

ROTARY CLUB OF PARADISE INFORMATION SHEET FOR PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS

Our Club Was Chartered April 9, 1946

1. ABOUT THE ROTARY INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION

- ▶ Was Founded in 1905 by Paul Harris
- ▶ Includes 1.2 million Rotarians worldwide
- ▶ Is In 166 Countries and Geographical Regions
- ▶ With 530 Districts (Groupings of Clubs) In The World
- ▶ Making Up 35,000 Clubs in the World

2. OUR CLUB IS GOVERNED BY A BOARD OF DIRECTORS

There are eleven Directors:

President, Treasurer, Secretary, President Elect, Immediate Past President, and 6 elected by an open Club election.

There are 3 elected each year for a 2 year term replacing 3 that go off the Board.

Board Members can not serve successive terms.

3. AVENUES OF SERVICE

VOCATIONAL SERVICE - Employer/Employee Relations, Career Information, Four-Way Test, Job Shadow, Mentors, Trade and Professional expertise.

CLUB SERVICE - those committees that support club operations and activities: Secretary duties, Treasurer. Board members, Foundation and Membership Committees. Things that keep the Club operational.

COMMUNITY SERVICE - Doing projects around Paradise that improve the community. Funding other groups that help Paradise. Support local events – such as Johnny Appleseed Days, Gold Nugget Days, Chocolate Fest.

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE - deal with club activities on an international scale: Doing, or supporting international projects through Rotary. Polio Eradication, Wheelchair Distribution, Prosthetic hands installation, Cleft Palate programs.

YOUTH SERVICE - the positive change implemented by youth and young adults involved in leadership development activities, community and international service projects, and exchange programs that enrich and foster world peace and cultural understanding.

We believe that there is an activity or program in Paradise Rotary to which each member can contribute, in some way.

4. NEW MEMBER SELECTION STEPS

A *Candidate for Membership* is proposed by an existing member (Proposal Package), completed and submitted to the Membership Committee.

Proposal is reviewed and approved by the Membership Committee.

An interview with the Candidate is conducted to explain what is expected, financial obligations, and opportunities to help the Club and its mission.

The Candidate is "published" for review by the Club's membership for 7 days.

The prospective members' signature on the Membership Request Affidavit Form grants permission to "publish" his/her name before the Club. This is to notify the membership of who is wanting to join.

Proposal is acted upon by the Board of Directors.

5. FINANCIAL OBLIGATION

Dues are a minimum \$350.00 per year. Dues are billed in two equal parts in November and May.

There is a one-time New Member Initiation Fee of \$100.00 which covers the overhead of processing a new Member into Rotary International. This is paid at time of proposal submission, refunded if not inducted.

Typical cost of Paradise Rotary Membership

ANNUAL DUES	\$350.00
FINES AS AGREED (MINIMUM)	\$150.00
LUNCH @ \$15.00 X 48 (MAKING ALL MEETINGS)	\$720.00
TOTAL ANNUAL MINIMUM COST	\$1220.00
Optional expenses to consider: Events such as Crab Feed, Christmas Party, and others, plus the Paul Harris Fellow donation annually (\$100.00 or more annually is encouraged).	\$50.00 to \$75.00
ONE TIME INITIATION FEE	\$100.00

Annual *Recognition* or *As Agreed Fine* assessment is suggested at \$150.00 minimum (included in the dues estimation). More than \$150 annually is encouraged. These funds help pay Club overhead costs.

Meals are currently \$15.00 each week. A 10 meal ticket is available for \$150.00. Currently, most meetings will be at Shelley's Creative Catering in Chico.

Missed Meetings (not made up) are \$15.00 each, added to bi-annual billings.

Early Leavers pay \$5.00 for the privilege of leaving the meeting before the program. Non-Eaters also pay a \$5.00 fee to help pay for the room.

Participation in Club events beyond Weekly Meetings is encouraged and enriching, but not mandatory. Additional costs may be involved.

6. WHAT DOES A MEMBER RECEIVE FOR HIS/HER MONEY?

Fellowship with leading business, professional, vocational and government members of the community, region, and Rotary Clubs worldwide.

Community recognition as a member of a Service Club that is widely known and highly respected *locally and internationally*.

The opportunity to contribute time, talent, and treasure to community projects, regional projects, and International projects alongside fellow Rotarians.

The **ROTARIAN**. Rotary International's monthly magazine. The WE-Cone, Paradise Rotary's electronic newsletter.

The ability to be welcomed at any Rotary Club world wide.

The Club Directory and access to the Club's Database

7. ATTENDANCE : A Principal Commitment in Rotary

The Meeting Attendance parameter is a fundamental baked into the *Rotary formula for success* by our wise Rotary Leadership. It serves a vital purpose.

A minimum of 50% of the weekly meetings, including a *Makeup Meeting* at another club or Rotary activity.

“Making Up” in Paradise is easy and fun, because there are four clubs in our area and almost any Committee Meeting attended or project participated in can be submitted as a make-up.

A missed meeting (without make-up) carries a \$15.00 fee per meeting. Rotarians have 6 months on either side of a meeting date to make up a missed meeting. After attending a “Make Up” Members must enter the proposed Make Up on their own DACdb membership listing to waive the \$15.00 Missed Meeting Fine.

Excessive Missed Meetings in a row, with no Make Ups is cause for membership termination, if not excused by the Board of Directors. A **Leave of Absence** can be granted for illness or other serious situations for up to six months, and no more than two Leaves in a row. Members must stay current on dues and other financial obligations while on leave. Members incur no Missed Meeting Fines while on a Leave Of Absence.

Applications for Leave of Absence, for allowable reasons, are made through the Club Secretary in writing.

*The first Rotary Club was founded solely on FRIENDSHIP.
They met regularly to solidify that bond of friendship.*

8. HOW CLUB DUES ARE SPENT

A **Rotary Club** is a Service Club. All Service Clubs spend money derived from dues, fund raisers and benefactors. Rotary Clubs do pay for the services of Accountants, Advertisers, Caterers, Venues, Web Hosting Services, and others. All Club Service is by volunteers. There are no paid members. Grant money arrives via specific RI and District rules and procedures and is always applied to specific, documented projects.

To understand how Club Dues are utilized, one must step back and consider the whole of Club Operations. To begin with, our Club runs on an annually reviewed and projected budget created by the Treasurer, Current Club President and incoming Club President. The budget is, of course, just a guideline to work the finances in the coming year. A Rotary Year runs from July 1st to June 30th.

Within Club operations, Dues pay for quite a few items. These are clearly visible in our monthly financial report produced by the Club Treasurer. Aside from RI and District dues, other budgeted amounts are variable year to year.

Remember, though, that Dues go into the Club Treasury, not a specific Dues account. The budget is not solely based on Dues income, but also on expected Fund Raiser income. Also keep in mind that Club Income (Dues & Fund Raisers), Club Expenses, and Budget estimates are all fluid, changing somewhat from year to year.

Rotary International Dues: All Clubs pay Rotary International Dues. We have 51 dues current members. Each member's share of annual Rotary International Dues is around \$117.00.

District 5160 Dues: This money pays for Training Assemblies, and District Operational Expenses. We have 51 dues current members. Each member's share of annual District Dues is \$65 - \$70.

Rotary Youth Exchange Program: Our Club budgets for \$1000.00 toward this program. Part of this amount goes for a monthly stipend for our sponsored student. The amount varies based on need. That's less than \$20.00 annually per member.

Rotary International Conference: Each year we send our incoming Club President to the International Conference, paying for plane fair, lodging, and all Rotary related expenses. The benefit is that each incoming Club President gets "the big picture," inspiring them to provide the superior leadership Rotary Clubs enjoy. The prorated member cost is less than \$80.

Club General Operating Expenses: Last year the budgeted amount for this category was \$5475.00. We spent less. That's little over \$100.00 per member. This budgeted amount wouldn't change much for 51 members or 100 members. Each member's share would obviously be reduced as our membership increased. This category includes 8 items that keep the Club running.

Membership Expenses: Officially termed "Member Expenses," this budget item pays for items presented to New Members at induction. They include a Rotary Embroidered Polo Shirt, Rotary Logo Pin, and hard copy New Member Packet, which all cost money to obtain.

So, the total from the above "overhead" expenses is \$387.00. Some of them may be lower in any given year. Simply put, Member Dues keep the Club running.