

Shared membership rules. March 10, 2017

Purpose

The intent of the program is to bring additional businesses and individuals into the organization.

Definitions

Each organization or business that enjoys shared membership has one primary active member ("Active Member"), and the other people are known in Rotary terms as Friends of the Club ("Friends").

Membership Procedure and Conditions

Each business or organization that is interested in shared memberships completes a Rotary International Shared Membership Application Form.

The individuals comprising a given Shared Membership must be from a single entity.

The entity must be approved by the Board of this club prior to a Shared Membership being granted.

The Shared Membership shall have one Active Member, and up to five Friends.

Shared memberships must have an affinity other than family.

The Friends will be provided most of the same rights and obligations as Active Members.

The Active Member will be drawn from the senior executive group. The Active Member, and the Club, will participate in a screening process to ensure an appropriate "fit" between the two organizations; Friends will be proposed by the Active Member.

The usual notice sent by the Secretary to all members giving an opportunity to object to the Friend will not be sent in the case of Friends.

The Board reserves the right make a determination as to membership of individual Friends.

The Active Member of the business or organization is able to replace a Friend as required.

Should a Friend leave employment at the business or organization, s/he shall no longer be eligible for Shared Membership, but may request to join the Club as a regular member, subject to the rules then in force.

The business or organization will be listed in the district's Rotarians doing business with Rotarians.

The Board may, at its discretion and subject to its rules, award Honorary Membership to a Friend.

The Friend of Rotary Pin and Certificate, and a name badge, shall be provided to each Friend.

Friends are listed in ClubRunner and in My Rotary as "Other" members, and are not counted in the census of members.

Each Friend is entitled to his or her own login to ClubRunner and My Rotary.

Friends do not receive the wall plaques for their office that give the Object of Rotary and The Four Way Test.

A Friend may request a trading banner at any time.

A Friend gets a regular lunch lapel pin.

A Friend is provided with a luncheon badge with his/her classification.

Friends are liable for their own fines (birthday, happy, scooter, late, cell phone, etc.), Food or Five, and the weekly quiz.

Friends are each expected to buy (or sell) two Reverse Raffle tickets, in addition to the two sold by the Active Member.

Financial expectations

The annual dues fees assessed to the Active Member is twice an active individual member cost for Club and District dues only. Rotary International dues will be at the then existing rate, including the *Rotarian* subscription.

Rotary dues, the Rotary Foundation, and at least one lunch for each day we meet for lunch, for both the active member, and for any and all friends, are charged to the Active Member according to the quarterly invoice sent by our Treasurer.

If two (or more) people attend lunch on the same day from the same shared membership, one (or more) additional lunch is billed.

Whether or not Friends are reimbursed by the Active Member for any costs is between the Friend and the Active Member.

Participation

Under Shared Membership, the active member (combined with Friends of Rotary members) are encouraged to maintain a minimum of 85% attendance – which include meetings, committee work, charitable projects and makeup attendance at other Rotary clubs.

The active member in the share shall be a full member of Rotary International, subject to all obligations of other active members of the Club. The Friends of Rotary shall not have those obligations.

For attendance purposes, if the active member is absent from a meeting, a Friend of Rotary who attends shall fulfill the attendance requirement.

Friend of Rotary members are expected to attend as available, and participate in service projects.