

Everett Rotary Club
Prospective Member Orientation

Items given to you now:

- Twenty Answers to the Questions: Why Join Rotary?
- Overview of Rotary
- “Celebrating Eighty Years of Service – A History of Everett Rotary Club”
- “The ABC’s of Rotary

Should you join? The Everett Rotary Club appreciates your interest in joining our Club. We think you will find Rotary to be a rich, rewarding, and enlightening experience. At this point in the membership process, your sponsor has recommended you for membership, you have been screened by the Membership Committee, you’ve been approved by the Club’s Board of Directors, the general membership has been notified of your possible membership, and now, you are receiving this initial orientation. Next, if you choose to join, you will be inducted into our Club. However, before you join, we want you to understand the obligations and expectations of membership. If you have serious reservations about what may be expected of you, it would probably be best not to join. Please think carefully about this.

Standards. You should have high ethical standards in business and your profession. You should maintain these high standards throughout your association with Rotary representing yourself, our Club, and the international organization of Rotary. The Rotary 4-way Test should guide your daily actions (see the booklet the ABC’s of Rotary, pg. 8, for specifics on the Test).

Attendance: You will be expected to attend Rotary meetings. These held weekly on Tuesday noon and last approximately 90 minutes. If for some reason, you cannot get to our meeting, you should attend another club’s meeting and “make up” that week. You should turn in a make-up form to our Club to give you credit and not drag down the Club’s overall attendance statistics. A make-up can occur on any of the 14 days prior to the Tuesday our Club meets, on the Tuesday itself, or on any of the 14 dates following the meeting you missed. Certain special events done by our Club also will allow a make-up credit (Wheelers, Board meetings, Connections, etc.) If you do not maintain at least 50% average attendance, or if you miss four consecutive meetings of our Club, you could be terminated from membership. If you have protracted illness, please contact the President or the Chairman of the Attendance Committee to request a Leave of Absence.

Financial obligations.

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| Initiation fee (one-time only) | \$175.00 |
| Annual Dues | \$400.00 Paid in semi-annual amounts in June & December New members are pro-rated to the next half-year. |
| Paul Harris Contributions | \$100.00 Paid in semi-annual amounts in June & December This contribution is made to Rotary International Foundation |

The following financial contributions are expected:

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| Rotary Annual Fundraiser | \$350.00 in direct cash donations. Contributions great than this amount are certainly encouraged. |
| Lunches | \$14.00 each lunch at the door. There are other lunch options available. Lunch is encouraged! |

Paul Harris Fellowship \$1,000 (may be paid \$100/year to becoming “sustaining”).
When \$1000 is paid to Rotary Foundation for Paul Harris
The member becomes a Paul Harris Fellow.

Other financial contributions are **optional**:

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| Rotary Youth Foundation | Contributions are always welcome. |
| Weekly Drawing | \$2 for 3 tickets or \$5 for 9 tickets. Done weekly at lunches. |
| Birthday Bucks | Contributing your age in dollars is encouraged (annually) |
| Happy (or Sad) Bucks | Paying \$2/more for an announcement from the floor |
| Community Svc Announce | \$20.00 – to make an announcement re: community service functions/fundraising |
| Fines | Assessed for minor infractions (not wearing pin, getting name or picture in the paper, “objectionable” behavior, etc.) |
| Attendance costs at events | Annual Conference, Foundation Dinner and Special Events, Etc. |

Committee and volunteer work: Every Club member participates on one or more committees. You should look over the many existing committees (see the list) and tell your sponsor of your preference to serve. Each spring, the membership is re-surveyed for committee assignments for the coming Rotary year (July to June). Members who do not volunteer for a committee are drafted into committees where the need exists. There is an old saying that you only get out of something that which you put into it. Rotary committees do much of the work of the Club and make it what it has become. You should work to be a Rotarian and not just a member of Rotary!

Wheeler meetings: After your induction into the Club, we will expect you to attend three monthly sessions of Wheelers within the six months. These are information sessions for new arrivals and last about an hour.

Classification Talk: After your three required meetings, you will be expected to do a Classification Talk to the membership at a weekly luncheon. These last a maximum of three minutes and are your opportunity to let the membership know more about you.

Other events: There are a number of fellowship activities throughout the year. Firesides (evening cocktails or dessert hosted in a member’s home for a dozen or so), Guess Who’s Coming to Dinner (once a year for all members at many homes), Board meetings (3rd Friday monthly at 7:30am), Foundation dinner, District assemblies, meetings and conferences, and even hosting a visiting Rotarian or youth exchange person (or several of these folks) in your home. We hope you will do all of these eventually.

What now? We hope you will choose to join our club. We believe that we do valuable service in our community and we are always interested in having new members who share our commitment and interest in these goals.

Questions: Call Judi Edwards at 425-259-9141 or email at evrotary@evrotary.org for more information or assistance.