**Corporate Memberships**

The owners of small to medium businesses (the “Companies”) often cite lack of time for weekly Club meetings as a disincentive for Rotary membership. In order to provide opportunities for such an owner (on behalf of his/her business) to take part in the benefits of Rotary membership, the “Corporate Membership” category shall be structured as the following three models:

**Model 1**

a) The owner/CEO of the Company shall be the “Primary Member” on behalf of the Company. The Primary Member may then designate up to three additional employees of the Company (the “Additional Members”) to be Rotary members under the Corporate Membership, and who shall be welcome to represent the Company at all meetings and in all Club functions. The Primary Member and the Additional Members shall all become full Rotary members under the program.

b) The Primary Member (or his/her Company) shall pay full Rotary and Club dues and Initiation fees. Each Additional Member (or the Company on his/her behalf) shall pay annual RI/District/Club dues of $150 (which may be billed in two installments), and one-half of the regular initiation fee.

c) For Clubs in which all Club members pay for meetings/meals, regardless of attendance or eating, the Primary Member (or the Company on his/her behalf) shall pay one such charge, and for any meeting attended by more than one Member under the Corporate Membership, each such additional Member shall pay the guest meal charge. For Clubs which charge only those who have a meal at meetings, each Member under the Corporate Membership shall pay in the same fashion.

d) The Company, on behalf of each Primary and Additional Member, shall be encouraged to fulfill fundraising and charitable donation expectations on behalf of such Members.

**Model 2**

A primary corporate member pays regular Club dues, along with a selected number of alternate members (often 1-3) who don’t pay dues but can attend Club meetings in place of the primary member. Many clubs ask for the alternates to be named and approved by the Club before they can attend, but some don’t. As the primary corporate member must pay RI dues, s/he is reported as the active member. In this Model, the alternate members aren’t being charged RI dues, so they are not reported to RI as Club members, but their membership details can be recorded locally by the Club under Corporate Membership.
Model 3 – The Livermore Rotary Club Corporate Membership Model

1. **Qualifications** – Any corporation or business registered in the State of California, doing business in the city of Livermore, and having at least 30 employees is eligible for Corporate Membership in the Rotary Club of Livermore.

2. **Members** - The Corporation may appoint three to four persons to be its designees.

3. **Designees** - The Corporation’s Senior Designee must be a member of the Corporation’s senior executive group; the others can be managerial individuals employed full time by the corporation.

4. **Inductions.** All Corporate Designees shall be qualified for Active Membership in Rotary, will be formally inducted into Rotary and the club through the usual club process and shall become Corporate Members. The Corporate Designees shall all become Rotarians.

5. **Changing designees.** The Corporation may change any of its designees so long as all of them are members of the management group.

6. **Attendance.** The Senior Officer is required to attend in person only once per quarter. Other attendance and participation requirements of the Club may be met by any of the Corporate Members. All Corporate Members are entitled to attend any regular meeting of the club or any other Rotary club.

7. **Classification.** The Board of Directors will establish the classification of the eligible Corporation Members. The Corporate Members will be counted toward the classification limits set forth in the RI Constitution, Article 5, Section 2(b).

8. **RI registration.** Each designee will be listed as an official member of the Rotary club of Livermore and will be noted in the roster that they are designees of the named eligible Corporation.

9. **Badges.** All designees shall be given special badges denoting their status as Corporate Members.

10. **Votes and quorum.** For the purpose of general meetings and club matters, the Corporation shall have only one vote, which will be made by the designee attending the meeting at which the vote is taken and appointed by the Corporation to do so. As official members of the Rotary club, all designees would apply toward RI election voting.
11. **Holding office.** No Corporate Member shall be eligible to be an officer or member of the Board of Directors of the Club. Since the Corporate Members are Rotarians and therefore expected to participate in club activities, they are allowed to be committee chairs with the exception of the Foundation, Membership and Public Relations committees since the Chairs of those committees are automatically members of the Board.

12. **Dues.** Dues for the Corporation shall be the same as regular members of the club, which is currently (September 2015) $360. Each Corporate Member shall pay dues to Rotary International and Rotary District 5170, which currently total $130 per year, required for them to become members of Rotary. A one-time initiation fee of $60 will apply for each Corporate Member.