**Script for the Induction of New Member**

FIRST SPEAKER (President) Good afternoon, “new member name” You are about to become the newest member of the Rotary Club of Kingston. I am X, your club President for this year and will begin by asking your sponsor to introduce you to our members.

SECOND SPEAKER (Sponsor) Hi “new member”, we know each other well and I want to tell the Club a few things about you.

“New Member (here is a sample brief bio) is a settler, woman, mother, partner, daughter, and sister who has lived in and around Kingston for the past (nearly!) 40 years. He/She is empathetic, curious, and spiritual, and although Becky describes herself as introverted, he/she is highly motivated by relationships and community. These elements drive “New Member’s” interest in issues of social justice, inclusion, and her solutions-oriented approach to life.

He/she is not a new face. Becky spent a total of three years (2008-2010/2020-2021) working as the local Easter Seals Ontario representative, and thus has already engaged in projects with many of you. In April, “new Member” transitioned to a policy role at Queen’s University, working in the office of the Vice-Principal Research. Queen’s is a familiar work setting for “new member”. He/she completed three degrees at Queen’s, his/her most recent a PhD in human geography (2017). His/Her dissertation examined localized practices of immigration governance in Ontario. “New Member” worked as an Educational Consultant for the Department of Medicine for a two-year term before returning to Easter Seals. In his/her “spare” time, “new member” teaches two general education courses at St. Lawrence College. “He/she” has demonstrated proficiency in the areas of project management, research, relationship management, communications, and advising and support in administrative and teaching positions within the non-profit and post-secondary education industries.

When he/she’s not working, “new member” likes to learn new things, practice yoga and spend time with family and friends.

THIRD SPEAKER (recent new member) –

“Welcome, “new member”! My name is “x”and I was fortunate enough to join the Kingston Rotary club in April. This is a wonderful group of warm, welcoming people, and there are so many great opportunities to get involved. I know you will enjoy getting to know your fellow Rotarians and finding ways to get involved and be part of things.”

FOURTH SPEAKER (club historian) My name is “x” and I’m the Club Historian and I would like to tell you a bit about our history. In 1905, Paul Harris, a young lawyer in Chicago, experiencing the loneliness of a newcomer to a big city, wanted to become acquainted with individuals in other businesses and professions.

On the evening of February 23, 1905, he met with three friends to discuss his ideas. From this beginning, they invited others to meet with them, and began to rotate the meetings among each other’s’ offices. From this “rotation” came the name Rotary. Their number soon became too great to meet in each other’s’ offices and a luncheon club was formed.

The Rotary Club of Kingston has just celebrated its 100th anniversary. Our ties with the community are strong and we are fully committed to maintaining these ties through responsible and dedicated actions.

We are not limited by the boundaries of Kingston. Members of this club have been on the ground and active in projects in Nepal, India, South Africa, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Mexico, El Salvador, Costa Rica, Panama and Ecuador.

Our Club Values are:

* Service in action
* Inclusion and Engagement
* Flexibility
* Sustainability and
* Tradition

FIFTH SPEAKER (Club Secretary) My name is “x” and I’m the Club Secretary. We all support you in this adventure - to become a Rotarian, part of the Rotary Wheel - - which faces inward for friendship and fellowship and outward in service to our community and to the world.

While membership in Rotary is an honour and privilege, it involves corresponding obligations.

An important tenet of Rotary is our Four Way Test of the things we think, say, and do:

• Is it the truth?

• Is it fair to all concerned?

• Will it build goodwill and better friendships?

• Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

If you live by the Four Way Test, you will never go wrong.

There is a wealth of opportunities to learn about Rotary. Being a Rotarian means you undertake the quest for lifelong learning.

Also, an extremely important responsibility of every Rotarian is **service through participation** and engagement. Make Rotary a good habit. Volunteer when called upon, dream big, participate in service and dare to create a service project. Attend our club meetings, visit other clubs, attend the district assemblies and conferences and, if possible, an International Convention.

SIXTH SPEAKER (President) We would normally present you your Rotary pin personally at this point but ZOOM complicates this somewhat. That will be delivered to you shortly. With this pin, you can attend meetings of any Rotary Club in the world. Rotary is an amazing organization and you will find many opportunities for fellowship and service. We are a happy club and love what we do. You are our newest member. Give ‘Service above Self and above all, enjoy! That starts now. We bid you welcome.