

WHAT DOES IT COST?

One of the concerns about joining Rotary is the cost. The cost to belong to a Rotary Club somewhat depends on one's level of participation and their level of involvement. Rotary is trying to make an impact on our community and the world. To achieve these results requires a commitment. Membership in the Rotary Club of Georgetown requires a commitment of both money and time.

First, is the financial commitment for belonging to our club. The initiation fee for new members is \$100, which includes a Rotary pin, certificate, and other introductory Rotary materials.

Annual dues for our club, the District and Rotary International are approximately \$896 per year, and also includes the cost of lunch twice per month. To simplify accounting, our members are billed \$224 quarterly. These quarterly payments cover the cost of all meals and dues, achieving 'Sustaining Member' status in the Rotary Foundation, and other miscellaneous charges including a subscription to the monthly Rotarian magazine.

At our weekly meetings, members are asked to donate any amount to the CART "Coins for Alzheimer's Research" bucket, Happy Bucks (share something you're happy about that week and make a donation of any amount), and participate in our club 50/50 raffle.

Our members are also expected to make a commitment of their time, by participating in local or international activities and projects of the club. These include both service projects and social events. In addition, we encourage members to aspire to leadership or committee roles within both our club and our Rotary district.

Unfortunately, many clubs have some members who come for the meal, talk to a few people, and then leave without becoming truly involved in the work of Rotary. These people have earned the nickname, RINOS. The term RINO is the acronym for Rotarian In Name Only, someone whose name is on the club roll but whose attendance and participation are minimal. In most clubs, there are at least some RINOS, but we continually strive not to have any RINOS in our club.

Rotarians quickly find that they get far more back from their involvement, than what they have put into Rotary.
