

What is Rotary?

Membership Information Guidelines

From Rotary International Handbook: *“An organization of business and professional men and women united worldwide, who provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and help build goodwill and peace in the world”*

Those words tell a profound story and affirm that we are a **SERVICE** organization and that we are in Rotary for only one purpose: **TO SERVE.**

Our motto is: *SERVICE ABOVE SELF.*

I. The Rotary FOUR WAY TEST

- FIRST: Is It The Truth?
- SECOND: Is It Fair To All Concerned?
- THIRD: Will It Build Good Will And Better Friendships?
- FORTH: Will It Be Beneficial To All Concerned?

II. What NOT to expect from Rotary:

- Please don't expect to promote your business or gain social status
- Rotary is NOT a political organization. It does not support any candidates, political parties, political agendas, or forms of government.
- Rotary is NOT a religious organization nor does it endorse any religion over others.
- Rotary is NOT a fundraising organization *for other entities.*
- Rotary is NOT judgmental. *“Service Above Self”* means we look beyond our individual biases, our individual businesses, our individual communities, and ourselves.

III. Membership Responsibilities:

A. Attendance

1. New Gen Rotarians strive for perfect attendance.
2. As a member you are expected to attend weekly meetings and maintain an attendance of 70% or better to include make-ups (see Rotary Attendance Requirements).
3. You are expected to maintain 50% attendance at our home club.

4. You are expected to attend the entire meeting.
5. We meet WEEKLY at NOON at 1pm at T.G.I.Friday's at the Promenade Mall in Temecula.

B. Make-ups (see Rotary Attendance Requirements)

1. Attendance at any Rotary anywhere in the world counts as a make-up and will be counted toward your attendance record IF you bring back a properly signed attendance slip, and IF you turn it into the club secretary.
2. Attendance online at <http://www.rotaryclubone.com> when an attendance e-mail is received by the club secretary.
3. Attendance at a sanctioned Rotary event.

C. Club Participation

All members are expected to make a meaningful effort to participate in the various club social and charitable events. The best way to do this is to get involved in one of the avenues of service. Examples include:

International Service

Rotary Foundation (Dr. Without Borders – Russian clinics – Haiti clinics) - Student Exchange – Group Study Exchange – Ambassadorial Scholarships - World Peace Fellows – Clean Water Projects.

Vocational Service

Rotary Speech Contest – Rotary Music Contest - Vocational Service Awards.

Club Service

Social - Membership – Newsletter – Public Relations – Web Master Programs - Weekly Set-up of Club Meeting.

Community Service

Thanksgiving Baskets – Christmas Baskets – Bicycle Program - Special Games - City Parades

Youth Service

Interact (3 high schools) – RYLA – PRYDE - International Student Exchange

Each member is expected to contribute their time (we are not a check book organization) in order to make this club and community better.

Participation in organizing and/or operating the annual fundraiser - *The Beer Pong Tournament* - is expected from every member.

IV. Financial Responsibilities

- A. All financial obligations are the *member's personal responsibility, **NOT** the member's employer. The employer is not the member.*
- B. See Estimated Annual Membership attached for estimated expenses.
- E. Paul Harris Donation (also known as Rotary Foundation)

This is a separate pledge that is voluntary, but highly recommended. This donation and the Rotary Foundation will be discussed thoroughly at a Fireside Chat. Rotary International, our district (5330), and our club have a goal of having 100% of our members participate in this Rotary charity. Every year the District Governor establishes a goal for each member of every club.

Once the application and your signed Estimated Expense form have been completed and returned to the Membership Chair, they will be submitted to the Board of Directors for consideration. Usually within two to four weeks from that date you will be given a date of your induction from your sponsor or the Membership Chair.