



**BASIC TENETS OF ROTARY**

- Professional Networking** A founding principle of Rotary was to meet periodically to enjoy camaraderie and to enlarge one’s circle of business and professional acquaintances.
- Service Opportunities** Club members have many opportunities for humanitarian service, both locally and internationally.
- International Awareness** With more than 31,000 Rotary clubs in over 160 countries, Rotarians participate in international service and build peace throughout the world.
- Friendship** Rotary was founded on fellowship, and today Club members continue to enjoy camaraderie with like-minded professionals. Those who travel have contacts in almost every city around the world.
- Good Citizenship** Weekly Rotary club programs keep members informed about what is taking place in the community, nation, and world and motivate them to make a difference.
- Family Foundations** Rotary clubs provide innovative learning opportunities for young leaders, and they involve family members in social and service activities.
- Entertainment** Social activities give Rotarians a chance to let loose and have fun. Conferences, conventions, and social events provide entertainment as well as Rotary information and education.
- Ethical Environment** High ethical standards in one’s profession and respect for all worthy vocations have been hallmarks of Rotary from its earliest days. In their business and professional lives, Rotarians abide by The Four-Way Test.
- Leadership Development** Rotary is an organization of successful professionals. Team building, fundraising, public speaking, planning, organization, and communication build leadership skills.
- Diversity in Membership** Rotary’s classification system ensures that a club’s membership represents a variety of the community’s professional men and women.

**The Four-Way Test**  
 Of the things we think, say, or do:  
 1. Is it the **TRUTH**?  
 2. Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?  
 3. Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?  
 4. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

**EXPECTATIONS**

- Decatur Rotary Club members are expected to attend a minimum of 60% of the weekly meetings. You can make up missed meetings by attending another Rotary club, an Interact club, a club board meeting, or a special event. Makeups can also be made through an E-Club session or attendance at other Rotary activities authorized by the club board of directors.
- Members are encouraged to aspire to leadership or committee roles within their local clubs.
- Members are expected to participate in local and international Rotary activities or projects through donations of time and money.

<b>Dues and Encouraged Minimum Donations</b>	
Initial Joining Fee (one time)	\$ 250
Quarterly Club Dues	\$ 275
<b>Annual Donations</b>	
Decatur Rotary President’s Fund	\$ 400
Agnes Scott Scholarship	\$ 100
Decatur Rotary Endowment Foundation	\$ 100
Rotary Foundation (RI)	\$ 100

- Members are required to pay annual dues, which cover the meals and the district and international dues. These dues are divided into four quarterly payments. The initial joining fee of \$250 is charged on the first bill.
- Members are expected to make donations to key areas of club support. They are encouraged to donate minimum annual amounts.



**USEFUL INFORMATION**

**Club Publications**

In addition to *The Rotarian*, which is sent to you from Rotary International (RI), our Club has several communication pieces that you will find helpful. They are:

- Decatur Rotary Club Meeting Announcement, sent by email
- Spoke 'n Wheel Newsletter, sent by email
- The annual directory, printed and distributed at meetings

The Club's By-Laws and Constitution are also available to members upon request.

**Websites**

Rotary International	<a href="http://www.rotary.org">www.rotary.org</a>
Decatur Rotary Club	<a href="http://www.decaturn-rotary.org">www.decaturn-rotary.org</a>
Rotary District 6900	<a href="http://www.rotarydistrict6900.org">www.rotarydistrict6900.org</a>
E-Club	<a href="http://www.rotaryclubone.org">www.rotaryclubone.org</a>

**Important Numbers**

Our Club Number	4132
Our District Number	6900
Your RI Number	Contact RI or check your <i>Rotarian</i> mailing label

**How Do You ...**

**Make Up a Meeting?**

If you miss a meeting, it is easy to do a makeup. Just be sure to do so within the two weeks before or after the meeting you missed. A make up counts if you attend:

- At least 60% of the regular meeting of another Rotary Club
  - Note If you are present at the usual time and place of a regular meeting, but the group does not meet, you can also get make up credit
- A regular meeting of a Rotaract Club, Interact Club, or a Rotary Fellowship
- An RI or District convention or assembly
- A Club-sponsored service project, community event, or meeting
- A Board meeting or other meeting authorized by the Board
- A meeting of a committee to which you are assigned, if authorized by the Board
- A 30-minute participation in a virtual meeting through the Rotary E-Club

You can also get a makeup if you are participating in Rotary business during the time of the meeting.

**Find a Club for Makeup?**

You can get a list of clubs from the District website: [www.rotarydistrict6900.org](http://www.rotarydistrict6900.org)  
If you are making up at a club in a distant city, ask the secretary for a local banner to present to the club when you visit.

**Get Credit for a Make Up?**

To get attendance credit for your make up, you must:

1. Get a card or note from the location where you are attending. It should include:
  - The date of the makeup meeting
  - The Club, location, or activity where you attended or participated
  - The date of the meeting you missed
2. Submit the card or note to the Executive Secretary at a meeting.

**Propose a New Member?**

Before you nominate a new member, first invite him or her to a couple of meetings. If the person expresses interest in the Club, get a "New Member Proposal Form" from the Club Secretary or Membership Chair. Complete the form and submit it to the Club Secretary, Executive Secretary, or Membership Chair.

You can let the prospect know about the nomination, but make it clear that a nomination is not a commitment. Many factors, such as classification, are considered.