



## *Rotary Club of Bedford, Inc.*

Post Office Box 414 Bedford, Massachusetts 01730-0414 USA

### Information For New Members

#### **Attendance Requirements:**

- Attend or make up at least 50% of the meetings in every six month period.
- Attend 30% of your own clubs meetings in every six month period.
- Do not miss four consecutive meetings.
- Attend at least 60% of a meeting for it to count as attending the meeting.
- There are many ways to complete a makeup meeting.
  1. Attend a meeting of another club.
  2. Attend a meeting of a Rotaract or Interact club, Rotary Community Corps, or Rotary Fellowship.
  3. Attend certain district or RI meetings.
  4. Participate in club-sponsored event or service project.
  5. Attend a club board or service committee meeting with authorization of the club board.
  6. Participate in an E-club meeting for at least 30 minutes.
- A makeup meeting must be done within 14 days before or after the meeting missed.
- Snow day meeting cancellation will occur in conjunction with the closure of Bedford Public Schools.
- Excused meetings
  1. The absence is approved by your club's board.
  2. The sum of the member's years of membership and age equals 85 or more.

ARTICLE 9 SECTION 3(b): the age of the member is 65 and above and the aggregate of the member's years of age and years of membership in one or more clubs is 85 years or more and the member has notified the club secretary in writing of the member's desire to be excused from attendance and the board has approved.

#### **Costs:**

- Annual dues is presently \$175/year.
- Meals are \$15/week and are billed quarterly (\$780/year).
- Meals costs are charged whether or not you attend the meeting. Full credit is given for makeups.
- (New) Family members do not need but are encouraged to attend meetings

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The Bedford Flag, carried by Bedford minutemen in the American war for independence in April 1775, is the oldest flag in the United States.

## **Rotary Organization:**

- Rotary International is a world wide service organization. Rotary exists in 207 countries and geographic areas.
- Rotary International is broken down into 34 zones around the world. Massachusetts belongs to zone 32.
- Each zone is further broken down into 531 Rotary Districts. Bedford is a part of District 7910, which presently consists of 51 Rotary clubs.
- Each Rotary District is broken down into Rotary Clubs. There are presently 34,098 Rotary Clubs in Rotary International. The Rotary Club of Bedford was chartered on May 7, 1956.
- There are presently 1,227,563 Rotarians in Rotary International.
  1. District 7910 has about 1500 Rotarians.
  2. The Rotary Club of Bedford presently consists of 39 Rotarians

## **The Rotary Foundation:**

- The Rotary Foundation (TRF): The charitable arm of Rotary International and is the source of funds for International projects and programs.
- In 2010/2011 The Rotary Foundation accepted \$208,500,000 and expended \$168,600,000 on grants and international programs.
- 100% of all contributions to The Rotary Foundation are used for projects and programs. How? Simple; every dollar received is placed in an interest bearing account where it stays for a period of three years. All interest earned during that period goes to administrative expences of the foundation. At the end of the third year the entire dollar is transferred to the charitable account where it is made available for projects and programs.
- Rotarians are encouraged to make contributions to The Rotary Foundation as a charity of choice. The Rotary Club of Bedford will match contributions made by Rotarians to The Rotary Foundation to a maximum of \$1,000 (\$500 from the Rotarian and \$500 from the club), with the intent that all Bedford Rotarians will make an annual contribution at their discretion.
  1. A Rotarian can become a sustaining member of The Rotary Foundation for as little as \$100.
  2. When the level of contribution reaches \$1000 the Rotarian is recognized as a Paul Harris Fellow and they will be awarded a medal and certificate.
  3. There are many additional levels of recognition as the level of giving increases.
  4. Both The Bedford Rotary Foundation and The Rotary Foundation (TRF of Rotary International) are 501c3 Tax deductible organizations. The Rotary Club of of Bedford follows the 501c4 tax Rules.

## **Changing from a new member to a Rotarian:**

- Becoming a member of the Rotary Club of Bedford and The Bedford Rotary Foundation is only the beginning. It is then the responsibility of the Rotarians in the club to help you to transition from a new member into a Rotarian. To do this we need to know what your interests are as well as what types of service you consider important and want to participate in.
  1. We will include you in our fundraisers, projects, and fellowship.
  2. You will have a say in shaping the club as it moves forward.
  3. Along the way you will find new friends and we hope a real sense of accomplishment.

Club website: [www.bedfordmarotary.org](http://www.bedfordmarotary.org)

District website: [www.rotary7910.org](http://www.rotary7910.org)