

INFO SHEET FOR POTENTIAL NEW MEMBERS

ATTENDANCE

Regular attendance at Rotary Club meetings gives us an opportunity to enlarge our circle of business and professional acquaintances, to enjoy the camaraderie of friends, and to learn about ways to serve our community, our nation, and the world. In addition, *attendance is a requirement of Rotary membership.*

Generally, to meet the attendance requirement, members must attend or make up at least 50% of regular club meetings or Satellite meetings or engage in club projects, events, or activities for at least 12 hours in each half of the year.

Make-ups can be earned by doing any of the following, and must be reported to the club secretary:

- attend a meeting of another Rotary club including our Satellite club within 14 days before or after a missed meeting
- participate in a club service project or club sponsored community event
- attend a board meeting or a meeting of a club committee

A schedule of meeting times and locations for other nearby Rotary clubs is posted in the weekly club bulletin. For more information on attendance, see Article 12 (Attendance) and Article 15, Section 4 of the Club Constitution or speak to your sponsor or a club director.

FINANCIAL POLICY

Club members pay in arrears for dues and meals. As a new member, your first bill will be pro-rated for dues and meals. After the initial payment, you'll receive a quarterly statement for Club, District and Rotary International dues (\$40/quarter) plus meals for the previous quarter (\$12/meal). Satellite Club members and Corporate Associate members are not billed for meals. Statements also include opportunities to make donations to the Rotary Club of Chambersburg Foundation and various appeals from The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International, including PolioPlus and Every Rotarian Every Year.

Your guests are always welcome at Rotary! You will be billed for their lunches in the quarterly bill following their visit. When you visit another Rotary club, be prepared to pay cash for your meal at that club. You'll receive a make-up slip, to be turned in to the club secretary, which will earn you a credit for one Chambersburg Rotary club meal on your next quarterly bill. (This credit will

be the current cost of our lunch, which may be more or less than you actually paid to the club you visited).

Club members are required to participate in the club's fundraiser (this year it will be our RotaryFest 18 Carnival). Participation will be set by the board and communicated to the club each year, and is typically valued at \$100 per member.

Members are also strongly encouraged to participate in Chicken N Stuff, a partnership with Knights of Columbus and the Masons to benefit the Franklin County Therapeutic Riding Center.

COMMITTEES AND PROJECTS

Our club provides many opportunities to serve; project committees are one of the most important. For any Rotary Club to maintain consistency and accomplish its goals, membership participation in the club's project committees is essential.

Club Administration Committee: chaired by the President, addresses the details of club meetings including the activities of the Sergeant at Arms and the Program Committee.

Ad hoc committees may be assembled as needed. The remaining standing committees focus on the Rotary Avenues of Service.

Club Service Committee: projects include Summer Picnic, Rotarian of the Year Award, and our annual fundraiser. Other areas of focus include Public Relations, Membership, The Fountain (the club's weekly bulletin), club website** and Facebook page

Community Service Committee: projects include the Salvation Army bell-ringing at Christmas, the Eco Park clean-up, Legal Services Book Sale clean-up, and our longest-running project, Chicken 'N' Stuff

International Service Committee: projects include Rotary Youth Exchange in which we send a local high school student to a foreign country for a school year, with Rotary families in the foreign country serving as hosts for the student. In turn, we host a student from a foreign country to live with Rotary and other local families, and attend CASHS for the school year. International Service also includes Polio Plus and other programs.

Vocational Service Committee: projects include club visits to members' workplaces. The committee also selects annual Rotary Excel Award recipient (a non-Rotarian who exemplifies the ideals and standards of Rotary)

Youth Service Committee: this committee organizes Rotary Students of the Month, the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards, Interact (Rotary for high school students), Read Across America on Dr. Suess's birthday, Dictionary Project and more.

Other projects of the Rotary Club of Chambersburg: Financial support for CASHS Football Banquet and Girl's Soccer Banquet, and partnering with the United Way of Franklin County during May of Caring to help local non-profits with their projects.

****ROTARY CLUB OF CHAMBERSBURG WEBSITE**

The Club maintains a website for members and visitors to use to learn about the club. The site is updated frequently with events, photos and other news of the club.

www.chambersburgrotary.org

To learn more about Rotary International, visit chambersburgrotary.org and click “Rotary International” in the top right corner of the page for much more information about what Rotary stands for and what we do around the world.

In the same area of the Club’s website, there’s a link to information about District 7360, the district our club is part of. There is also a link to DACdb – **District And Club database**. That site contains a membership listing, current members’ biographies and contact information, as well as lots of detailed information about the District and our local Club. Members are encouraged to use the site’s email service (PMail) to communicate with the membership. Upon membership to the club, you will be given log-in information to access DACdb.

ROTARY CLUB OF CHAMBERSBURG FOUNDATION

The Rotary Club of Chambersburg Foundation (RCoCF) is an IRS registered 501(c)(3) charity and donations to it are tax-deductible. The RCoCF manages the funds for the Club’s Scholarship Program, and also makes grants to qualifying organizations.

Each Club member is expected to contribute to the scholarship fund of the RCoCF each year at a level they are comfortable with through Happy Dollars and Passing the Pot at weekly meetings, as well as direct donations.

APPLYING TO THE ROTARY CLUB OF CHAMBERSBURG

If you’ve visited the club for a meeting or two and would like to join, you can submit your application electronically at <http://ismyrotaryclub.org/NewMember/?ClubID=5268> . The board of directors will review your application and advertise your interest to the club for seven days. Following that, the Board will vote on your acceptance to the club.

Thanks for your interest in Rotary. We hope you will join us in our mission of Service Above Self in our community and around the world.