

# **Rotary Prime Membership**

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In 2014, members of the Lawrence Rotary Club recognized the need for a networking group for civic-minded young professionals in the greater community. Simultaneously, Rotary International was actively encouraging clubs to attract young professionals who may require more flexibility in their schedules and a more economical fee structure.

One way to do this is by instituting Rotary Prime memberships for young professionals with different meeting times, locations, structures, and activities tailored to serve those who cannot meet the standard Rotary Club weekly schedules and commitments.

On February 10, 2015, a Rotary Prime membership (formerly known as New Generations) category for individuals ranging in age from 21-35 was presented to and approved by the Lawrence Rotary Club's Board of Directors.

### **Benefits of Rotary Prime Memberships**

- Attract younger members and a different demographic to our Club, while bridging the gap between Rotaract and Rotary.
- Create a "bench" of incoming members to our Club who are knowledgeable about Rotary and who are familiar with our members.
- Increase Club membership, outreach, and participation in Club activities and service projects, as well as support for the Rotary Foundation.
- Offer a more flexible schedule and more affordable membership for young professionals.

### **Specifics**

**Membership:** A Rotary Prime membership is not a sub-standard form of membership in Rotary. The members will officially be members of our Club. Rotary Prime members will get a vote in our Club's elections.

**Attendance:** Rotary Prime members will meet once a month in the evenings at an agreed upon location. Further, Rotary Prime members will be required to attend a regular noon lunch meeting twice a quarter in order to get more familiar with the our Club and current members.

**Financial:** Rotary Prime members will pay Rotary International and District dues. The initiation fee and Club dues will be waived, though Rotary Prime members will be required to pay for lunch at any noon meetings they attend. By age 36, members must become fully financially committed to our Club.

**Structure:** Rotary Prime members choose a Prime liaison(s) to serve as the primary contact with the Board.

**Service:** Rotary Prime members will be expected to participate in an agreed upon number of community service projects each year. These projects may be ones that the Rotary Prime members initiate themselves or existing service projects our Club participates in. There should be a concerted effort to encourage joint involvement on any service projects in hopes of further tying the two types of members together in service to the community.

**Mentorship:** Rotary Prime members will have mentorship opportunities with longtime members.

***Do you know anyone 21-35 years of age who would be a great addition to our Club?***  
**Contact us at [lawrencerotaryprime@gmail.com](mailto:lawrencerotaryprime@gmail.com)**



## Lawrence Rotary Club Rotary Prime Member Dues and Costs

**Base annual dues and meals costs for Rotary Prime members total \$224.20.**

Club dues and meals cost statements are sent by mail to each club member **quarterly**. **Payments are due the month sent (January, April, July, and October)**. Each statement includes:

- **\$28.05**, quarterly dues;
- **\$28.00**, the total meal cost billed for two meetings per quarter, at \$14.00 each. If the club member attends more than two meetings, the cost for those meals will be added to the bill for the following quarter.
- Information about optional donation choices, such as contributions to the work of **The Rotary Foundation**.

**Dues and meal costs are subject to change annually as of July 1.** Any such changes will be reflected in the bill for that quarter and those to follow.

Questions about billing or payments may be directed to [rotarylaurance@gmail.com](mailto:rotarylaurance@gmail.com) or to one of the club's Co-treasurers, Doni Mooberry Slough, [donim@mooberryfinancial.com](mailto:donim@mooberryfinancial.com), 785.842.6662, or Vickie Randel, [vrandel5710@gmail.com](mailto:vrandel5710@gmail.com), 785.691.5488.

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