

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION  
(Updated September 2, 2016)

**Sunnyvale Rotary Club**  
**Member Orientation**

**Overview**

**The purpose of this Packet**

- to give you an overview of membership in Rotary International through membership in Sunnyvale Rotary.
- to inform you of what you may expect and what may be expected of you through your membership in Sunnyvale Rotary.
- to address any questions that you have about Rotary International or Sunnyvale Rotary.

**Qualification for Membership in Rotary Club of Sunnyvale (ref: Rotary International Constitution, Article 5, Section 2 — *Composition of Clubs.*)**

Membership in Rotary is open to any adult person of good character and good business, professional and/or community reputation,

(1) engaged as a proprietor, partner, corporate officer, or manager of any worthy and recognized business or profession; or

(2) holding any important position in any worthy and recognized business or profession or any branch or agency thereof and have executive capacity with discretionary authority; or

(3) having retired from any position listed in sub-subsection (1) or (2) of this subsection; or

(4) who is a community leader who has demonstrated through personal involvement in community affairs a commitment to service and the Object of Rotary; or

(5) holds the status of Rotary Foundation alumnus as defined by the board; or

(6) who has interrupted employment or has never worked in order to care for children or to assist a spouse, partner or significant other in their work and having his or her place of business or residence located in the locality of the club or the surrounding area.

## **ROTARY INTERNATIONAL**

### **Rotary is an International Organization**

On the 23<sup>rd</sup> of February 1905 in Chicago, Paul Harris and three other gentlemen founded Rotary, the original service club. Since they chose to “route” the meetings each week from one of their businesses to the other, they chose the name “Rotary” for their new club. The purpose of the club was to broaden their contacts outside of their own particular business.

The West played an important part in the development and growth of Rotary. The next four (4) clubs were #2, San Francisco, #3, Oakland, #4, Seattle, #5, Los Angeles. Then Rotary moved east to #6 New York, #7 Boston. Then Rotary expanded to Canada establishing a club in Winnipeg. In 1911, London, Dublin and Belfast clubs were chartered. In 1912, Rotary International was adopted as the official name.

### **Rotary International:**

Rotary International is run by a president, president-elect and a board of 16 directors. The RI President and his/her theme can be seen on the Rotary International website - [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org)

### **District 5170**

For administrative purposes Rotary Clubs are placed in a District run by a District Governor (DG). The DG of District 5170, as well as the Deputy District Governor, Assistant Area Governors and other District Officers and Committee Chairs can be seen on the District 5170 Website - [www.rotarydistrict5170.org](http://www.rotarydistrict5170.org)

You are a member of Sunnyvale Rotary, which is in turn a member of Rotary International. Sunnyvale Rotary is in Area 8 of District 5170. The Rotary clubs in Area 8 are: Campbell, Cupertino, Los Gatos, Los Gatos Morning, Saratoga, Sunnyvale, Sunnyvale Sunrise, Sunnyvale Star (9)

### **History of Sunnyvale Rotary**

Our Rotary Club was founded on March 31, 1926. Our club has sponsored several other clubs in the area including Cupertino Rotary. The first female member of Sunnyvale Rotary was inducted in 1991.

### **Where to find Rotary Information**

Rotary International publishes a monthly magazine called “**The Rotarian**” A subscription is included in your annual dues. R.I. also has a web site at [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org). All your account information and much information about Rotary, its principles, practices and programs is accessible by you with your membership number and a password.

District 5170 also has a website [www.rotarydistrict5170.org](http://www.rotarydistrict5170.org) with lots of information for new members. The District Governor distributes a monthly newsletter to all members by email.

The SVR club website [www.sunnyvalerotary.org](http://www.sunnyvalerotary.org) includes much club related information, including member rosters and club documents. The email center is an efficient way to communicate with one or more club members.

## **Membership Costs**

### **Membership Fee \$150.00**

This is a one-time fee payable upon acceptance of your application for membership. \$100.00 of your initiation fee is sent to the Rotary International Foundation as your initial contribution towards becoming a Paul Harris fellow. The remaining \$50.00 goes into the SVR Foundation from which we fund our local humanitarian and community service projects. For new members transferring into SVR from another Rotary Clubs and who have an existing Rotary Foundation account pay only the \$50 fee.

**Annual dues (pro-rated) billed in January and June                      \$200.00**

### **Other Annual Expenses:**

- Fines (pro-rated) \$60.00
- Lunch per week \$25.00
- Missed meeting (w/o make-up) \$15.00
- Debunking Party for retiring President \$80 (\$160 per couple)
- Holiday Party \$80 (\$160 per couple)

**Discretionary Contributions to Rotary and SVR Foundations:** The amount of your contribution is at your discretion and contribution to the Rotary and/or SVR Foundations is not a requirement of membership in SVR. That said, the humanitarian efforts of RI and SVR community and international projects are funded through grants obtained from RI and Funds returned to the District and Club based on prior year contributions. The members of SVR have donated almost \$600,000 to RI since the club was founded in 1926. The following are recommended contribution amounts.

- The Rotary International Foundation (TRF) Annual Giving: \$100 Sustaining Member, \$200.00 District 5170 Double Sustainer, \$500 District 5170 Super Sustainer.
- \$1000 RI Paul Harris Society (requires a signed pledge to donate \$1000 every year)
- Polio Plus (Polio Eradication Fund) \$100.00

### **Other Possible Discretionary Expenses:**

Rotary International Conference (any where in the world!) – Rotarians pay all their own expenses to participate in the International Conference.

### **Rotary Logo Clothing and accessories**

Rotary International and SVR Foundation are 501(c)(3) non-profit corporations so some of the above costs (except for the value of any meals or other benefits received) may be tax deductible by businesses and individuals,. (review with your accountant)

### **Your Obligations in Rotary**

Applications for membership are approved by the Board and accepted by the membership. In addition to payment of an admission fee and dues, an applicant agrees to help further the objectives of Rotary as expressed in the Rotary objective (page 5) and to comply with and be bound by the constitution and bylaws of this club (available on the club website). Payment of Dues and other accrued charges on a regular basis, compliance with the club constitution and bylaws, and participation in club meetings and events entitles the member to enjoy the rights and privileges of membership in this club and Rotary International.

### **Attendance and Participation**

#### **Participation**

As a Sunnyvale Rotarian you are expected to participate in club service projects, events and activities and to become a member of and participate in the activities and functions of one or more of the Club Committees:

- Community Service
- Club Service
- International Service
- Foundation
- Vocational Service
- Youth Service
- Membership

#### **Attendance**

Attendance at weekly meetings is extremely important, and 100% attendance is urged and honored in Rotary. If you are unable to attend at your own club you can attend other Rotary clubs for a “make-up” meeting or attend a Club Board Meeting, participate in a District Activity, attend an Interact meeting or other Rotary sponsored event. See the club Interact Coordinator for more information concerning Interact Meetings. If you are claiming a make up, be sure to so inform the club Secretary at the front desk.

## **Clubs in our area you could attend for “make up” credit:**

Tuesday: Mt. View, 12:15pm, Old Adobe Bldg. 157 Moffat Blvd, Mt. View

Wednesday: Cupertino Rotary, 12:15pm, Quinlan Center, Cupertino, Sunnyvale  
Sunrise, 7:15am, Aloft Hotel 10165 N. DeAnza Blvd.

Thursday: Los Altos, 12:15pm, Shoup Park, 400 University Ave., Los Altos,  
Santa Clara, 12:15pm, Bay Club, 3250 Central Expwy, Santa Clara

Friday: Saratoga, 12:15pm, Saratoga Comm. Ctr, 19655 Allendale, Saratoga

(Check Club bulletin and Website for any changes)

## **Rotary’s obligation to you!**

Provide an opportunity for you to serve:

the club

the community

your vocation

the world!

Help you grow as a person

make new friends

participate in new activities

accept new challenges

Offer fellowship

within our club

with other Rotary clubs meeting anywhere in the world

with other countries

## **Your Rotary support team**

Your sponsor

Club members

Club committees

## **The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International**

The objective of ***The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International*** is the achievement of world understanding and peace through international charitable and educational programs. This foundation is for international projects and should not be confused with the charitable Foundation established by the Sunnyvale Rotary Club to support our local organizations.

The Rotary Foundation began as a scholarship program for graduate students. It has grown to become the largest private scholarship program in the world. Today, the Foundation funds:

**Scholarships** - graduate scholarships, undergraduate scholarships, vocational scholarships, teachers of the Handicapped scholarships, and scholarships in journalism. Each scholarship is for one year of study in a country other than ones' own and is worth up to \$20,000. There are approximately 1,000 scholarships a year sending students to more than 60 countries.

**Vocational Training Teams** VTT teams, comprising both Rotarians and non-Rotarians with professional skills related to their projects, travel to a partnering Rotary district outside the USA where they will participate actively in a pre-approved project.

**Global Grants** support larger humanitarian projects with sustainable, high-impact outcomes; scholars; and vocational training teams in one of the following six areas of focus.

**Areas of Focus:**

Peace and conflict resolution/prevention	Disease prevention/treatment
Water and sanitation	Maternal and child health
Education and basic literacy	Economic and community development.

**District Grants** Districts can use these grants to fund scholarships, support vocational training teams, sponsor volunteer service, provide disaster relief, and carry out community and international service projects. District grants allow Rotarians to respond quickly to urgent needs and to plan smaller projects in their communities and abroad that fit within the mission of The Rotary Foundation. s

**Polio Plus** – Approximately 528,755,000 children are to be immunized against polio and other childhood diseases around the world by the year 2005. To date, over 400,000,000 children have been immunized. This has virtually eliminated polio in some countries where immunization has been completed.

You join the Foundation with the initial contribution sent in by the club from your initiation fee. Once your total contributions to TRF reach \$1,000 you become a Paul Harris Fellow. Paul Harris Fellowship is an honor you may elect for yourself or another. The presentation of Paul Harris Recognition is the Rotary Foundation's way of expressing appreciation for a substantial contribution to its humanitarian and educational programs. For each additional increment of \$1000 donated to TRF you will receive a distinctive Paul Harris pin acknowledging the extent of your gifts.

**The Object of Rotary (Why do we exist?)**

THE OBJECT of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

FIRST, The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;

SECOND, High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying by each Rotarian of his occupation as an opportunity to serve society;

THIRD, The application of the ideal of service by every Rotarian to his personal, business and community life;

FOURTH, The advancement of international understanding, good will, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional men and women united in the ideal of service.

**The Four-Way Test OF THE THINGS we think, say or do:**

Is it the TRUTH?

Is it FAIR to all concerned?

Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?

Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

### **Rotarian Code of Conduct**

***THE ROTARIAN CODE OF CONDUCT*** provides a framework for ethical behavior that all Rotarians can use, together with The Four-Way Test, in their business and professional activities.

AS A ROTARIAN, I will

- Act with integrity and high ethical standards in my personal and professional life
- Deal fairly with others and treat them and their occupations with respect
- Use my professional skills through Rotary to: mentor young people; help those with special needs; and improve people's quality of life in my community and in the world
- Avoid behavior that reflects adversely on Rotary or other Rotarians

## New Member Profile Form

Full Name:\_\_\_\_\_

Nickname:\_\_\_\_\_Spouse Name:\_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date:\_\_\_\_\_ Anniversary Date:\_\_\_\_\_

Home Address:\_\_\_\_\_

Phone:\_\_\_\_\_Fax:\_\_\_\_\_ e-mail:\_\_\_\_\_

Business Name:\_\_\_\_\_

Title:\_\_\_\_\_

Address:\_\_\_\_\_

Phone:\_\_\_\_\_Fax:\_\_\_\_\_ e-mail\_\_\_\_\_Website:\_\_\_\_\_

Classification:\_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor:\_\_\_\_\_

Received by Secretary\_\_\_\_\_on (date)\_\_\_\_\_

Induction Date:\_\_\_\_\_