

Red Badge Program

The goal of this program is to get to know new members quickly and to get them involved with the rest of the membership as soon as possible. Each new member has a “Red Badge” nametag that sets them apart from visitors and is easily identifiable by other members. Members are considered new members until each of the following criteria is met:

1. Each new member shall serve as a greeter for one month.
2. Each new member is assigned a mentor for a minimum of three months or until he/she completes the Red Badge program. The mentor should preferably be the person who sponsored the new member, as the sponsor has a vested interest in the new member and wants his/her experience in Rotary to be a memorable one.
3. Each new member shall be immediately involved in a current project, not one with a starting date two to three months away. All members of Rotary shall be involved in a minimum of three projects each year, not including the Fall Classic.
4. Each new member shall attend a minimum of four consecutive meetings with no absences.
5. Each new member will complete make-ups for each absence, either online or by attending other Chapter meetings.
6. Each new member and mentor will set together and rotate tables each week in order for the new member to get to know as many members as possible. This also is an appropriate time to exchange business cards.

It is the responsibility of the mentor to inform the membership committee when the new member has completed all the Red Badge criteria, following which the new member’s nametag will be exchanged for a regular member nametag.