

Answers to Common Questions about Club Extensions

1. Although a club extension meets at a different time, all members are Rotarians who belong to your club. You are one club that meets at two different times.
2. For prospective new members, having two meeting options is a big advantage.
3. Most *After Work* club extensions meet from 5:30 to 6:30. This allows those who get off work at 5:00 to come to Rotary and still be home for dinner and evening activities.
4. Clubs that meet at 5:30 do not usually serve a meal. Often, beer & wine are available for purchase.
5. Most club extensions meet twice a month; for example, 1st & 3rd Thursday @ 5:30.
6. Spouses of current members are often the first to join a club extension to get more involved in Rotary.
7. For parents of school-aged children, *After Work* extensions are becoming a preferred meeting time. This is especially true of working moms.
8. *After Work* clubs are also popular among young professional couples who frequently attend together. This is also a meeting time that often works best for teachers.
9. Club extension members pay the same dues as other members; however total membership cost is usually less if no meal is served.
10. Fears of members switching from host club to extension because of lower cost are unfounded. Members select their preferred meeting time based on establish friendships, work schedule and current family demands.
11. It's not unusual for some members to attend both meetings. Having an extension can also help current members stay in your club if they experience changes in job or family responsibilities.
12. For service projects and fundraisers, host club and extension will often work together on larger projects and independently on smaller ones.
13. Finding a few host club members to champion the extension is critical. Often, these members are motivated to help because their own work or family responsibilities have changed.
14. Originally, satellites had the same name as the sponsor club plus a "satellite" qualifier like *Rotary Satellite Club of Ashland*. This caused confusion. Most extensions now adopt names that help members know when they meet, like Ashland After Work Rotary, Ashland Evening Rotary or Ashland After Hours Rotary.
15. Most host clubs will amend their bylaws to incorporate the extension once it is fully established.
16. Most host clubs maintain one board with extension representation guaranteed once it is fully established.
17. Rotary International recognizes one President per club. The leader of the extension is often referred to as the Chair.
18. The decision to start a club extension does not require RI approval because there's no new charter.
19. In earlier days, satellites aspired to charter. Many no longer see an advantage to doing so.
20. Every Rotary club is different. Let extensions members decide what kind of club they want to be.