



**2018-19
New Member Outline
(Guidelines and Responsibilities)**

A. The Club

Founded 1917; ~250 active members; meets every Wednesday at 12:30 noon at the Terrace Room of the Greensboro Coliseum. The club meeting ends at 1:30 pm sharp!

Candidates for membership are expected to have the following qualifications:

- Be a civic-minded individual
- Be viewed as a leader in the community or have the potential for leadership in the community and our Club
- Be committed to being an active member and participate in Club projects
- Have the ability to make the financial commitment as outlined below

B. New Member Orientation

Each new member is required to attend this informative training session to give you a deeper understanding of the mission of our club and Rotary International. Sessions are held at regular scheduled intervals and normally held on a Wednesday prior to our regular Club meeting on a Wednesday at the Atrium behind The Terrace Room where our regular meetings are held. The orientation will be scheduled within a short time frame after you have been accepted for membership.

C. Opportunity For Service

Each member is expected to complete a questionnaire annually and indicate past responsibility as well as current interest in several areas of service. The Opportunity for Service Committee coordinates with other committee chairpersons to place the member in active service roles. New members will be asked to express their interest in a service role prior to their orientation date.

D. Attendance Requirements

1. Normally, each active member is expected to attend at least 60% of all regularly scheduled meetings. Our club goal for attendance is 75%. Active and engaged members are essential for this great organization to achieve our service goals.
2. Options for make-up meetings include the following

- attending a meeting of another Rotary Club
 - attending a District or Rotary International meeting, conference or event
 - attending a Rotaract, Interact or Rotary Community Corps session
 - successfully completing a Rotary e-Club meeting (www.rotaryclubone.org)
 - assisting at the Rotary office with special projects for at least an hour
 - participating in approved club activities for at least an hour
 - monthly board meeting
 - service committee meeting, such as Donations, Membership or Social
 - service project or other approved club activity, such as Bell Ringing, Big Sweep, or tutoring.
 - fellowship event or social hosted by the Club
3. Rotarians will still be required to actually attend Rotary meetings of our club or another, but the minimum requirement for actual meeting attendance will be set at 25%, or about one meeting per month. Credit for 100% attendance will be measured based on actual meeting attendance, approved activities as listed above, or make-up by attendance at other club meetings or online meetings hosted by Rotary International.
 4. Make up opportunities with all other area Rotary clubs are available 14 days before or 14 days after an absence in order to count toward the attendance requirement. A listing of these clubs is published on our club's website at <https://greensbororotary.org/meeting-makeup/>. Make up meetings may be at ANY Rotary club in the world. Members can also easily notify the club of meetings that have been made up by clicking on the Meeting Makeup button on the club's homepage at <https://greensbororotary.org>.
 5. Extenuating circumstances should be discussed with the Club Administrator or your sponsor to determine alternative options.

E. **Financial Responsibilities**

1. **Dues/Initiation Fees**

Dues are currently \$195 per quarter, payable in advance upon receipt of invoice. These monies are used primarily to pay the ongoing expenses of the Club. In addition to the local dues, a \$25 assessment is included in your quarterly dues statements. This assessment goes to the Rotary International foundation to support all of their global initiatives such as PolioPlus.

2. **The Rotary Club of Greensboro Foundation**

Each year the Club seeks to raise about \$55,000 in support of local Rotary Club projects. Fundraising is usually in conjunction with a Fellowship Gala in the spring of each year. This is our ONE major fundraiser of the year. Every member is expected to support this effort through their tax-deductible gift of \$300 to our Club Foundation or through the non-

deductible purchase of raffle tickets. Use of these monies is under the general supervision of the Donations Committee and the Club Board of Directors. Current Club policy requires that the majority of these monies be directed toward projects of a local nature in which the Rotary Club is directly involved. Attendance at the gala is not mandatory but highly encouraged. It is how we fund our projects and community service.

3. Rotary International Foundation

<https://www.rotary.org/myrotary/en/my-rotary/rotary-foundation>

The Rotary International Foundation supports Rotary activities worldwide. Ambassadorial scholarships, our fight to end Polio and matching grants are but two of the many ways in which the RI Foundation supports Rotary in collaboration with local clubs, including our own.

In honor of Rotary's founder, Paul Harris, Rotarians who contribute \$1,000 to the Rotary International Foundation are designated as Paul Harris Fellows. Our goal is to achieve and maintain the Club's status as a 100% Paul Harris Fellows Club.

In line with this goal, all members are asked to participate in EREY – Every Rotary Every Year contributing at least \$100 to the Rotary International Foundation. To accelerate the recognition as a Paul Harris Fellow, new members are asked to contribute \$100/quarter during their first 5 quarters. When the new member's contributions reach \$500, the Club matches the individual's contribution thereby accelerating recognition of the member as a Paul Harris Fellow. Each time a \$1,000 mark is attained another Paul Harris designation is available for the member, or for use by the member in honoring a spouse, parent or other person. Special payment terms are available.

4. Summary of Financial Obligations for New Members

- \$195 local dues per quarter, includes all meals and social events (not tax deductible)
- \$100 per quarter donation to Rotary International Foundation for 5 quarters; then it becomes \$25/quarter (this is tax deductible)
- \$300 per year to local Club Foundation (tax deductible) or participation in annual raffle (not tax deductible)

Total annual obligation for the first year: \$1480

Total obligation for subsequent years: \$1180

F. Classification

Each active member of a Rotary club is classified in accordance with his/her business or profession. A "classification" describes the principal and recognized activity of the firm, company or institution with which a Rotarian is connected, or which describes the member's principal and recognized business or professional activity. It should be the goal of our club to have in its membership a representative of every recognized business or professional activity in the community.

G. Special Rotary Events

Each Rotary member is encouraged to attend these timely, well planned, and most entertaining events:

Fellowship Gala (*May-June*)

Holiday Luncheon (*December*)

Spouses/Significant Other Night (*February-March*)

Club Picnic (*September*)

H. Fellowship Duties

Newer members are encouraged to get involved right away by acting as a greeter for weekly meetings and/or registration for visiting Rotarians and guests and introducing them from the podium at the beginning of each meeting. This is a particularly useful task for new members in that it gives them the opportunity to meet face-to-face with the large majority of the membership.

Questions can be directed to:

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