

New Members Package

Rotary Club of Sault Ste. Marie



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Key Information

Meetings Tuesdays 12:05PM Marconi Club, SSM ON

Make-ups Members should have at least a 30% attendance at meetings, however we strive for a 60% attendance. Rotarians should never miss more than three consecutive meetings.

Rotarians may “make-up” attendance within two weeks (before or after) of a missed meeting at their own club by attending another Rotary Club’s meeting. Make-up cards should be submitted to the Club Secretary as soon as possible.

Nearby make-up locations:

Rotary Club of Sault Ste. Marie North
Wednesday 7:00AM or 12:00PM Algoma's
Water Tower Inn, SSM ON

Blind River Rotary
Wednesday 6:00PM Mustangs Grill,
Blind River ON

Wawa Rotary
Wednesday 12:00PM Embassy
Restaurant, Wawa ON

Chippewa County Sunrise Rotary
Thursday 7:00AM Antlers Restaurant,
SSM MI

Sault Michigan Rotary
Monday 12:00PM Ojibway Hotel, SSM MI

Dues **Approx. \$800 Annually**

To be paid:

- Jan 1st
- April 1st
- July 1st
- October 1st

Include:

- Lunches
- Rotary International Dues
- Rotary District 6290 Dues

Online

General

www.rotarysault.com

Event-Specific

ROTARYFEST

www.rotaryfest.com

ROTARYFEST Market Research

www.rotaryfestandme.com

Snowarama

www.snowarama.org

Rotary International

www.rotary.org

Facebook

Rotary Club of Sault Ste. Marie Page

Rotary International Page

Twitter

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Becoming an Active Member

A Red Badge indicates that you are a New Member at the Rotary Club of Sault Ste. Marie. In order to become an Active Member (and thereby earn your Blue Badge), you must accomplish the following:

Earning your Blue Badge

1. Attend a **Board meeting**
 - a. Board meetings are held monthly and meeting locations and times are announced during luncheons.
2. Complete a **makeup luncheon** at another Rotary Club
3. Submit a **biography** of yourself for the Rotary newsletter, the Ambassador

Benefits & Responsibilities

Benefits of Membership

All Rotary clubs aim to serve their community and those in need throughout the world. Through club service projects, members learn more about local and international issues, and can volunteer their time and talents where they are most needed.

Club meetings give members the opportunity to build friendships, enrich their professional and personal knowledge, and meet other business leaders in their community. Club meeting times are located in the *Key Information* section, as well as local meeting supplements in Sault Ste. Marie and area.

Members are welcome to attend meetings at any Rotary club -- a practice that guarantees Rotarians a warm welcome in communities around the world. You can even meet online through a Rotary e-club.

RI Convention

The RI Convention is held every May or June in a different world-class city. This lively, four-day event features notable speakers, spectacular entertainment, and unparalleled opportunities to experience the true breadth of Rotary International.

District Conference


District conferences showcase club and district activities. These annual, family-friendly events mix friendship with learning.

Responsibilities of Membership

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. Information is available on the Rotary International website, or through the Club Secretary (information available in your roster).

Service

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

The 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.
- **New Generations Service** recognizes the positive change implemented by youth and young adults through leadership development activities, service projects, and exchange programs.

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, districts, and Rotary International, as well as the subscription fee to the appropriate Rotary magazine. Specific amounts and details are available on the *Key Information* section.

Leadership

Club members are encouraged to volunteer for leadership roles at the club level and beyond. To learn more about leadership opportunities in our club, please read the *Committee Summaries* within this packet and contact the Committee Chair (Committee membership and contact information is found in your roster).





Committee Summaries

Committee	Scope (approx)	Description
Administration	Budget \$3,000	Conducts all of the club's administration activities. The treasurer and secretary should be members.
Attendance/Guests		Monthly, two people are assigned to record Rotarian's attendance to luncheons, as well as announcing those not in attendance, and the overall attendance percentage. Monthly, two additional people will record the guests in attendance and collect the lunch fees from these individuals. They will also announce the guests in attendance, asking them to stand, at the beginning of each meeting.
Sergeant-At-Arms		If necessary, this committee will set up flags, bring out bell, and keep the club's meetings in order. They are also entrusted to cause hilarity and lighten up the meeting. This is done through announcements and fines for fun, or meaningful reasons. For example, in order to raise funds for Polio plus – reasons could be no pin, no badge, using your cell phone, or talking business.
Program Committee		For program two people are assigned for the month to bring in interesting and informative speakers for each week of that month. The speakers have 20 minutes for presentation and then 5 minutes or so is given to question and answers. The two Rotarians assigned to program with their guest speaker sit at the head table with the president.
Club History		The main purpose of this committee is to collect history of the club activities during the year of each President and to record same into a History book. It is the duty of the President to highlight his/her year as he/she sees it.
Custodian		Ensure that Rotary property in the warehouse is organized, and arrange to retrieve and/or deliver these items when requested.
Membership		Develops and implements a plan for recruiting and retaining club members.
Birthdays		One Rotarian is responsible each month to research which Rotarians have a birthday in that given month. These individuals will then be recognized at a luncheon that month and presented with gift of any sort. The Rotarians who are celebrating their birthday that month are required to pay \$2.00 during that luncheon.
Flowers & Sick Visits		Responsible for ensuring that the personal events in Rotarians lives are looked after.
Social Fellowship/ Family Christmas Party		During 2 nd or 3 rd week of December, during luncheon, face painting, balloon sculptures, Santa, and children-oriented -activities are included into the luncheon. Rotarians bring their children and Easter Seals children are invited as well. Any additional social outings are also planned by this committee.
Golf Outing		Organize a Rotarian golf tournament sometime throughout the summer.

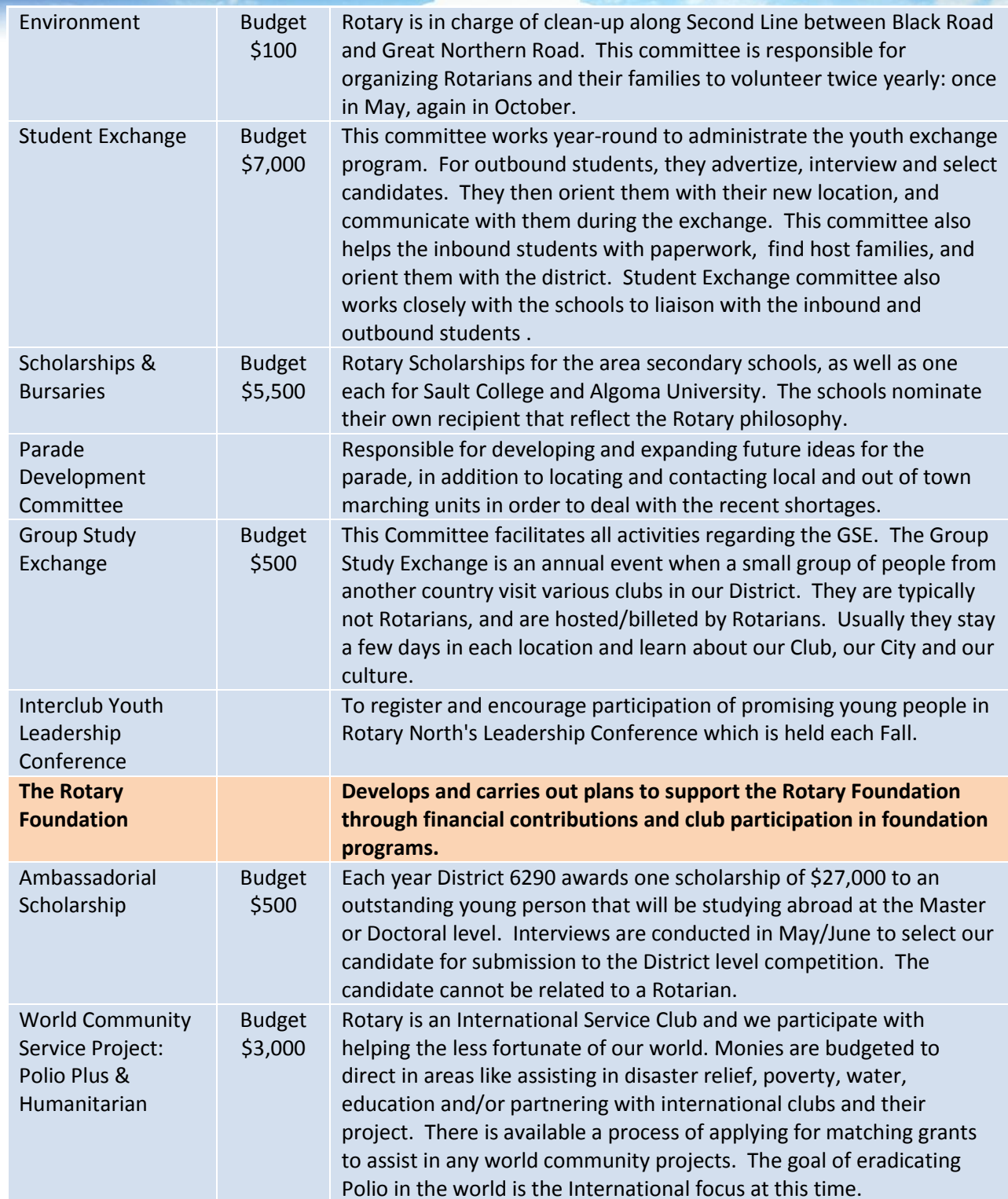


Rotarian of the Year		This committee, annually, chooses an exceptional Rotarian, who in the past year or years has made a significant contribution to the club, and then honours them with an award. It is chaired each year by the preceding year's President.
Public Relations	Budget \$5,000	Develops and executes a plan to provide the public with information about Rotary and promote the club's service projects and activities.
Service Projects		Plans and carries out educational, humanitarian, and vocational projects that address the needs of the club's community and communities in other countries.
ROTARYFEST	Revenue \$180,000	<p>ROTARYFEST, <i>The Sault's Summer Festival!</i>, is one of our community's most cherished annual traditions. Each year, the festivities run the third weekend in July from Thursday through Saturday, centered in Clergue Park. The festival presents a number of exciting events including The Stage which features three days of free entertainment, The Tenaris Second Stage- a celebration of original art and music, Cirque du ROTARYFEST – a new attraction that features eye-popping routines of Cirque performers as well as workshops, the annual Rotary Community Day Parade preceded by runners for the Miracle Mile, the glint of steel and hot wheels featured in the Wheels on the Water Car Show, and the hands-on fun of the Essar Steel Algoma PlayZone. Go to www.rotaryfest.com for the complete schedule. The committee represents all subcommittee chair people. These subcommittees are responsible for organizing and executing the various events of ROTARYFEST. Examples of subcommittees are Grounds, Parade, Stage, Second Stage, Miracle Mile, Security, Volunteers, Food Court, Car Show, PlayZone, and SportsZone. Support staff aid subcommittees where necessary, as well as help facilitate the festival as a whole and development new festival components with Rotarians.</p> <p><i>All Rotarians are expected to volunteer for this event in order to make it a success.</i></p>
Take Your Pick Car Draw	Revenue \$300,000	Car Draw typically starts by January 1st with the selection of draw cars and dealership who will be working with us. The committee solidifies the complete package and the retail costs in writing no later than Feb 1st so we can make an application for the license. The ticket mock-up, done by Cliffe Printing, must be completed to accompany the license. By May 1st interviews begin for the Car Draw assistant, usually hired by 3rd week of May. Once the license has been confirmed the tickets go to print. By Father's Day a vehicle in on display in the Station Mall and ticket sales begin. From June 1st until draw date the committee is busy washing and moving draw cars to display locations. The committee usually consists of about 4 members in order to manage the movement of the cars to various retail locations.
Easter Seals Telethon	Revenue \$120,000	Organizes the Easter Seals Telethon is a live TV broadcast to raise money and awareness for Easter Seals. The 7-hour local show occurs on a day in March-May and involves over 50 volunteers to produce.



Penny Power	Revenue \$15,000	This committee facilitates the involvement of the schools, and delivers collection buckets and other materials. It also marshals the nearly 200 volunteers required during collection day, the banking and arranges for their rolling equipment, tables, facility and hospitality. The fire department arranges for the pickup and delivery of the pennies the week prior to Penny Power Day, usually held the first Saturday of March.
Battle of the Sections	Revenue \$5,000	Battle of the Sections is an annual donation competition between viewers of a particular Greyhound hockey game. The committee is responsible for coordinating the volunteers to count each sections donations, organizing, marketing, arranging for the opening of ceremonies, raising the winning sections prizes, and announcing and awarding the winning section.
Snowarama	Revenue \$25,000	Coordinate sponsors, volunteers, prizes, and participation for the event. This committee also organizes the distribution of pledge forms along with the breakfast and lunch that is provided for the participants. Coordinates with the Sault Trail Blazers (Co-presenter) and the Rotary Club in order to ensure the event runs smoothly.
Bell Celebrity Skate & Swim	Revenue \$55,000	Coordinate sponsors, volunteers, prizes, and participation for the event. This committee also meets with team managers and volunteers in order to distribute pledge forms and grow participation. Coordinates with the John Rhodes staff and the Rotary Club in order to ensure the event runs smoothly.
Sports Awards	Budget \$3,000	This committee organizes the male Sports Awards dinner which takes place the second Tues in June. Meetings begin in early April. This event has been sponsored for over 50 years.
Drug & Alcohol Awareness	Budget \$4,000	This committee meets as needed. In the last few years we have funded the PARTY (Prevent Alcohol and Risk Related Trauma in Youth) program.
Science Fair	Budget \$8,000	The fair dates, venue, budget and awards ceremony is organized, promoted and executed by the Rotary Science Fair committee. The regional Fair should be scheduled at least one week after March break and three weeks prior to the Canada Wide Fair, so typically late March early April. The committee is also responsible for finding a suitable chaperone to accompany Regional winners to the Canada wide fair and ensuring all forms are correctly processed. The science fair committee is responsible for organizing a fun, educational and safe event for our community youth.
Children's Rehab Centre-Algoma	Budget \$10,000	Rotary is represented on the Board of Children's Rehabilitation Centre Algoma in order to maintain a direct connection to the centre which was originally started by the Sault Ste Marie Rotary Club.
Santa Claus Parade	Budget \$3,000	Organize and produce a Santa Claus parade. Begin planning in late September, including a press release, street closure applications, delegate responsibilities to volunteers, and notify past participants. The parade is usually the Saturday before the American Thanksgiving. There is a sub-committee for lighted children's costumes.





Environment	Budget \$100	Rotary is in charge of clean-up along Second Line between Black Road and Great Northern Road. This committee is responsible for organizing Rotarians and their families to volunteer twice yearly: once in May, again in October.
Student Exchange	Budget \$7,000	This committee works year-round to administrate the youth exchange program. For outbound students, they advertize, interview and select candidates. They then orient them with their new location, and communicate with them during the exchange. This committee also helps the inbound students with paperwork, find host families, and orient them with the district. Student Exchange committee also works closely with the schools to liaison with the inbound and outbound students .
Scholarships & Bursaries	Budget \$5,500	Rotary Scholarships for the area secondary schools, as well as one each for Sault College and Algoma University. The schools nominate their own recipient that reflect the Rotary philosophy.
Parade Development Committee		Responsible for developing and expanding future ideas for the parade, in addition to locating and contacting local and out of town marching units in order to deal with the recent shortages.
Group Study Exchange	Budget \$500	This Committee facilitates all activities regarding the GSE. The Group Study Exchange is an annual event when a small group of people from another country visit various clubs in our District. They are typically not Rotarians, and are hosted/billeted by Rotarians. Usually they stay a few days in each location and learn about our Club, our City and our culture.
Interclub Youth Leadership Conference		To register and encourage participation of promising young people in Rotary North's Leadership Conference which is held each Fall.
The Rotary Foundation		Develops and carries out plans to support the Rotary Foundation through financial contributions and club participation in foundation programs.
Ambassadorial Scholarship	Budget \$500	Each year District 6290 awards one scholarship of \$27,000 to an outstanding young person that will be studying abroad at the Master or Doctoral level. Interviews are conducted in May/June to select our candidate for submission to the District level competition. The candidate cannot be related to a Rotarian.
World Community Service Project: Polio Plus & Humanitarian	Budget \$3,000	Rotary is an International Service Club and we participate with helping the less fortunate of our world. Monies are budgeted to direct in areas like assisting in disaster relief, poverty, water, education and/or partnering with international clubs and their project. There is available a process of applying for matching grants to assist in any world community projects. The goal of eradicating Polio in the world is the International focus at this time.

Calendar of Events

JULY						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S

AUGUST						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S

SEPTEMBER						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S

OCTOBER						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S

NOVEMBER						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S

DECEMBER						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S

JANUARY						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S

FEBRUARY						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S

MARCH						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S

APRIL						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S

MAY						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S

JUNE						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S

LEGEND

Tentative **Set**

ROTARYFEST
Summer festival with music, food, fun & more

CAR DRAW
Take Your Pick car draw date

GOLF
The club golf outing

YOUTH EX
Youth Exchange info night & app due date

IPD
International Polio Day

SKATE & SWIM
Fundraising night for kids and teams

SCP
Rotary Santa Claus Parade

FCP
Club family christmas party at a luncheon

PENNY
Donation collection times and count date

BOS
Battle of the Sections pass the hat comp.

SNOWARAMA
Snowarama charity snowmobiling day event

EST
Easter Seals Telethon live telethon date

SCIENCE FAIR
Rotary Regional Science Fair grades 7-12

AMB SCHOL
Ambassadorial Scholarship Interviews

SAD
Sports Awards Dinner for male athletes

P NITE
President's Night: new president is honoured





Glossary of Rotary Terms

Active Member

A member of a club who has been elected to membership in the club under a classification of business or profession and who has all the obligations, responsibilities, and privileges of membership as provided in the RI constitution and bylaws.

Admission Fee

Fee paid to a club by an applicant for membership in the club. The fee varies according to the amount specified by each club in its bylaws.

Assembly, District

A training meeting conducted annually, preferably in April or May, of club presidents-elect and members of clubs assigned by the club president-elect to serve in key leadership roles in the upcoming year. It provides a program of instruction to develop club leaders who have the necessary skills, knowledge, and motivation to improve club effectiveness as defined by the RI Board as well as an opportunity to share local and district plans and objectives.

Board of Directors, Club

Governing body of a Rotary club, to be constituted as the bylaws of the club may provide.

Benefactor

An individual who has notified The Rotary Foundation that he/she has made provisions in his/her final estate plans, or made an outright gift of US\$1,000 or more, to The Rotary Foundation Permanent Fund.

“Boosting”

The practice in early Rotary clubs of sharing business leads. Clubs like Chicago and San Francisco did not start as "service" clubs. The concept of assisting the community at large as

the major charge of such organizations came later. The early clubs were instead considered to be "back-scratching" or "boosting" clubs in which "business exchange" between members was the primary purpose. The early bylaws of the San Francisco Rotary Club stated plainly, "...all firms to be represented in the Rotary Club must have for their representative one who has the power to place business as well as to secure it."

Charter Member

A founding member of a Rotary club. This member is elected to membership prior to the admission of the club to membership in RI.

Classification

Word or phrase which describes a separate and distinct business or professional service rendered to the community. As a term, it is the word or phrase which most accurately describes the principal and recognized business or professional activity of the firm, company, or institution with which an active member is connected or that which covers the active member's principal and recognized business or professional activity.

Classification Roster

Complete list of business and professional activities of the community, showing which have been filled, and which remain unfilled, in the club.

Convention

Annual international meeting of Rotary International. Its primary purpose is to inspire and inform Rotarians at an international level. Club delegates from around the world elect RI officers for the coming Rotary year, including the president and RI Board.





Dues and Fees

Every active member of a club pays an admission fee and annual dues to the club in amounts determined by the club.

Effective Club

A club that can 1) sustain and/or grow its membership base; 2) implement successful service projects that address the needs of its community and communities in other countries; 3) support The Rotary Foundation through both program participation and financial contributions; and 4) develop leaders capable of serving Rotary beyond the club level.

Founder of Rotary

Term used in reference to Paul P. Harris, who organized the first Rotary club in Chicago in 1905. Paul Harris was born 19 April 1868 and died 27 January 1947.

Four Avenues of Service

Term used in referring to Club Service, Vocational Service, Community Service, and International Service. (See separate entries.)

Fund Raising Resource Guide

A booklet designed to help club and district leaders organize special fund-raising events. Includes detailed planning steps as well as a wide variety of fund-raising ideas from all over the Rotary world.

"Getting Started in Rotary"

Guide to sponsor's responsibilities and brief information for new members, as well as a guide for family members of new Rotarians.

"Good Standing"

As used in the constitutional documents of RI, this phrase applies to a member of a Rotary club or to the membership of a Rotary club in RI, and means that the Rotarian or club continues to fulfill all requirements for membership in the club or in RI.

Governor's Monthly Letter

Personal, official communication issued every month by the governor to the president and secretary of each club in the district containing items of special interest and importance, including the Monthly Membership Attendance Report.

Honorary Member

A person who, by serving with distinction in the furtherance of Rotary ideals, has been elected to honorary membership of a club. An honorary member is exempt from payment of fees and dues, has no vote, and may not hold office. However, an honorary member may attend all meetings and enjoy the privileges of the club. The term of honorary membership is determined by the club board. **(Old MOP)** Honorary membership terminates each year on June 30, but may, by club Board of Directors resolution, be continued from year to year. *The 2001 Council on Legislation permitted each club to elect Honorary Members for life, unless removed by ballot of the club.*

Make-up

Attendance at the meeting of another Rotary club or certain other functions as provided in article VIII of the standard Rotary club constitution, to protect membership and receive attendance credit when a meeting of the Rotarian's own club is missed. When attendance is made up at another Rotary club, it is reported to the Rotarian's home club on a "Visiting Rotarian Report Card" sent by the secretary of the club visited.

Membership Expansion

This committee continually reviews the club classifications roster and takes positive action to bring to the board of directors the names of suitable candidates to fill unfilled classifications. They are also charged with maintaining a positive attitude to membership development.





Membership Identification Card

A uniform pocket membership identification card, recommended by RI for use by all clubs. It carries a facsimile signature of the general secretary with blank spaces provided for inserting the name of the member to whom the card is issued, the name of the club, classification, date to which dues have been paid, the signature of the club secretary, and the signature of the member to whom the card is issued.

Menu of Service Opportunities

Issues and concerns identified by RI as recommended service priorities for clubs and districts for a specified period of time, including Children at Risk, Disabled Persons, Health Care, International Understanding and Goodwill, Literacy and Numeracy, Population Issues, Poverty and Hunger, Preserve Planet Earth, and Urban Concerns.

Object of Rotary

The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise as set forth in the RI constitution, article IV and the standard Rotary club constitution, article IV.

Officers, Club

Duly elected officers of a club are the president, the president-elect, one or more vice-presidents, the secretary, the treasurer, and the sergeant-at-arms.

Paul Harris Fellow

Individual who contributes or in whose honor or memory is contributed US\$1,000 to The Rotary Foundation.

Paul Harris Sustaining Member [PHSM]

Individual who agrees to contribute \$1000 (or in whose honor or memory the contribution is made) to The Rotary Foundation with a minimum first contribution of \$100. When contributions reach \$1000 the person is recognized as a Paul Harris Fellow.

PolioPlus

The program of Rotary International/The Rotary Foundation with a "priority of the highest order" to eradicate polio from the world.

Purposes of Rotary International

To encourage, promote, extend, and supervise Rotary throughout the world; To coordinate and generally direct the activities of RI.

Representative

Rotarian (past officer unless otherwise approved by the president) elected to represent the clubs of a district at the council on legislation. Representatives are voting members of the council.

Rotaract

Rotary club-sponsored clubs for young adults (ages 18-30) for the purpose of developing leaders and service-minded citizens.

Rotary


"Rotary" is used as expressive and indicative of the organized body of Rotary clubs and Rotarians, of the spirit which animates them, of the principles and practices and precedents which guide them, and of the purposes and object they seek to accomplish.

Rotary Emblem

Symbol of Rotary International, consisting of a gear wheel with six spokes, 24 cogs, and a keyway. Colored royal blue and gold, it is worn with pride by Rotarians as a lapel button.

Rotary Foundation of RI, The

A not-for-profit corporation that receives contributions and distributes funds in support of approved humanitarian and educational programs that are implemented through Rotary clubs and districts. Its mission is to support the efforts of Rotary International in the fulfillment of the Object of Rotary, Rotary's Mission, and the realization of understanding and peace through local and international humanitarian, educational, and cultural programs.





Rotary International Theme

Annual Rotary message expressed through the president. The theme is of paramount importance to the implementation of service throughout each Rotary year.

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards [RYLA]

An intensive training program for community youth leaders. Young people chosen for their leadership potential attend an all-expenses-paid seminar, camp, or workshop to discuss leadership skills and to learn those skills through practice. Every RYLA includes: Fundamentals of leadership; Ethics of positive leadership; Importance of communication skills in effective leadership; Problem-solving and conflict management; Rotary's purpose and service to the community; Building self confidence and self-esteem; and Elements of community and global citizenship.

Rule of 85

A club member's absence shall be excused if a member is an active member and the aggregate of the member's years of age and year's of membership in one or more clubs is 85 years or more and the member has notified the club secretary in writing of the member's desire to be excused from attendance and the board has approved.

"Service Above Self"

Rotary's official motto, which may be used in Rotary literature and elsewhere.

Special Months in Rotary

Months designated by the RI Board to emphasize the involvement of every Rotarian, and not just clubs, in Rotary activities. They are: Literacy (July), Membership and Extension (August), New Generations (September), Vocational Service (October), The Rotary Foundation (November), Rotary Awareness (January), World Understanding (February), Magazine (April), Rotary Fellowships (June).

Special Representative

An individual, usually a Rotarian and preferably a member of the club sponsoring the organization of a new Rotary club, appointed by and representing the governor in all the details pertaining to the organization of the club.

Sponsor Club

Rotary club which has assumed responsibility for assisting in the organization of a new club and in guiding it in its early development as a member of RI. The sponsor club is usually the home club of the special representative who assisted the governor in the organization of the new club being sponsored.

Standard Rotary Club Constitution

The club constitution prescribed by the RI bylaws for adoption by all clubs admitted to membership in RI.

THE ROTARIAN

The name of the official magazine of RI and an international magazine for business and professional people

Visiting Rotarian Report Card

Card used by the secretary of a club to report the attendance of a visiting Rotarian to the secretary of the visitor's home club in order that credit for attendance can be given.

World Headquarters

The World Headquarters of the Secretariat located at One Rotary Center, 1560 Sherman Avenue, Evanston, Illinois 60201-3698 USA. The World Headquarters provides membership services for clubs and districts in North America, Mexico, Central America, the Caribbean, northern South America, eastern Russia, and Antarctica.





World Understanding and Peace Day

The anniversary of Rotary's birth, 23 February 1905, is also observed as World Understanding and Peace Day. Each club, on that day, gives special recognition and emphasis to Rotary's commitment to international understanding, friendship, and peace.

Youth Exchange

An RI program for students of secondary school age to engage in study or travel abroad for one academic year or less for the purpose of advancing international understanding and goodwill. Sponsored by sending and receiving Rotary clubs or districts, the exchangees are selected according to guidelines and procedures suggested by the RI Board.

