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Changes Made This Year by Rotary International Have Made it Easier to Maintain 30 years of Perfect Rotary Attendance— Definition of “Rotary Meeting” Has Changed

By John Elman



When I joined the Malibu Rotary Club in the mid 1970's there was a Rotary Club meeting every week and the bylaws of Rotary stated that if you didn't attend a Rotary Club meeting somewhere in the world each week, at least 70% of the time, that could be grounds for your termination as a Rotarian. You didn't have to necessarily attend a meeting at your own club, but you were supposed to attend a meeting each week, either up to 6 days before your club meets, or up to 6 days after your club meets, at one of the thousands of Rotary clubs around the world.

I didn't want to be kicked out so I made it a point to attend a meeting every week. I enjoyed the meetings—there were always great speakers and Rotarians became some of my best friends. It was both habitual and joyful. But of course it's not always easy to attend every week. Life happens. Family, health, business, transportation, various other obstacles can stand in the way. But if you plan and take the commitment seriously you do it.

Ok, so I am rolling along, with 30 or 40 years going to Rotary meetings every week. I have my own business and have not missed a day of work either, maybe I'm crazy. I don't take days off. I was a big admirer of Chick Hearn. I have been a Laker fan since childhood in Minneapolis and was so happy when the team I grew up with came to Los Angeles when my family moved here

when I was in junior high school. I listened everyone one of Chick Hearn's 3,338 consecutive broadcasts of Laker games, either live or recorded. When the games were on network TV I turned off the sound and always listened to Chick simulcast the game on the radio. I admired not only his brilliant "words eye view" of basketball games, but the fact that he never missed a broadcast. His ophthalmologist was a colleague of mine, and I know that they scheduled Chick's cataract surgeries so he wouldn't miss a game.

When I went to my daughter's graduation from medical school in Milwaukee I went to Rotary make up meetings in the Milwaukee area. Once you've got your streak going you want to keep it going.

A couple weeks ago Lee Ann, our Shitzu Gizmo and I took a road trip to Kerrville, Texas to attend Lee Ann's aunt's 95th birthday party. Lee Ann does not fly, and the road trip was 3 days each way, and we wanted to stay a couple days and visit. It turned out that those 10 days the temperature was never below 100. Consider that, and the limited time we had to do things, and the fact that one of us was a dog, I decided to do my make up Rotary meetings, as virtual on line meetings, in the comfort of air conditioned hotel rooms rather than physically going to Rotary meetings in the towns we passed through. I must say that if I were from some place else and my trip took me to California, I would rather go live to the Malibu Rotary Club meeting than go to a virtual meeting in a hotel room. But in the middle of west Texas or Arizona in the summer I would rather go to a meeting on line.

I don't even remember where we were, the outside air was like an oven, when after a long drive and take out food we found ourselves in an air conditioned motel room. I unpacked my laptop computer, connected to the internet, Googled "Rotary e-clubs". One of the type choices turned out to be <https://www.rotaryclubone.org>.

This took me the screen below.



There are now several Rotary e-clubs but this was first one. The people who started this club live in Minnesota. I was born in Minnesota. I can understand how this might be the first place to start an e-club. I remember days in Minnesota when it was 20 below. Sometimes we couldn't get to school. As an adult I can understand that some winter days in Minnesota people might have a problem getting to a Rotary meeting. What it says on the Rotary e-Club website about that club:

Rotary eClub One is a full-service chartered Rotary Club in every aspect of its management and activities, except that we do not meet for a meal, and our meetings operate 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. On any day, visitors can select from many meeting programs (articles) ranging from Rotary information, case studies of successful service projects, news about our club activities, tips and hints for Rotary Clubs, and a personal growth department for Rotarians. There are many additional programs in the archives.

Rotary eClub One members are actively engaged in Community Service,

International Service, Vocational Service and Youth Service projects.

Rotary eClub One has consistently been awarded the Rotary International Presidential Citation for service.

They ask Rotarians who want credit for a makeup meeting to stay on the site for at least 30 minutes, fill out an on line form, which will allow them to e-mail you and/or your club secretary a receipt for your makeup meeting, and they recommend you make a volunteer donation of any donation (the amount you would pay to eat at your own club), which goes to one of several international service projects ranging from treating cleft palate in Peru to water projects in Africa.

During my trip I made up 2 times at Rotary e-Club One. In addition to its on-going presence the website has on its home page some changes that Rotary International made this year, that went into effect July 1, 2016. These changes effectively change what constitutes a Rotary Club, what constitutes a “Rotary meeting”, the frequency of meetings, and many issues that we as Rotarians should consider and know as Rotary tries to adapt to new environment. E-clubs are now considered to be regular clubs and regular clubs can make themselves e-clubs. You don’t have go to a regular meeting or an e-meeting for your attendance—participate in a Rotary event. Since these changes are so significant I have copied them here:

2016 COUNCIL GRANTS CLUBS GREATER FLEXIBILITY

Representatives from Rotary districts around the world met in Chicago in April to revise Rotary policies. They approved changes that give clubs greater flexibility in when, where, and how they meet and the types of membership they offer.

Why are these changes needed?

In some parts of the world, Rotary continues to grow at a rapid rate. In others, membership has been declining and the average age of members is increasing. Over the past 15 years, Rotary has carried out pilot programs that have explored innovations in membership, classification, and the club experience. Consistently, in research and in the experiences of members, we have found that when clubs have more freedom to determine how they hold their meetings, who they invite to membership, and what defines engagement, the club is more vibrant and more able to grow.

All Rotary clubs will now be able to adopt the new options the Council approved by amending their bylaws. Clubs that wish to continue to follow their traditional requirements for meetings, attendance, structure, and categories of membership may do so.

Flexibility in meeting frequency, format, and attendance

Council on Legislation representatives voted overwhelmingly to eliminate limitations on how Rotary clubs conduct their meetings. They also recognize that club health is not determined by

attendance alone. The RI Board and Council representatives agree that individual clubs should be able to:

- Determine the best day and time for their meetings
- Change or cancel a meeting, if the need arises
- Count service projects or social events as meetings
- Choose whether to gather in person, meet online, alternate between online and in-person meetings, or even use both formats at the same time (for example, a member could participate in an in-person meeting online through video chat)
- Amend their bylaws to either relax or tighten attendance requirements and policies of terminating members for poor attendance

Rotary clubs now have the option of reducing their meeting frequency as long as they meet in some way at least twice per month. They are still expected to forward attendance reports to the district governor within 15 days of the last meeting of each month.

The recent Council on Legislation decisions *does not* modify the current rules of the Standard Rotary Club Constitution. Clubs that want to adopt these changes will need to amend their bylaws. Clubs that wish to continue to adhere to the traditional requirements regarding meetings, attendance, structure, or categories of membership may do so.

E-clubs and Rotary clubs

Having decided to give all Rotary clubs greater flexibility as to how they meet, the 2016 Council concluded that it was no longer necessary to label them as either e-clubs or traditional clubs. For that reason, references to e-clubs have been removed from Rotary's Bylaws and the Standard Rotary Club Constitution, but e-clubs may continue to name and brand themselves as e-clubs to emphasize that they meet exclusively or primarily online.

Flexibility in Membership Types

The RI Bylaws and Standard Rotary Club Constitution provide for two types of membership: active and honorary. By amending their bylaws, clubs may offer additional membership types that are desired in the community, such as associate, corporate, family membership or others.

Rotary International will continue to record, and grant all of the benefits of membership to, active members only who pay RI dues

Clubs that offer additional membership categories should report these members to Rotary

International as active and are responsible for paying said members' RI dues

Clubs and districts set their own policies about these members' other financial obligations (club and district dues, meal costs, etc.), attendance requirements, and service expectations and reflect these policies in their bylaws

Clubs determine how they accept former or transferring members, including whether they allow current Rotaractors to join

Dual Membership for Rotaractors

The Council amended the Rotary International Bylaws to permit Rotaractors who meet the qualifications of membership to join a Rotary club while remaining Rotaract members.

We hope that giving qualified young leaders a way to maintain their involvement in Rotaract, along with giving Rotary clubs greater flexibility in the format and frequency of meetings, will facilitate Rotaractors' transition to Rotary clubs. As members of the family of Rotary, Rotaractors are committed to the world community and share Rotary's goals of furthering service, world understanding, and peace.

With all of this change, is Rotary putting its reputation and brand at risk?

While the enactments adopted by the 2016 Council increase clubs' flexibility in meetings and membership categories, they don't permit clubs to deviate from Rotary's essential elements: We are still business, professional, and community leaders. Our qualifications for membership have not changed.

The Object of Rotary, our basic tenets, have not changed.

Our essence statement "join leaders, exchange ideas, and take action" have not changed.

Our values of fellowship, integrity, diversity, service, and leadership have not changed.

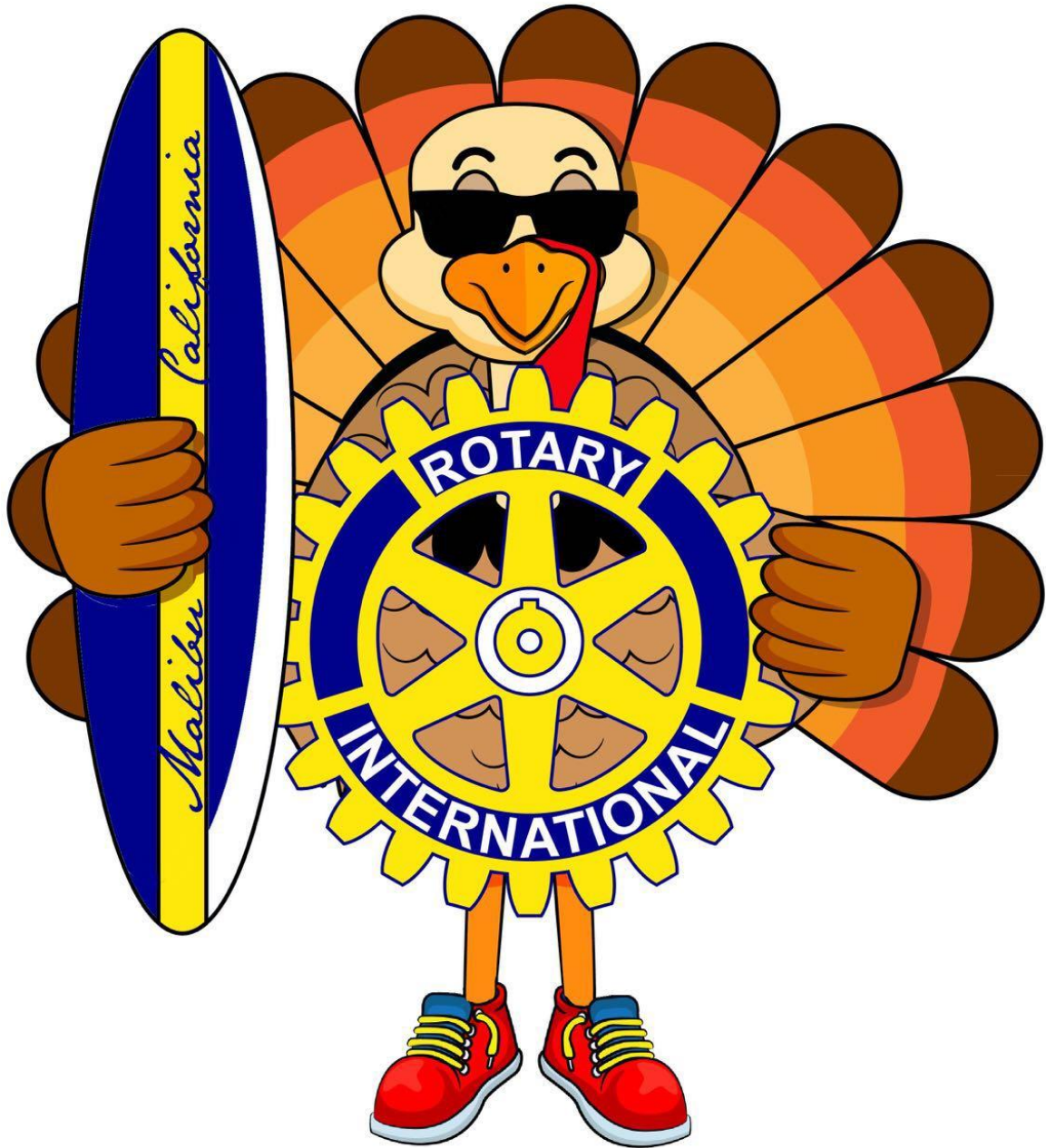
The Four-Way Test, one of our most important distinguishing features, has not changed.

The changes the Council did make are not a threat to the quality of Rotary's membership. Instead, they empower clubs to adapt to a changing environment to remain relevant in our second century of service.

When do these changes take effect?

Changes take effect 1 July 2016. Now is the time to begin discussing what changes, if any, your club might pursue to make them more relevant to current members and the business, professional, and community leaders you seek to attract.

Turkey is Grounded for 2016—Will Fly in 2017 with Malibu Turkey Trot



The July 6th meeting of the Malibu Rotary Club was to be a workshop on the First Annual Malibu Turkey Trot. -- a fundraising, and health promoting event on Thanksgiving morning, November 24 at Trancas Beach. It was to be a 5 K Run and Walk, with the 5K run starting at 7:00 a.m. and a shorter family walk starting at 8:30 a.m. Money raised from the event will be split between Malibu Rotary Club charities and Malibu Urgent Care Center.

At the July 13th meeting Carlye Rudkin reported on Malibu Rotary Club operating and charity budgets.

New costs added to the Turkey Trot seemed to be added each day. In addition to the costs of printing run T-Shirts, publicity, and factors previously discussed, there were permits for the department of Beaches the exact amount of which were unknown and which included not only about \$1000 down payment but a percentage of proceeds, a City of Malibu permit, which had to be obtained before the department of Beaches would give its permit.

In order to put on a run the Rotary Club would have to hire a professional run company, to mark the track and take care of run logistics. Bianca Torrence had contacted such a company and the cost for its basic package is \$5,000.

It is estimated that costs involved might be \$10,000 to start. Although it is hoped that much of this cost would be paid for by sponsors this is not assured and much of the expense costs must be paid up front.

It was felt that because of the costs and the amount of work that would have to be done to put on the first Malibu Turkey Trot that there would not be enough time to do all this to do a 2016 event. The Malibu Rotary Club will continue to work on having a 2017 Malibu Turkey Trot.

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Bianca Torrence said she had spoken to Sal and people at the Malibu Kiwanis Club about the Malibu Rotary Club participation in the 2016 Kiwanis Chili Cook-Off. The Kiwanis Club has allowed the Malibu Rotary Club to have a booth at the Chili Cookoff where the Malibu Rotary Club sells water and watermelon. This has been a fundraiser for the Malibu Rotary Club for several years. Bianca learned that this year the Kiwanis Club is having the Girl Scouts sell water and watermelon. While we were trying to figure out if the Malibu Rotary Club was going to

participate in the Kiwanis Club Chili Cook **Mark Persson** suggested that the Malibu Rotary Club could participate in the Malibu Chamber sponsored Malibu Arts Festival July 30 and 31 , and sell (or give away for donation) water and watermelon at the Arts Festival. Those present at the July 13th Malibu Rotary club meeting thought that was a good idea, although there is very little time to plan. **Margo Neal** passed around a sign u sheet for volunteers. There will be 2 shifts on Saturday July 30 and 2 shifts on Sunday July 31. The first shift is from 10:00 a.m (or before) to 2:00 p.m. The second shift is from 2:00 pm until 6:00 p.m. It was decided that each volunteer should bring a case of water and a bag of ice. The water can be brought in left on Friday evening July 29. It could conceivably be brought to the next Rotary Club meeting. **Bianca Torrence** was able to get a canopy for the Malibu Rotary Club booth and she will help set up on Friday evening at 6:00 p.m. and take down at 6:00 p.m. Sunday. Duty Roster will be a Malibu Rotary Club meeting July 20.

Speakers Needed

John Elman pointed out that the dates of all the speakers are shown on our website maliburotary.org. One can click on either the Calendar or Speakers. If there is no speaker shown on any Wednesday it means that no speaker has been booked for that date. If you know a good speaker you can either log into Maiburotary.org and book the speaker yourself or e-mail John to do it. .

Malibu Rotarians at Walk4Life—A Event Promoting Peace, Racial Harmony and Hope in World That Seems Torn With Terrorism

PRESENTED BY PEOPLE FOR COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT,
BANK OF AMERICA, AND
THE LOS ANGELES SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Theme: *Unity and Human Sex Trafficking*

Dr. Vicky Radel
Rotary International

Karen & Gloria
Green Dot School

7th Annual
**WALK
4LIFE**
JULY 16

Pastor Powe
Peace Riders
Grand Marshal

Tommy The Clown

Kandee Lewis
The Positive Results Corp.


Fresh Prince of LA

9:00am **4K Walk (2.5 Miles)**
Sheriff's Youth Center : 11911 S. Vermont Ave : Los Angeles, CA 90044
Additional Walkers Join In Athens Park : 12603 S Broadway : Los Angeles, CA 90061

10:00am **Community Festival, Health Fair & Car Show**
4:00pm Earvin "Magic" Johnson Park : 905 E. El Segundo : Los Angeles, CA 90059

More Information: 323-303-3339 : PCICenter.org

Entertainment by
DJ Battlecat
& Holy D-P-Funk Gospel





Bianca Torrence and **Bill Wishard** represented the Malibu Rotary Club at the Walk 4 Life in South Central Los Angeles on July 16. The walk started in an area Ralphs parking lot on Vermont, went through Athens Park on Vermont and ended at Magic Johnson Park on El Segundo. In contrast to the violence and terrorism that has been the headline news of past couple weeks this was a peace march bringing people together. Rotary Participation in the event was headed by Rotary District 5280 Past District Governor Dr. Vickie Radel. In the middle picture Robert Ryan, Past President of Crenshaw Rotary Club, (in blue shirt holding Rotary banner) is seen along with Bianca and Bill. Ryan will be a future Malibu speaker. He will be talking about Human Trafficking. There were 200-300, at this event, which was covered by KTLA. The police escort assisted people. Also at event was Congresswoman (D) Karen Bass who represents the 37th Congressional District. Bill said that there was an array of various community groups participating in this event, and the people were of all age groups and races, although primarily African American. He said there was a great spirit of bringing people together, with hugs and a wonderful contrast with day's news from Baton Rouge, and events the previous week in Dallas.

Malibu Rotary Club Supports RainCatcher

David Zielski, Executive Director of Raincatcher makes regular trips to Uganda and Kenya for new Raincatcher installations and maintenance of those previously installed.. More about Raincatcher can be seen on its website Raincatcher.org. A link to Raincatcher video is on the Maliburotary.org website. The direct link to the video is at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=59rzOcM-RL0&list=UUFetq8NgjHXhtkVf0idcQUg>

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- **August 6 Rotary District Breakfast with Former Los Angeles Rams Tight End Bob Klein as Speaker at Westin LAX Hotel—Prior to playing with Rams he played at St Monicas High School and played with OJ Simpson at USC. He is President and CEO of St John's Health Foundation and member of Santa Monica Rotary Club named tight end on the Los Angeles Rams 40th Anniversary Team.**
- **August 17 Speaker at Malibu Rotary Club will be Malibu High School Student Grace Stickney who is a Rotary Youth Exchange Student to Japan this Summer.**