

**POULSBO-NORTH KITSAP ROTARY POLICY NUMBER 9**

**“RED BADGE POLICY”**

**REQUIREMENTS FOR PERMANENT MEMBER’S BADGE**

1. The purpose of Rotary is to: develop new friendships; learn from one another in the business community and help others; become better citizens by taking an active part in the communities and world we live; and to be leaders who motivate and influence others. The addendum to the Club Service Director’s Manual describes this best in the following statement: “Rotary is a service club. Its business is mankind. Its product is service. Rotarians provide community service to both the local and international communities. The best reason for becoming a Rotarian is the chance to do something for somebody else, and to experience self-fulfillment and the rich return to one’s own life through this process. Rotarians believe in Service Above Self; it is richly rewarding.

In order to achieve these goals, it is important for newly inducted members to Rotary to become active in their clubs. Good attendance; serving on various committees; participation in social events, functions and various club projects, and development of new friendships are all part of what it takes to become a good Rotarian. Many new Rotarians, however, drop out within the first six months to one year, because they find that they either joined Rotary for the wrong reason or they haven’t been made to feel a part of the club and, therefore, lose interest. To prevent this from occurring and to get the most out of each new member, a list of requirements have been developed which must be completed before a permanent blue badge is issued. Upon joining the Rotary Club of Poulsbo North-Kitsap a new member will be given a “Red Temporary Badge”. Within 6 months of joining the club the new member must complete the following tasks to become a full active member (Blue Badge holder):

- |   | Date Completed |
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| G <b>Serve as a greeter for at least one meeting.</b>   | _____          |
| G <b>Attend at least one Board of Directors meetings</b><br>(Held once/month, time and place set by President)  | _____          |
| G <b>Makeup at two other clubs</b><br>Attend one makeup with your sponsor   | _____          |
| G <b>Give a classification talk</b>   | _____          |
| G <b>Attend Friday meetings regularly</b><br>have at least an 60% attendance rate.  | _____          |
| G <b>Attend at least one Rotary Social Function</b><br>(Fireside, picnic, dinner, etc)  | _____          |
| G <b>Present a thought of the day at one regular meeting</b>  | _____          |
| G <b>Volunteer to serve on a committee under one of the</b><br><b>Five (5) Avenues of Service</b>   | _____          |
| # <b>Do training on Clubrunner/club website with mentor</b><br><b>/Clubrunner trainer.*[New: Upload photo to ClubRunner and</b><br><b>send a copy to the Club Service Director.</b><br><b>(Must be completed before signoff on this item.)]</b> | _____          |
| # <b>Serve on Setup Crew</b>  | _____          |
| # <b>Serve on Teardown Crew</b>   | _____          |

2. At orientation a new member will receive a copy of the new member induction package, which will include a new member checklist. As stated previously, the new member is required to complete the checklist within six (6) months of joining.

The new member's sponsor is responsible to ensure the checklist is completed. He should check with the new member each week to determine the new members progress and if there are any problems or questions. The sponsor should also arrange with the secretary to have the new member act as a greeter at least one time during the first six (6) months.

Upon completion of all requirements specified in this document, the Rotarian will turn in the completed checklist form to the chairman of the Membership Committee. If it is determined that everything is in order the Rotarian will be awarded a permanent "Blue Badge". If the Rotarian fails to meet all requirements in the six-month time period he/she can be removed from the club roster by an action of the Rotary Board of Directors at a regularly scheduled board meeting. The Rotarian may request an extension of time, not to exceed three months, if he/she feels there is justification. If granted, the Rotarian must complete the remaining items within the time frame allowed or face dismissal from the club.

Any Rotarian who fails to meet the checklist requirements in the time allowed, and is dismissed from the Rotary Club, can be invited back when they feel they are able to make the necessary time commitment to be an active member of the club.