Date: No. 11 Attendance

Dear (First name):

I hope these letters are helping you understand the larger world of Rotary and some of the working details of our own club. Friendship is a cornerstone of Rotary.

By meeting weekly, Rotarians get to know each other personally and professionally and are able to exchange ideas and discover (and celebrate) diverse perspectives. We learn from and enjoy outstanding programs and speakers.

Our members’ weekly participation provides the maximum benefit to all of us. Rotary has an attendance requirement of at least 50%, but we know of many “old time” Rotarians who can claim over fifty years of perfect attendance!

If we are unable to attend a meeting, we can “make up” in a variety of ways which add to our Rotary experience and count toward our attendance requirement. One common way to make up is to visit another Rotary club, even an online “e-club,” within 14 days before or after missing a regular club meeting. Neighboring clubs are easy to find on our district website. If we are traveling, we can check the Rotary International website and click on [Club Finder](https://www.rotary.org/myrotary/en/search/club-finder), found directly under the blue box on the right when you click on the three bar search engine. We can also download the free “Rotary Club Locator” app on our cell phone. This function lists every club in the world with an online presence, indicating where and when they meet with a link to the club website.

Visiting an international club provides an opportunity to connect with leaders from all continents, cultures and occupations. We are welcome at Rotary meetings anywhere in the world. It is quite a moment to experience the international network of Rotary. When planning travel abroad, request a club banner from our club secretary to present to the Rotary club president where you visit. You may also be offered a club banner from the foreign club to bring back to us. Don’t forget to wear your RI pin!

Another way to make up a missed meeting is to attend a club social event, committee meeting, or club project. We encourage you to include your spouse, partner or family members to strengthen our friendships and our network through the “Family of Rotary.” Be sure to report your make up to our club secretary.

With all these options, it is easy to exceed the minimum 50% attendance requirement. One never knows where the opportunity to meet new Rotarians and take part in creating positive change in our communities will lead.

Yours in Rotary Service,