



2024-2025 Membership Dues Increase

Aloha Members of The Rotary Club of Honolulu,

The start of the new Rotary year is quickly approaching and as with all new incoming Presidents I have been working closely with our current and 2025 Club Treasurer Lucci Pinoliad, as well as with current President Joanna Amberger to finalize our budget for 2025. With membership staying steady at 117 members and with inflation increasing the cost of operating the club, we have little choice but to implement an increase for our membership dues. The chart below shows the current dues rate and the new dues rate effective July 1, 2024.

YEARS FOR THESE RATES:	DUES FOR	Payment in Full	Bi-Annual Payments	Quarterly Payments	Monthly Payments	% increase
New 2024-2025	Regular Members	\$750.00	\$375.00	\$187.50	\$62.50	9.33%
Current	Regular Members	\$680.00	\$340.00	\$170.00	\$56.67	
New 2024-2025	U45 (45 and under)	\$530.00	\$265.00	\$132.50	\$44.17	
Current		\$480.00	\$240.00	\$120.00	\$40.00	
New 2024-2025	Non-Resident / Satellite	\$530.00	\$265.00	\$132.50	\$44.17	
Current		\$480.00	\$240.00	\$120.00	\$40.00	
New 2024-2025	Spouse of a Member	\$530.00	\$265.00	\$132.50	\$44.17	
Current		\$480.00	\$240.00	\$120.00	\$40.00	

Our club has not had a membership dues increase since 2021 and a 9.3% increase is barely keeping up with our operating costs. Please keep in mind that this dues increase is only one step needed to get our budget aligned and balanced.

Other options include:

- To encourage members to donate to a non-tax-deductible fund - the *Coke & Lawrence Fund* (our founding fathers) that serves as the club's operational umbrella. This fund is separate from the foundational funds but will be included as an option for members to donate during the annual campaign.
- **Pre-paid lunches with the dues** shall be aggressively endorsed.
- **Payment of Dues & Lunches:** We strongly encourage members to sign up for our automatic reoccurring credit card transactions. Our Club credit card processing system allows for automatic charges for dues payment whether it's monthly, quarterly, biannual, or annual. This saves Our Club Administrator, Lee Labrash, a lot of time by not having to spend hours collecting from members and allows us to use her for the many other administration duties that she needs to do.
 - **ClubRunner Invoicing & Payments:** Will be discontinued. The Club has taken on all card processing fees and can no longer continue doing this. Further, when payments are in question due to CR glitches, it does not allow us to verify who paid what, only that a payment was made.
 - **Square Invoicing & Payments:** Square is the new system we have transferred billing and payments to. Square allows the card user and Club to share the card charges, making it more sustainable for all. Square allows the Club to give each member the option of being automatically invoiced or scheduled for automatic payments. The third advantage is that the Club and our Accountants are able to more accurately and efficiently record payments - who paid, how much, what the payment was for, and when made. This system is a win-win for both members and our Club.

Best regards,

Tom Coyne
President – Elect
The Rotary Club of Honolulu