

Rotary Club of Reno Membership Information

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Welcome! We hope this information is helpful to you.

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For further questions, please ask your sponsoring member OR go to renorotary.com and click on our Chair of Membership or Club Secretary to email a question OR ask at an upcoming Rotary meeting or event.

1. PRINCIPLES OF ROTARY

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Rotary International, a worldwide association of Rotary clubs, is to provide service to others, promote high ethical standards, and advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through its fellowship of business, professional, and community leaders.

VISION STATEMENT

The vision of Rotary International is to be universally recognized for our commitment to Service Above Self to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace.

CORE VALUES

- Service
- Fellowship
- Diversity
- Integrity
- Leadership

OBJECTS OF ROTARY

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 or her occupation as an opportunity to serve society
- ✓ **Third.** The application of the ideal of service by every Rotarian to his or her personal, business and community life
- ✓ **Fourth.** The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world of fellowship of business and professional people united in the ideal of service

FIVE AVENUES OF SERVICE

The Rotary Club of Reno is organized and structured to focus on the following:

- **Club Service** – Focused on the functioning of the club
- **Community Service** – Projects and activities to improve the community
- **International Service** – Expands Rotary’s humanitarian reach around the world.
- **Vocational Service** – Encouraging Rotarians to serve others through their vocations
- **Youth Services** – Brings young adult professionals into community service

THE FOUR-WAY TEST – Rotarian Herbert Taylor in 1932 developed this test when he was charged with turning a company around by guiding the things employees think, say or do:

1. Is it the **TRUTH**?
2. Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
3. Will it build **GOOD WILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
4. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

2. MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

Category	Who is Eligible	Attendance Expectations
Individual	All adults	Minimum of 50%
Corporate*	All corporate leaders plus up to 3 more key employees of company	Corporate leader - 4x/year suggested. All members welcome at all meetings. Minimum of 50%
Family*	Spouse/ Partner of Member	Both welcome at all meetings. Minimum of 50%
Associate*	Adults under 30 years old	Minimum of 50%

* For details on Corporate, Family, and Associate memberships, please see website (click on Membership) or ask Membership Chair, Club Secretary or your Sponsor for appropriate information sheets.

3. ATTENDANCE EXPECTATIONS

Fellowship is a core value of membership in the club. Regular Rotary attendance will allow you and your fellow Rotarians to benefit by sharing in fellowship and your vocational knowledge at the weekly meetings.

Please remember to pick up your badge before the meeting begins and return it to the box after the meeting. To be counted present at our Monday meetings, plan to arrive by noon and check in by having your badge scanned electronically. Meetings end not later than 1:30 p.m.

The Rotary Club of Reno discourages early leaving (“scooting”) as it is considered rude and disrespectful of the speakers that have given time and effort to visit and address our club. If you must leave early for business reasons, please tell the President prior to the meeting. If possible, offer an apology to the guest speaker too.

If you expect to be unable to comply with the attendance expectations due to ill health, extended travel in locations where Rotary meetings are not available or for other good reason, the board may, upon written request submitted by a member, grant a Leave of Absence.

To enhance your enjoyment of Rotary you are encouraged to “*make up*” a meeting you missed or will miss. A “make up” is simply attending another club’s meeting fourteen (14) days before or fourteen (14) days after the missed meeting.

MAKE SURE YOU NOTIFY THE CLUB SECRETARY OF YOUR MAKEUP MEETINGS! You can “make up” at local clubs or almost anywhere in the world. See the website for dates and times of local area club meetings. You may also make up missed meetings by attending a major committee meeting or board meeting or other events designated by the Board of Directors.

4. HOW TO BECOME A NEW MEMBER

Being a member of the Rotary Club of Reno is a privilege. Every Rotarian shares the responsibility of seeking qualified persons to fill open classifications. In this way, every club member can help the club achieve a full representation of the business and professional aspects of the community.

Rotarians are individuals who are adults of good character and good business and professional 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 above; or (4) being a community leader who has demonstrated through personal involvement in community affairs a commitment to service and the Object of Rotary; or (5) having the status of Rotary Foundation alumnus as defined by the board and having his or her place of business or residence located in the locality of the club or the surrounding area.

The basic procedure by which a person is proposed for and elected to membership in the Rotary Club of Reno is:

1. The Membership Application of a prospective member, proposed by an active member of the club, shall be submitted to the club secretary. It must be signed by the sponsor.
2. The Club Secretary shall ensure that the proposed member meets all the membership and classification requirements of our club constitution and then will distribute copies of the application to the Board of Directors.
 - Candidates that are not known to the proposing Rotarian will require reference checks. Such reference checks will be conducted by the club secretary or membership committee prior to submitting the candidate's name to the Board of Directors for consideration.
 - Candidates that are former Rotarians from other clubs will require contact with the proposed member's former Rotary club by the club secretary or membership committee prior to submitting the candidates name to the Board of Directors for consideration.
 - Candidates that are qualified Rotary Foundation Alumni will not require reference checks.
3. The board shall approve or disapprove the proposal within 30 days of its submission, and shall notify the proposer through the club secretary. If the decision of the board is favorable, the prospective member's name, classification, and sponsor will be printed in the club newsletter for one issue.
4. If no written objection to the proposed member, stating reasons, is received by the board from any Active member of the club within seven (7) days following publication of information about the prospective member, that person, upon payment of the initiation fee as prescribed in the bylaws, shall be considered to be elected to membership.

If any such objection has been filed with the board, it shall vote on this matter at its next meeting. If approved despite the objection, the proposed member, upon payment of the initiation fee shall be considered to be elected to membership.

5. After the proposed member has been elected to membership, they must attend orientation. Orientations are held monthly. Following orientation, the prospective member shall be requested to sign the membership proposal form.
6. Following orientation, the president shall arrange for the new member's induction. The Club Secretary shall arrange for the new member's red badge and new member Rotary literature. In addition, the President or Secretary will report the new member information to RI. The new member will join the First Year Club and the sponsoring member or other Board member will encourage the new member to join a club project or function.

5. WHAT IT COSTS TO BE A MEMBER

Category	Initiation Fee	Annual Club Dues	Add'l Annual Expenses	TOTAL Annual Cost Year 1**	TOTAL Annual Cost Year 2 +**
Individual	\$150	\$379	\$100	\$629	\$479
Corporate	\$150 total for up to 4 members	\$379/member	\$100/member	\$516.50/person if 4 join	\$479/person
Family (of 2)	\$225 (for 2) (\$112.50 per person)	\$598 (for 2) (\$299 per person)	\$100/person	\$511.50/person	\$399/person
Associate	\$0	\$248	\$60	\$308	\$308

**** PLUS lunches, social events, optional bell ringers, and other donations**

INITIATION FEE (not charged to prior Rotarians)

This is a one-time fee due before being inducted as new member.

NOTE: Arrangements can be made to pay this fee over a three-month period of time by contacting the Club Treasurer.

ANNUAL CLUB DUES (includes RI and District assessments)

Billed semiannually in July and January. Dues often change slightly every year.

ADDITIONAL ANNUAL EXPENSES - MANDATORY

These include an annual bell ringer of \$100. These are considered donations to Rotary International and the club Foundation and are tax deductible as charitable contributions.

ROTARY FOUNDATIONS - Not Mandatory

Members are encouraged to contribute to **The Rotary Foundation (TRF) to support International Projects** by becoming a Paul Harris Sustaining Member (\$100 per year) or a Paul Harris Fellow (a \$1,000 contribution) and/or to the **Reno Rotary Foundation (RRF) to support local Community Projects** on a sustaining basis (\$100 per year) or by receiving a Nevada Nugget (\$1,000 contribution). We encourage members to be an annual contributor at the \$100 level throughout their membership for both foundations. Contributions are tax deductible.

SOCIAL EVENTS - Not Mandatory

Club members and their spouses/ partners/ families are encouraged to attend the club's social events, including such events as the annual Club BBQ, Christmas Party, Mystery Bus Trip,

Loyalton Lamb Feed, Cowboy Poetry event, President's Demotion Party, and other social events. Family and potential members are invited. These activities are voluntary and paid for separately.

The above estimate fairly represents the financial obligations of being a member of the Rotary Club of Reno and is provided to prospective members for informational purposes. As with any undertaking, a prospective member should have a full understanding of the range of costs that accompanies membership in the organization. Members will be billed monthly and can pay by credit card online (via club website) or by check.

Any member failing to pay dues within thirty (30) days after the prescribed time shall be notified by email or in writing by the treasurer at the member's last known address. If the dues are not paid on or before ten (10) days after the date of notification, membership may terminate, subject to the discretion of the board.

6. RED BADGES

All new members, unless they are recent prior members of the club, begin with a Red Badge. After they complete the activities on the Red Badge Checklist (downloadable from the club website) they earn their Blue Badge.

Requirements for Completion

1. **Attend at least 8 Monday meetings or make-ups at other Rotary clubs.**
2. **Attend one meeting of the Board of Directors or the Rotary Club of Reno Foundation Board of Trustees.** *Please check the website renorotary.com for dates and locations and let the Club President / RRF Chair know that you are coming.*
3. **Participate in at least one (1) club social or volunteer activity.**
4. **Serve as Greeter/Perform Badge Scanning**

Thanks again for your interest in joining the Rotary Club of Reno!