

What is the Blue Badge checklist you ask?

There are a few things that that you need to do in the next 3 months, all of which our club believe are important in helping our new members get to know everyone and also to help them get a better understanding of what being in Rotary is all about. The items on the checklist are all designed to help you quickly and comfortably get involved in club activities, get a better understanding of Rotary (including its structure, the meetings and our charitable goals) and to get to know all of the club members.

Below is a brief outline of what each of the items on the checklist mean and why each is important

- Register on ClubRunner and upload your photo** – As a new member, our Club Secretary (Elizabeth Fielder) will send you an email with your registration information to our Member Website - ClubRunner. Members of the Club have access to the website and can look at the information that has been upload on any other club member – so we use this site for communicating with one another. Please make sure and upload a photo. Also, here are some links that you should check out:
 1. <http://www.renocentralrotary.com/> this site is filled with club news, our weekly event calendar and other Club and Charitable Foundation information.
 2. <https://www.rotary.org/en> this is the Rotary International website. You can click on “My Rotary” at the top of the page to register with Rotary International.
 3. <https://www.facebook.com/rotaryrenocentral/> check out our Facebook page.
- Be a Greeter** - When each club member and guests arrive at the meeting, the club always has two greeters standing at the doorway to welcome everyone. The Club Care Committee Co-Chair, (Joe Anderson), coordinates our greeters to be sure there are two people there to greet members and visitors each week. New members are asked to be a greeter (at least) 4 times in their first 3 months. The first time you greet you should do so alongside a club member already scheduled as the greeter to help with introductions. Ask Joe about being a greeter and he will get you scheduled. Please be sure to wear your name badge as well as the “greeter” badge. Greeters should come to the meeting a little bit early (11:45 am, if possible).
- Attend Board of Directors Meeting** - By attending a BOD meeting you’ll learn plenty. See how the planning and open discussions of the Board result in not only great fun and informative weekly club meetings but also how the club seeks to honor the spirit of Rotary’s mission by undertaking various service projects during the year. The BOD meets the 3rd Friday of each month at 11:45 a.m. – currently Board Meetings are being held at CVirtual, 155 Cadillac Place. Just show up!
- Do A Make-Up** - This means that you seek out another club and attend their meeting. Clubs vary widely from one to another both in terms of personality and how their meetings are organized. You can find the time and locations for the other Reno/Sparks clubs listed in our weekly email newsletter toward the end of the newsletter. No need to call the other club. Just show up!
- Serve on a Committee/Volunteer for Club Service** – There are many active Committees in our Club

as well as several club service activities that you can participate in. New members are encouraged to join a committee right away and get involved. This is a great way to get to know your fellow Club members while we work together to serve our community and world.

Here is a list of our current Committees:

1. Membership Committee - This Committee develops and implements plans for the recruitment and retention of members including some club fellowship activities (like the New Member Quarterly Welcome Dinner.)
 2. Social Media/Public Image Committee - This Committee develops and implements plans to provide the public with information about Rotary and to promote the club's service projects and activities.
 3. Audio Visual/Communications Committee – This Committee is our webmaster, and coordinates all of our audio visual needs for our meetings each week.
 4. Community Service Projects Committee - This Committee develops and implements educational, humanitarian, and vocational projects that address the needs in our local community.
 5. The Rotary Foundation - This Committee develops and implements plans to support The Rotary Foundation through both financial contributions and program participation.
 6. International Service Projects Committee - This Committee develops and implements educational, humanitarian and vocational projects that address the needs in communities in other countries.
 7. Youth Services - This Committee plans, promotes and implements youth oriented activities, including promoting interest in Interact, Youth Exchange, The Speech & Music Contests, Rotary Youth Leadership Academy, Rotary 8th Grade leadership (REGL), the Most Improved Student Program and related programs developed at the District and Rotary International levels. We are very active in this area of service!
 8. Club Care Committee – This Committee is all about caring for the members of our Club. They coordinate the greeters for each Club meeting and reach out to members when they are ill or unable to attend the meetings for some reason.
 9. Finance Committee – This Committee makes recommendations to the Club Board and the Charitable Foundation Board on our investment practices.
 10. NNCCF Meadowview Farms Horse Show Fundraiser Committee – This Committee partners with the Meadowview Farms Charity Horse Show to raise money for the Northern Nevada Children's Cancer Foundation.
 11. Vocational Services Committee – This Committee keeps us aware of each member's vocation, and plans our "vocational minutes" for each meeting. At some point, you will be asked to tell the club a little bit about your vocation during one of these times.
 12. Club Service Activities – Throughout the year, there are a variety of activities that require help from the club members in order to ensure success. Some examples would include our Annual Dinner, Mystery Bus Trip, Friday Eve Happy Hours, and other social get-togethers for the club that require planning and support.
 13. Fundraising Committee – This Committee works with our President-Elect and President Elect Nominee to coordinate our annual fundraiser – The Reno Crab Feed - Coming up on our 18th year! It also coordinates our secondary fundraiser – The Rotary Super Pool.
 14. Christmas Party Planning Committee – This Committee plans and puts on our annual holiday party.
- Attend a Club Social Function** – Club socials happen on a fairly frequent basis. Watch your email,

listen at the meetings and look in the club newsletter for the next social coming up and try to join us. It's the greatest way to continue to get to know the other club members on a more personal basis and for them to get to know you!

- Attend a Club Service Project** – Club Service Projects happen on a fairly frequent basis. Watch your email, listen at the meetings and look in the club newsletter for the next one coming up and try to join us. Just like going to a Social, you will get to know the other club members on a more personal basis and they will get to know you! – **Even Better** Invite a friend!! Nothing is better than serving the community alongside people you enjoy!

- Bring a Guest** - Just as you were brought to our club for the first time probably as a guest (unless you contacted us directly), it's important for you to try and bring guests to the club meetings. There is no need to tell us ahead of time. Some guests turn into new members and the lifeblood of a successful club is growth in membership. For that reason, this is on the checklist. Friends, relatives, co-workers and neighbors are all welcome!!

- Learn about the Rotary Foundation** - Click on the Rotary Tab within our own club website and then click on the Rotary International Website link and you'll have access to all kinds of information about the Rotary Foundation, Rotary's charitable work throughout the world and how our efforts and donations support that work. Our club prides itself on having 100% participation each year from our members in donating to the Rotary Foundation. Our suggested minimum annual donation is \$100. Once your accumulated donations total \$1,000, you'll be recognized as a Paul Harris Fellow.

- Wear Your Rotary Pin** – Rotarians are big on pins! We like to let people know that we are in Rotary. We are proud of it and proud of what Rotary does around the world. By wearing your pin you will be easily recognizable as a Rotarian to other Rotarians in business and in daily life. Also, it is a great conversation started for people that are not Rotarians and will give you the opportunity to talk about Rotary. Wear your pin with pride.

Once you have completed the items on this checklist, turn in your Blue Badge Checklist form and we will present you with your Permanent Rotary Blue Badge!