

Responsibilities of Being a Rotarian

What Rotarians get out of Rotary depends largely on what they put into it. Many membership requirements are designed to help club members more fully participate in and enjoy their Rotary experience.

Attendance

There is no longer an attendance requirement, but club members are encouraged to attend weekly meetings as frequently as possible. Attending weekly club meetings allows members to enjoy fellowship, enrich their professional and personal knowledge, and meet other business leaders in their community. If members miss a meeting of their own club, they're encouraged to expand their Rotary horizons by attending a meeting of any other Rotary club in the world.

Dues

Club members are required to pay annual dues to their clubs, districts, and Rotary International. Stafford Rotary bills members quarterly:

Full Member- \$220 dues a quarter, meals included.

Corporate Member- Anchor Senior Member- \$220 dues a quarter, meals included.

Associate Member of that Corporation- \$40 dues a quarter plus cost of the meal when they attend that club meeting. Corporate Membership cannot cross over into multiple clubs.

(NEW) **Friend of The Rotary-** \$40 dues a quarter, plus cost of the meal when club meeting is attended. You would not be considered a Rotary Member, but a Friend of the Rotary Club. Therefore is not entitled to the rights or subject to the responsibilities of membership of the club. A Friend of Rotary shall not be entitled to hold office in the club or vote at any meeting of the club. This option is the most open and flexible. There is no attendance obligation, but we would want an active Friend of Rotary.

Service

By participating in local and international service projects, club members can volunteer their time and talents where they're most needed. The Avenues of Service are Rotary's philosophical cornerstone and the foundation on which club activity is based:

Club Service focuses on strengthening fellowship and ensuring the club's effective functioning.

Vocational Service encourages Rotarians to serve others through their vocations and to practice high ethical standards.

Community Service covers the projects and activities the club undertakes to improve life in its community.

International Service encompasses actions taken to expand Rotary's humanitarian reach around the globe and to promote world understanding and peace.

New Generations Service recognizes the positive change implemented by youth and young adults through leadership development activities, service projects, and exchange programs.

Finding and keeping members

To keep clubs strong, every Rotarian must share the responsibility of bringing new people into Rotary. Even new members can bring guests to club meetings or invite them to participate in a service project. Keeping members involved in Rotary is another responsibility. Fostering strong fellowship and encouraging early participation in service projects are two of the best ways to sustain a club's membership.

Leadership

Club members are encouraged to volunteer for leadership roles at the club level and beyond. To learn more about leadership opportunities in your district, see the district leadership seminar page and the club committees page.