

## HOW TO PROPOSE 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 adult persons 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 Rotary Club of Reno may have as many as 10% of the members in an accepted classification.

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 name of a prospective member, proposed by an active member of the club, shall be submitted to the board in writing, through the club secretary. A transferring or former member of another club may be proposed to active membership by the former club but such transferring member is subject to approval by the Rotary Club of Reno. Submittal of the prospective member shall be on the Rotary International brochure form *How to Propose a New Member* or the Rotary Club of Reno Membership Application. The Club membership application must be completed and signed by the sponsor. **Submit the completed application to the Club Secretary for processing.**
2. The board shall ensure that the proposal meets all the classification and membership requirements of the standard Rotary club constitution.
3. Candidates that are not known to the proposing Rotarian will require reference checks and such reference checks will be conducted by the membership committee prior to submitting the candidates name to the Board of Directors for consideration.
4. Candidates that are proposed by another Rotary Club or who are former Rotarians will require contact with the proposed member's former Rotary Club by the membership committee prior to submitting the candidates name to the Board of Directors for consideration.
5. Candidates that are qualified Rotary Foundation Alumni will not require reference checks.
6. 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 must attend orientation. Orientations are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 5:30p.m. at Sunshine Reporting Services, 151 Country Estates Circle, Reno 89511. During orientation the prospective member will be informed of the purpose of Rotary and of the privileges and responsibilities of membership, following which the prospective member shall be requested to sign the membership proposal form and to permit his or her name and proposed classification to be published to the club.
7. If no written objection to the proposal, 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.

Following the election, the president shall arrange for the new member's induction, membership card, and new member Rotary literature. In addition, the president or secretary will report the new member information to RI and the president will assign a member to assist with the new member's assimilation to the club as well as assign the new member to a club project or function.

**Please return the completed application to:**

Rotary Club of Reno  
P.O. Box 1750, Reno, NV 89505  
Or send by fax to 775-850-2505

Questions? Call 742-8742 or email [info@renorotaryclub.org](mailto:info@renorotaryclub.org)

## ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS

As a Reno Rotarian, you will be 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 you should plan to arrive by noon. Meetings end not later than 1:30 p.m. If you leave before 1:05 p.m. you will not be counted as present for that meeting. **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. You should also offer an apology to the guest speaker out of courtesy prior to the start of the meeting..

The Secretary will take attendance at 12:50 p.m. by determining which badges are left in the box. Member’s whose badges are left in the box will be counted as absent. Please remember to pick up your badge before the meeting begins and return it to the box after the meeting. If you must “Scoot” please place your badge behind the box instead of in the box when you leave.

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. You can “make up” at the following local clubs or almost anywhere in the world. You can ask the Secretary for information regarding possible “make up” locations or you can find club meeting times and sites on the world wide web at [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org).

### Local Meetings:

Tuesday, Noon, Reno Central Rotary Club, Peppermill Hotel/Casino

Tuesday, 6 pm, Reno Centennial Sunset Club, Tamarac Junction

Wednesday, Noon, Sparks Rotary Club, John Ascuaga’s Nugget

Thursday, 7am, Sparks Centennial Sunrise Club, Red Hawk

Thursday, Noon, Reno South Rotary Club, Atlantis Casino

Friday, 7:00 a.m., Reno Sunrise Rotary Club, Siena Hotel/Casino

## WHAT IT COSTS TO BE A RENO ROTARIAN - 2012-2013

<b>ADMISSION FEE</b>	<b>\$150</b>
<i>One time fee due before being introduced as new member <b>NOTE: Arrangements can be made to pay this fee over a three month period of time by contacting the club Treasurer Dave Stark at 328-1040.</b></i>	
<b>ANNUAL DUES</b>	<b>\$240</b>
<i>Billed semiannually July and January at \$120</i>	
<b>ANNUAL FINES</b>	<b>\$110</b>
<i>Includes a birthday recognition of \$10 and a minimum fine or honor roll enrollment of \$100. These are considered donations to the club Foundation and are tax deductible as charitable contributions.</i>	
<b>MONDAY LUNCH</b>	<b>\$370- \$740</b>
<i>Based on attending 46 meetings at \$16 per meal for full lunch or \$7 for just salad and dessert.</i>	
<b>SOCIAL FUNCTIONS</b>	<b>\$200 to \$300</b>
<i>The annual major fundraiser Food and Wine Tasting, BBQ, Christmas Party, Valentines and Demotion Parties are Club social functions which members are encouraged to attend with their spouses. The annual fundraiser is the only one of these events that is required, and the cost of that event is \$200.</i>	
<b>ROTARY INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION</b>	<b>\$200</b>
<i>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). We encourage members to be an annual contributor at the \$100 level throughout their membership. Contributions to the Rotary International Foundation are tax deductible.</i>	
<b>OTHER</b>	
<i>Club members are also invited to attend Club-sponsored golf tournaments and bus trips and the District Conference. These activities are voluntary.</i>	
<b>APPROXIMATE TOTAL COST RANGE OF FIRST YEAR</b>	<b>\$1,300 to \$ 1,770</b>
<b>APPROXIMATE TOTAL COST RANGE OF SECOND AND SUBSEQUENT YEARS</b>	<b>\$1,120 to \$ 1,590</b>

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. Any member failing to pay dues within thirty (30) days after the prescribed time shall be notified in writing by the secretary 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.