



FAQs about the District 5440 Passport Club

What is a Passport Club? Rotary International defines the term “passport” as the ability to move freely from club to club. A passport club is a Rotary club that gives its members a more flexible club experience by:

- Encouraging its members to visit other clubs and participate in their club activities regularly
- Relaxing the attendance policy
- Offering a variety of meeting formats

See <https://my-cms.rotary.org/en/document/guide-passport-clubs> for a Passport Club Concept Overview from Rotary International

(NOTE: copy and paste the address into your browser if the link does not open the file correctly)

How will the Passport club recruit members?

Initial recruitment of members will target “Those touched by Rotary”, who are not currently Rotary members. This group includes:

Family members of Rotarians
Those who have left Rotary for a variety of other reasons
Scholarship recipients/Peace Fellows
RYLA, Young RYLA Alumni (participants and parents)
Past Exchange Students (participants and parents)

The intent of this club is not to compete with current clubs, but to offer another option to those individuals who have not yet joined Rotary, have left Rotary, or are considering leaving Rotary. Please spread this FAQ sheet to new and past Rotarians to help grow D5440 membership.

Who will be interested in and who is the target audience for the D5440 Passport Club?

- Individuals who are passionate about making a difference in the community and/or in the world but are not available to attend traditional Rotary meetings due to cost, time, travel, or seasonal living.
- Individuals who enjoy leveraging the power of Rotary Foundation grants and matching funds.
- Individuals who want to become Rotarians, return to Rotary or remain Rotarians but who have barriers due to cost, time, travel, or seasonal living.
- Individuals who are interested in meeting and engaging with Rotarians around the District and around the world and working on projects grants (locally and/or internationally).
- Individuals who have grant experience, project skills, financial resources and/or fund-raising skills who would like to help write/fund/implement Rotary International grant projects.

How does the D5440 Passport Club meet? D5440 Passport Club “meetings” will include the following options:

- On-line D5440 Passport project planning meetings once or twice per month
- Attending any other club meeting
- Hands-on participation in a passport driven project
- Hands-on participating in a project-driven by another club/district
- Attending any Rotary Club event or fund-raiser

Passport Club members are encouraged to attend any club meeting or participate in any club service project, fundraiser, or grant project (District Grant, International District Grant, or Global Grant). **As a result, this club will provide an eager pool of Rotarians in the district who can assist all D5440 events and projects.**

What do D5440 Passport Club members do?

The Passport Club motto is “Passion for Projects”!

Members are passionate about making a difference in the community and/or in the world. Members enjoy leveraging the power of TRF grants and matching funds. Initial members want to become Rotarians, return to Rotary or remain Rotarians but are not available to attend traditional Rotary meetings due to cost, time, travel, or seasonal living. Members are interested in meeting and engaging with Rotarians around the District and around the world and working on project grants (locally and/or internationally). Many members have grant experience, project skills, financial resources and/or fund-raising skills to help write/fund/implement Rotary Int’l grant projects.

How will D5440 Passport Club encourage and measure member engagement? Each year (Jul 1 – Jun 30), members are expected to earn at least 50 credits by participating in Rotary activities.

Credits are accrued through the following (must have at least 1 in each category per year):

- Participation in any Rotary meeting, committee meeting or event (2 pts each)
- Participation in any Rotary service activity (5 pts)
- Participation in preparation, submission or implementation of any Rotary grant (5 pts)
- Donating to Rotary - fundraiser, grant, or TRF (5 pts)
- Bring in a new member (5 pts)

Members will self-report their credits on an electronic form.

Below is an example that show how easy this is:

Attends 5 meetings/committees/events at different Rotary club	= 10 credits
Help with 3 District or Global Grant	= 15 credits
Participates in 3 service projects	= 15 credits
Bring in 1 new member	= 5 credits
Donate to a Rotary Fundraiser and TRF	= 5 credits
Total Credits	= 50 credits

What are D5440 Passport Club dues?

Passport Club costs are \$260/Year calculated on a quarterly basis as follows:

Type	Dues/Quarter
District / Rotary International Dues	\$ 35.00
Club Operations Fund	\$ 10.00
Direct tax-deductible contribution to The Rotary Foundation (can be directed to a specific District/Global Grant) – Highly encouraged as this is the core of the D5440 Passport Club charter	\$ 25.00
Total Cost / Quarter	\$ 70.00

Can I still be a member of my current club?

Rotarians can only be a member of 1 club. If a Rotarian prefers to stay a member of their current club, they can visit/attend Passport meetings at any time. On the other hand, if a Rotarian switches their membership to the Passport Club, they can visit/attend other Rotary meetings at any time. Rotarians will pay the dues of the club where they are officially a member. Rotarians may be charged a visitor fee (usually the cost of a meal) if they visit/attend another club based on that club's visitor policy. Initially, the Passport Club will not charge a visitor fee. This may change over time if many visitors are adding significant costs (an example might be additional Zoom licensing costs) to the operation of the Passport Club.

How/When will the D5440 Passport Club be chartered/started? The goal is to launch this new club in the Spring of 2021. The charter club leadership will be as follows:

President: TBD

Vice-President: Julie Johnson Haffner

Treasurer/Secretary: TBD

Sponsor: D5440

Advisors: Chris Woodruff, Lee Varra-Nelson

Target membership to start the club: 20-30

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