EXCUSED ABSENCES (Leave of Absence and “Rule 85”)

From Article 9 of the Rotary Club Constitution (contained in Rotary Manual of Procedure)

Section 3 — Excused Absences. A member’s absence shall be excused if
(a) the absence complies with the conditions and under circumstances approved
by the board. The board may excuse a member’s absence for reasons which it
considers to be good and sufficient. Such excused absences shall not extend
for longer than twelve months. However, if the leave is for a medical reason
that extends for more than twelve months such leave may be renewed by the
board for a period of time beyond the original twelve months.

(b) the aggregate of the member’s years of age and years 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.

Section 4 — RI Officers’ Absences. A member’s absence shall be excused if the
member is a current officer of RI or a Rotarian partner of a current officer of RI.

Section 5 — Attendance Records. When a member whose absences are excused
under the provision of subsection 3(a) (Leave of Absence) of this article fails to attend a club
meeting, the member and the member’s absence shall NOT be included in the attendance
records. In the event that a member whose absences are excused under the
provisions of subsection 3(b) (Rule 85) or section 4 of this article attends a club meeting,
the member and the member’s attendance SHALL BE included in the membership
and attendance figures used to compute this club’s attendance.

NOTE:

Payment of Dues – An excused absence (Leave of Absence) or qualification for “Rule 85” does
NOT exempt a member from the payment of dues. Members are still responsible for the
payment of Rotary International and District Dues, as assessed by the Club. Clubs may wish to
make an adjustment on the meals portion of dues invoices. This same scenario applies to snow
birds who are away from the area for extended periods of time. Rotary International and
District 5580 will still assess the club for these members, and therefore, the club should be
collecting them from the Rotarian. 2015-2016 Dues Information is contained on Page 2 of this
document.

GENERAL RULE: The only way that a person does NOT pay dues is if they are an Honorary
Member or are no longer in Rotary.
Rotary International Dues

Payable Semi-Annually in July and January

Club Secretaries will receive the Invoice. Clubs will be responsible for the payment of the following fees in July and January of each Rotary year:

General Dues: $27.50/member
Council on Legislation: $1.50/member
Insurance (US Clubs only): $3.18/member (payable only on July Invoice)
Rotarian Magazine: $6/member

Rotary International Dues should be sent, upon receipt, to:

FOR US CLUBS:
Rotary International
14255 Collections Center Drive
Chicago, IL 60693

FOR CANADIAN CLUBS:
Rotary International
C/O 911679
PO Box 4090 STNA
Toronto, ON
CANADA M5W 0E9

District 5580 Dues

Payable Annually in August

Club Secretaries will receive the District Dues Statement from the District Secretary, Diane Collins. Clubs will be responsible for payment of the following fees:

General Dues: $41/member (based on proposed increase of $1/member)
World Community Service: $15/member
District Youth Exchange: $10/member
P.E.T.S. Training: $150/Club

District Dues should be sent, upon receipt, to:

Elaine Hansen, Treasurer
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