

EXCUSED ABSENCES (Leave of Absence and “Rule 85”)

From Article 9 of the Rotary Club Constitution (contained in Rotary Manual of Procedure)

Section 3 — Excused Absences. A member’s absence shall be excused if

(a) the absence complies with the conditions and under circumstances approved by the board. The board may excuse a member’s absence for reasons which it considers to be good and sufficient. Such excused absences shall not extend for longer than twelve months. However, if the leave is for a medical reason that extends for more than twelve months such leave may be renewed by the board for a period of time beyond the original twelve months.

(b) the aggregate of the member’s years of age and years of membership in one or more clubs is 85 years or more and the member has notified the club secretary in writing of the member’s desire to be excused from attendance and the board has approved.

Section 4 — RI Officers’ Absences. A member’s absence shall be excused if the member is a current officer of RI or a Rotarian partner of a current officer of RI.

Section 5 — Attendance Records. When a member whose absences are excused under the provision of subsection 3(a) (**Leave of Absence**) of this article fails to attend a club meeting, the member and the member’s absence shall **NOT** be included in the attendance records. In the event that a member whose absences are excused under the provisions of subsection 3(b) (**Rule 85**) or section 4 of this article attends a club meeting, the member and the member’s attendance **SHALL BE** included in the membership and attendance figures used to compute this club’s attendance.

NOTE:

Payment of Dues – An excused absence (Leave of Absence) or qualification for “Rule 85” does NOT exempt a member from the payment of dues. Members are still responsible for the payment of Rotary International and District Dues, as assessed by the Club. Clubs may wish to make an adjustment on the meals portion of dues invoices. This same scenario applies to snow birds who are away from the area for extended periods of time. Rotary International and District 5580 will still assess the club for these members, and therefore, the club should be collecting them from the Rotarian. 2015-2016 Dues Information is contained on Page 2 of this document.

GENERAL RULE: The only way that a person does **NOT** pay dues is if they are an **Honorary** Member or **are no longer in Rotary.**

RI AND DISTRICT DUES INFORMATION – 2015-16

Rotary International Dues

Payable **Semi-Annually** in **July and January**

Club Secretaries will receive the Invoice. Clubs will be responsible for the payment of the following fees in **July and January** of each Rotary year:

General Dues:	\$27.50/member
Council on Legislation:	\$1.50/member
Insurance (US Clubs only)	\$3.18/member (payable only on July Invoice)
Rotarian Magazine:	\$6/member

Rotary International Dues should be sent, upon receipt, to:

FOR US CLUBS:

Rotary International
14255 Collections Center Drive
Chicago, IL 60693

FOR CANADIAN CLUBS:

Rotary International
C/O 911679
PO Box 4090 STNA
Toronto, ON
CANADA M5W 0E9

District 5580 Dues

Payable **Annually** in August

Club Secretaries will receive the District Dues Statement from the District Secretary, Diane Collins. Clubs will be responsible for payment of the following fees:

General Dues:	\$41/member (based on proposed increase of \$1/member)
World Community Service:	\$15/member
District Youth Exchange:	\$10/member
P.E.T.S. Training	\$150/ <u>Club</u>

District Dues should be sent, upon receipt, to:

Elaine Hansen, Treasurer
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