

Welcome! We hope this information is helpful to you.

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1. PRINCIPLES OF ROTARY

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Rotary International, a worldwide association of Rotary clubs, is to provide service to others, promote integrity, 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. HOW TO BECOME A NEW MEMBER

Members of the Rotary Club of Reno have the privilege to join like-minded individuals dedicated to the ideal of *Service Above Self* and the *Principles of Rotary*. To qualify for membership, persons must be adults who demonstrate good character, integrity, and leadership; possess a good reputation within their business, profession, and/or community; are willing to serve in the community and/or around the world; and have their place of business or residence in Reno or the surrounding area.

It is the responsibility of each club member to help find new qualified members.

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

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 candidate's name to the Board of Directors for consideration.
 - Candidates that are qualified Rotary Foundation Alumni will not require reference checks.
 - No more than 10% of club members may be in the same classification.
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 member (other than honorary) of the club within seven (7) days following publication of information about the prospective member, that person, upon payment of the admission 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 admission 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 or Membership Chair 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 sponsoring member, Membership Committee and Board members will encourage the new member to join a club project or function.

3. WHAT IT COSTS TO BE A MEMBER OF ROTARY CLUB OF RENO

ADMISSION FEE (not charged to prior Rotarians)	\$150
This is a <u>one-time fee</u> 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 at 775-359-7600.	
ANNUAL DUES (split between RI and District assessments)	\$291
Billed semiannually in July and January (RI \$127.50 and District \$18.00) which equals \$291.00 per year. Dues usually change slightly every year.	
ANNUAL FINES/HONORARIUMS (Mandatory)	\$110
These include a birthday recognition of \$10 (\$5 for Club Foundation and \$5 for RI's 'Every Rotarian/Every Year) and an annual minimum fine or honor roll enrollment of \$100. These are considered donations to Rotary International and the club Foundation and are tax deductible as charitable contributions.	
MONDAY LUNCH	\$ 15 - 20 / meeting
Salad-only lunch is \$15/meeting and full lunch is \$20. .	
ANNUAL FUNDRAISER - MARDI GRAS (Mandatory)	\$260
The annual fundraiser is the only event that is mandatory, and the value of four tickets will be billed to your Club account. The tickets may be partially tax deductible – see your accountant to make your decision.	
ROTARY INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION (Not Mandatory)	\$200
Members are encouraged to contribute to the R. I. Foundation by becoming a Paul Harris Sustaining Member (\$100 per year) or a Paul Harris Fellow (a \$1,000 contribution) and to the Reno Rotary Foundation on a sustaining basis (\$100 per year) or by receiving a 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.	
OTHER Events - (Not Mandatory)	Varies
Club members are encouraged to attend the Annual BBQ, Christmas Party, Mystery Bus Trip, Loyalton Lamb Feed, Cowboy Poetry event, President's Demotion Party, Burning Man, etc. Parties are Club social functions - friends and spouses are invited. These activities are voluntary and paid for separately.	

APPROXIMATE TOTAL MANDATORY COST OF FIRST YEAR: \$ 811 + lunches

APPROXIMATE TOTAL COST OF SECOND AND FUTURE YEARS: \$ 661 + lunches

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 ClubRunner) 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.

4. ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS

Members are expected to abide by the following Rotary International and Club bylaws as they apply to attendance. Regular Rotary attendance will allow you and your fellow Rotarians to benefit by sharing in fellowship and your vocational knowledge at the weekly meetings.

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 and ask to be excused prior to the meeting. If possible, offer an apology to the guest speaker too.

Your attendance is recorded by electronically scanning your badge as you come in.

Please remember to pick up your badge before the meeting begins and return it to the box after the meeting.

A unique feature of Rotary membership is the requirement to regularly attend meetings. We believe fellowship is a core value of membership in the club. Your membership can be terminated for failure to attend four (4) consecutive meetings or failure to attend or make up at least 50% of club regular meetings in each half of the Rotary year, with at least 30% of those meetings being attended at this Club.

If you expect to be unable to comply with the attendance requirements 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 help with your attendance and to enhance your enjoyment of Rotary you are encouraged to “*make up*” the 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 MAKUP 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.

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

Rotary Club of Reno, Nevada

Membership Application

Candidate's Name: First:_____ **Initial:**___ **Last:**_____

Gender:_____ **Nickname:**_____

Candidate Section

1. Contact information:
Home Address:_____ City:_____ Zip:_____
Phone:_____ Cell:_____ E-Mail:_____
Company:_____ Years employed there:_____
Or Community Leadership Role: _____
Work Address:_____ City:_____ Zip:_____
Phone:_____ Cell:_____ E-Mail:_____
Fax:_____ Title_____ Occupation_____
2. How long have you been a resident in Northern Nevada?_____ Years
3. Have you been a Rotarian before?_____ If yes, please provide the following:
Club Name:_____ Dates of Membership_____
Classification Held:_____ Paul Harris Fellow _____
Rotary Membership Number:_____ Sustaining Member _____
Former Club Leader Phone (Pres/sec/associate):_____
Offices held and responsibilities:_____
4. Spouse/Partner name, if applicable_____
5. Birthday (day/month/year)
6. Summary of education and/or background.
7. Potential areas of interest in Rotary:
8. Areas of skills you may want to offer to the club.
9. Past or current community projects, memberships or boards.
10. Applicant's signature: _____

Sponsor Section

1. Do you know the candidate? Yes_____No_____If no, please provide references.
2. Two references, if necessary:
Name:_____Phone:_____
Name:_____Phone:_____
3. If you know the candidate, indicate number of years: _____
4. Delineate in what capacity you know the candidate (i.e. employee, served on a board together, friend, etc.).
5. Note reasons you think the applicant would be a good candidate for our club.
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Sponsor's Signature:_____Date:_____

Sponsor's Name:_____

This application must be submitted to the Club Secretary for a vote by The Board of Directors and, if successful, an orientation will be scheduled. After orientation, the Sponsor will return the form to the Candidate for a final signature and filing with the Club Secretary, to be followed by a seven-day publication of the candidate for Club Membership notification. Upon successful completion of these steps the Club Secretary and President will arrange induction.

Applicant's Final Signature: _____