile if you GIVE.

Giving is better than receiving because giving starts the receiving process.

Life is worthwhile if you BE.

Wherever you are, be there. Develop a unique focus on the current moment.

Let others lead small lives, but not you.

Let others argue over small things, but not you.

Let others cry over small hurts, but not you.

Let others leave their futures in someone else's hands, but not you.

Invite your friends and relatives to attend our regular weekly meeting.