

In applying for membership in San Diego Rotary, please be aware of the following:

- Rotary is a service organization and active participation in at least one of our various committees is strongly encouraged.
- Meetings are held 48 times per year.
- Meeting meals are billed quarterly in advance at the current rate. You are charged the current cost of the meeting meal each week even if you do not attend. The current cost is \$33 each lunch, and \$5 for attending but not eating lunch. Senior Attendance exempt members pay if they attend the meetings. Young Professional (YoPro) have a three meeting minimum charge per quarter.
- The initiation fee is \$750, to be paid prior to introduction as a new member
- Young Professionals make a minimum \$350 donation to the Rotary Club of San Diego Foundation or Rotary International in lieu of initiation fee.
- Annual dues are \$475, billed quarterly and prorated the first year of membership. Senior status and Young Professional annual dues are \$295.
- Members make an annual contribution (suggested minimum of \$350) that they allocate between Rotary International and the Rotary Club of San Diego Foundation.
- Membership is by invitation and subject to the recommendation of the Membership Committee and the approval by the San Diego Rotary Club Board of Directors.

San Diego Rotary “YoPros” Young Professionals Program

- Eligible for individuals who are 39 years old or younger and meet the membership criteria as outlined in the San Diego Rotary bylaws.
- Individuals can remain in the program for no more than 10 years or when they reach the age of 40, whichever comes first.
- YoPros must go through the standard membership approval process, including a review by the Young Professional sub-committee of the Review Committee. A successful candidate must meet all of the membership Bylaw requirements including hold an important position in their company or show a sustained propensity of service through their collegiate and post-college years (if applicable) or through involvement with San Diego community leadership programs, such as LEAD.
- Request minimum \$350 donation to Rotary International and the San Diego Rotary Club Foundation (same as regular members).
- Be active in no less than two San Diego Rotary committees or projects in addition to the YoPro events.
- Costs include:
 - Initiation fee – \$350 donation to the San Diego Rotary Club Foundation and/or RI
 - Annual dues of \$295
 - Pay only for lunches when attending a regular club meeting. Minimum charge of three lunches per quarter.



PROSPECTIVE MEMBER INFORMATION

SAN DIEGO ROTARY CLUB

The information contained in this packet is provided to help you better understand what Rotary is all about. We hope this will help you to decide whether San Diego Rotary is for you. Please feel free to contact your Sponsor or the San Diego Rotary office (619/299-3309) with any questions you might have.

What is Rotary?

- Rotary is a service organization of business and professional leaders united worldwide who conduct humanitarian projects, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations and work toward world understanding and peace. Our motto is "Service Above Self."
- Rotary was founded in Chicago in 1905 by an attorney named Paul Harris. He was seeking fellowship in a quickly growing and sometimes lonely city. He found it by creating the first Rotary Club. The name "Rotary" comes from those very first meetings. The club members would "rotate" their meeting location every week.
- Rotary has now grown to over 1.2 million plus members in 32,000 plus clubs located in 200 countries and geographical regions.

Membership in Rotary...

- Membership is by invitation. A prospective member is sponsored by three current members of Rotary. After an application is submitted it typically takes one month for complete processing.
- Membership is based on classifications. A person's classification is based on his/her primary occupation. For example, a pediatrician's classification may be "Medicine-Pediatrics."
- Types of Membership
 1. Active: holds an active classification
 2. Additional Active: holds an active classification in addition to the active member.
 3. Rule of 85 Rotarian: Is 65 years of age or older and has been in Rotary for over 20 years
 4. Honorary: a person who has been distinguished by meritorious service to the community

Rotary International Foundation and San Diego Rotary Fund... What are they?

Rotary International Foundation:

This foundation contributes more than \$100 million annually to its various educational and humanitarian programs. These programs include:

- Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarships provide up to \$25,000 for 1 year to students interested in studying overseas at a graduate or undergraduate level;
- Polio Plus supports the immunization of children in the entire world against six vaccine-preventable diseases;
- Matching grants provide matching funds for international service projects of Rotary Clubs.

Contributors to the RI Foundation include:

- Paul Harris Fellow: has contributed \$1,000 or more
- Paul Harris Sustaining Member: contributes \$100 per year indefinitely.
- Benefactor: has included the RI Foundation in his/her will
- Major Donor: has contributed \$10,000 or more.

San Diego Rotary Foundation

This fund provides funding for the 30 projects that the Club supports locally and internationally. Examples of projects have included:

- Rotaract Club at San Diego State University and Interact Clubs at Hoover High School, High Tech High, St. Augustine and Academy of Our Lady of Peace
- Military Affairs – support our active duty military and veterans
- STEM – teach Science, Technology, Engineering and Math to students in City Heights

Additionally, the San Diego Foundation includes the "*Norm Foster Fund*" in honor of our Past President, Norman Foster. The Foster Fund has been established to finance Camp Enterprise, San Diego Rotary's annual camp for high school juniors which teaches them about our business planning and teamwork.

Contributors may designate their funds to the general fund, a specific Avenue of Service or a specific project/committee.

What type of commitment does Rotary require? What can I expect if I become a member???

- **Attendance**

-In order to appreciate all that Rotary has to offer, attendance as often as possible is encouraged.

-If you are unable to attend our meetings, they can be "made-up."

WHAT IS MAKING UP?

*Making-up is attending another Rotary Club as a visitor. There are Rotary Clubs located in every community in San Diego and nearly every place you will ever visit. Upon visiting you will be given a make-up postcard which should be sent back to your Rotary Club. You will receive attendance credit for that meeting and meet many interesting people in the process. Please note San Diego Rotary does not honor on-line make-ups from virtual Rotary Clubs.

WHAT IF I MAKE-UP?

*Meeting meals are billed quarterly. If you make-up, your account will be credited at the going rate even though you did not attend Club 33's meeting. By making up you can save that meal charge.

HOW DO I FIND OUT WHERE TO MAKE-UP?

*A list of Clubs in the San Diego area can be found at www.rotary5340.org

How much time does Rotary take?

1. Attendance at weekly Thursday meetings of our Club or making up at another Club. Meetings typically last 1.5 hours.
2. Committee meetings are typically held monthly after the regular meetings on Thursdays for less than 1 hour. A few committees may meet on other days.
3. Special Rotary events are held occasionally on weekday evenings. Some of these are outlined more specifically on the list of new member requirements.
4. Our Club is made up of many of San Diego's busiest leaders, who find the time needed for Rotary quite manageable.

Money Commitments

1. \$750 initiation fee (YoPro members \$350 donation) to be paid prior to introduction as a new member.
2. \$475 per year in dues which will be prorated the first year. YoPro's and Seniors pay \$295 in dues.
3. Quarterly billing for 12 to 13 lunches at the current rate of \$33. Mandatory billing for regular members. Non-Eaters pay \$5 per meeting.
4. Miscellaneous costs for Rotary publications (weekly "Rotator", membership roster, history book).
5. All payments may be made by check, cash or credit card.

Donations

San Diego Rotary Foundation (A suggested minimum of \$350 annually)

All Club members are encouraged to make a yearly donation to the San Diego Rotary Foundation. This optional donation may take a variety of forms:

1. Pre-planned fine at a meeting by the President for distributing fliers
2. Pre-planned fine at a meeting for special recognition in the community (for example, making news headlines)
3. Voluntary contribution to the fund

Rotary International Foundation (A suggested minimum of \$100 annually)

Members are encouraged to support the Rotary Foundation through an annual minimum donation of \$100.

We know this gives you a lot of information to consider. We encourage you to attend luncheon meetings, talk with members, participate in committees, and do all you can to maximize your Rotary membership. Please call us with any questions you might have 619/299-3309

Rotary has made a tremendous impact on many lives. We welcome your interest in our Club.