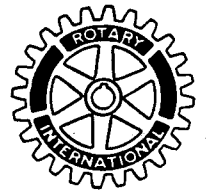


ROTARY CLUB  
OF  
SOUTH PORTLAND - CAPE ELIZABETH  
MAINE, USA



CLUB #6316 DISTRICT 778

January 26, 1994

Dear Warren:

As has been noted in the Club Bulletin, our Rotary Club's overall attendance has been slipping. It is obvious that some of the slippage has been caused by extremely busy schedules, illnesses, lack of knowledge of Rotary attendance requirements, and hesitation to make up at other clubs.

The Board wants to know if there are other reasons for non-attendance. Do members feel they fully integrated into the Club? Have other priorities developed in our lives which now make Rotary a lesser commitment? Are the speakers irrelevant or boring? Are the meals inappropriate to diet or not of good value?

The Board feel that regular attendance is important as it builds fellowship, allows vital communication to occur and enables speakers to feel their time has been well spent. While some members have perfect attendance, no one expects all members to aspire to this goal. One should attend a Rotary meeting because one enjoys it.

Nonetheless, there are minimum requirements which are mandated by Rotary International. Membership is automatically terminated if a Rotarian fails to attend or make up four consecutive meetings, or fails to attend or make up 60 percent of club meetings each six months, or fails to attend at least 30 percent of meetings of one's own club in each 6 month period. During the six months beginning January 1994 and thereafter, the Board intends to adhere to these requirements unless the Board has previously consented to excuse a member for good and sufficient reason.

You always maintain exceptional attendance so obviously this letter is preaching to the faithful. Yet, I did wish you to be aware that I am writing letters to all members and to let you know that at our February 2, 1994 Club Assembly we will be discussing attendance. Please bring your ideas and comments. Neither the Board nor I wish to dwell on attendance, so let's focus on the issue for just a few weeks so we can then move on all those other important things we do in Rotary.

Yours in Rotary,

Your Attendance Percentage  
7/1/93-12/31/93 100.0%