

ATTENDANCE

Your Rotary experience will be more meaningful if you regularly participate in Club meetings and activities. In Rotary, attendance is required and is reported to Rotary International (RI) on a regular basis. With regular attendance you will be informed about our club activities and develop relationships with club members, which Rotary refers to as fellowship.

RI considers attendance an essential part of being a member. The standard club constitution requires that a member must attend at least 60% of the meetings in each six month period of the Rotary year, of which half must be at your home club. The constitution also requires a member to be terminated if he or she misses four consecutive meetings. In practice, under special circumstances the club's board may grant a leave of absence for a defined period of time, which excuses the member from meeting attendance.

Make your Rotary attendance a good habit. Although it is sometimes difficult to get away from a busy office, try to make Rotary an essential part of your weekly plan.

MAKE-UPS

Occasionally, business, travel, and illness will prevent your attendance at our club. Make-ups can be earned in various ways. Attendance credit is granted for attending a Club committee meeting, board meeting (if you are a member of the club's board), district conference, district assembly, international convention, certain district meetings called by the district governor, and some other ways noted in the club constitution.

You also have the privilege to make up your absence by attending a meeting of another Rotary club (request a make-up card from the other club). Any make-up, to be valid, must be accomplished any time within two weeks before or after the meeting you missed. To receive credit for attendance, you should ensure our club secretary is informed about your make-ups. Do so by turning in a make-up card or annotating the weekly attendance sheet.

Make-ups are one of the fun privileges in Rotary. You will be warmly welcomed by a group that knows nothing about you except you are a Rotarian like them. The friendship they extend to you will explain again what we mean by fellowship.

Make-ups can be done in local clubs, and in clubs around the world. Foreign country make-ups are a highlight of a Rotarian's career. You can view the RI Club Directory online to find out where every club throughout the world meets. There is even a Rotary Club Locator app for iPhones.

Another aspect of make-ups is how we treat Rotarians who visit our club for a make-up. The Golden Rule applies here - be friendly, invite visitors to join your table, involve them in your conversations, and make them want to come visit us again.

PARTICIPATION

The purpose of attendance requirements is to foster participation by all members in the activities of the club. Rotary has been likened to a giant smorgasbord of service: you take a little of this, a little of that, and a whole lot of something else. Four areas of participation are mandatory.

1. Attend club meetings, as discussed above.
2. Serve on at least one committee and volunteer for at least one club job.
3. Membership development. We are a service club, and we need more members to help us serve. Obtaining new members is everyone's responsibility in Rotary.
4. Fund raising. Every member is expected to participate in the club's fundraising activities and to fulfill the stated participation goal.