December 17, 2010

Jerry Zuker

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Subject: Rotary Membership

Dear Jerry:

The Board of the Williamston Sunrise Rotary Club has performed a comprehensive review of the club’s policies relative to members who are on some form of leave of absence or are paying reduced dues because they are not attending meetings. We have compared the policy with the policies of Rotary International (RI) with regards to attendance, leaves of absence, dues, and member status.

We have concluded that we must revise the club’s policies to bring them into conformance with RI policies. In the future, the following policies will apply:

In special circumstances, the board will grant leaves of absences for one or two quarters. Such circumstances include birth of a baby, illness of the member or family member, and family or professional emergencies. Other circumstances could apply on a case by case basis. During a period of leave, the member will pay $25.00 (subject to adjustment in the future) to cover the dues the club pays on each member’s behalf to RI and the Rotary District.

Our first priority is to have Rotarians who are not currently attending meetings to return to regular membership status. We value your participation in club activities and we hope you will find it possible to renew your commitment as a full member of the club. If that is not possible, we will have to drop you from the roster of members. Should that occur, we hope you would consider remaining connected with our club as a “Friend of Rotary”, with no financial obligations but occasional opportunities to participate in club activities and projects. We not only value the significant contributions our non-attending Rotarians have made to the club’s activities over the years, but also the friendships that have developed.

The club will be filing an amended roster of members with RI on or about January 1, 2011. At that time, dues will be paid by the club on behalf of regular members and members on leave of absence who are current with a dues-only arrangement.

Please let us know your decision about your status. You can do so by contacting me at (517) 214-7755 or [carrie.thorburn@edwardjones.com](mailto:carrie.thorburn@edwardjones.com) or, if you prefer, informing another Rotarian such as your sponsoring member of your decision.

I hope that your decision will be to continue your affiliation with our club.

Very truly yours,

Carrie Mae Thorburn, President