



## Rotary International NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

Check the box after each topic is discussed. You will want to expand on some topics, while briefly covering others. Pause after each main area and ask if there are any questions. If more than one Rotarian is conducting the orientation session, each can take a separate area.

### OUR CLUB MEETINGS

- Time and place
- Fellowship
- Name badge
- Meal payment & guest meals
- Basic meeting agenda
- Typical programs
- New member duties
- Being on time
- Early departure
- Expected 60% attendance

### OUR CLUB HISTORY

- When we were chartered
- Our outstanding achievements
- Programs now in progress
- Our present membership

### MEMBER PRIVILEGES

- Wearing a Rotary pin
- Displaying the Rotary wheel
- Visiting other Rotary clubs & makeup rules
- Personal involvement in club activities
- Attendance at club board meetings
- Voting for club officers
- Leadership positions on board & committees
- Training that is available
- International Fellowships
- Sponsorship of a new member
- Classifications

### GOVERNANCE

- Club Bylaws & Constitution
- The board (officers & directors)
- Club committee structure
- Annual meeting (election)
- Club web site

### FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS

- Dues from members
- Dues & billing procedures

- Club, District & RI Dues
- Volunteering for fund-raising projects
- Club administration and project accounts
- What the clubs does with funds raised

### WORLD & COMMUNITY SERVICE

- What is a service club
- Our current projects
- Community Service
- World Community Service

### SPECIAL EVENTS

- Activities involving partner/spouses & families
- Social and recreational events for members and families
- Annual club events
- District events

### OUR DISTRICT

- Basic district organization
- District Governor and Assistant Governor
- District leaders and committees
- Purpose of the district
- Visits from the governor
- The district newsletter
- District training seminars
- The district conference & other district events
- District web site

### ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

- How and when Rotary began
- Number of clubs and Rotarians in the world
- Our motto: *Service Above Self*
- The Object of Rotary
- The 4-Way Test
- The 4 Avenues of Service
- The Rotary International HQ in

Evanston, IL

- RI Annual conventions
- The *Rotarian* Magazine
- Rotary items available to individual club members from licensed vendors
- RI President & Board of Directors
- International web site
- RI Programs for youth

### MEMBER TIME COMMITMENTS

- Volunteering for service projects
- Club appointments & assignments
- Opportunity to support international service projects
- When make up credit is granted for service projects & committee work

### THE ROTARY FOUNDATION

- What is The Rotary Foundation
- Donations to the Foundation
- Annual Program Fund
- Permanent Fund
- Every Rotarian - Every Year
- PolioPlus
- Paul Harris Fellows
- Education programs
- Humanitarian grants
- Rotary Foundation Trustees

### ADDITIONAL TOPICS

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### REFERENCE

Rotary Basics #595  
ABC of Rotary #363  
TRF Quick Reference Guide #219  
Membership Resource Guide #417  
New Member Orientation #414