

MEMBERSHIP

Interested in becoming a full-fledged Rotarian or need a few reminders?

Read the process below for step-by-step directions!

1. Prospective Member

- a. Attend 3 Club Meetings as a visitor AND Meet with a Membership Co-Chair.
- b. Submit a Membership Application with a brief Bio to the Membership Co-Chair.
- c. Board vote to approve applicant is required before moving forward to the 2 Readings to become a “Red Badge” Member.

2. Become a “Red Badge” Member

- a. Reading **ONE** and Reading **TWO**:
 - i. Applicant **attends** the first and second Reading to the club. The President welcomes/introduces the Prospective member and reads the Prospective member’s Bio to the club. This provides club members the opportunity to learn a bit more about the Prospective member.
- b. Reading **THREE**:
 - i. Applicant **does NOT attend** the third Reading to the club. The President reads the Prospective member’s Bio to the club and a vote is called to accept the applicant.
 - ii. Once accepted, the Prospective member is contacted and invited to attend the next weekly meeting to be officially inducted into the club as a “Red Badge” Member.

3. Moving from “Red Badge” to “Blue Badge” full-fledged Member

- a. Red Badge Members are tasked to complete certain requirements before becoming a full-fledged, “Blue-Badge” Rotarian. The requirements are as follows:
 - i. Participate in a Service Project
 - ii. Attend a regular Board of Directors Meeting
 - iii. Serve as a Host at a Weekly Meeting
 - iv. Attend another Club’s Meeting
 - v. Have lunch/coffee with a Board Member
 - vi. Explore the Club & District Websites and like our club’s Facebook page.
 - vii. Submit payment for the Initial Fee & Membership Dues. (Invoice sent at Induction)

4. Full Rotarian Club Member - Expectations & Obligations

- a. Participation Expectations
 - i. Consistently Attend Weekly Meetings and Socials - See FAQs for make-up options.
 - ii. Actively Participate in Projects and Attend Events.
 - iii. Volunteer with ECBR Club on Annual Day of Service.
 - iv. Pay Dues, Fees, Contributions on a Timely Basis.
- b. Financial Obligations
 - i. Individual Membership Dues are \$840 annually and invoiced at \$210/quarter via email.
 - 1. Dues cover your Rotary International Fees, District, fees, and breakfast cost for each meeting.
 - 2. Corporate membership Dues are \$240/quarter for 2 designees. (See Corporate Membership Policy)
 - 3. Members Under 30 years of age are eligible to pay 1/3 of regular quarterly dues for the first year. Then 2/3 the 2nd year. And full dues the 3rd year. This program helps take the financial burden off as they get established in their careers.



- ii. Annual Giving - Rotary International Foundation - \$100
 - 1. Annually, each member is required to pay \$100 towards Rotary Annual Foundation.
 - 2. This fund allows us to take part in funding special projects for our local and international worlds.
 - 3. This \$100 is invoiced every July, and all members are expected to pay upon receipt.
- iii. Annual Fundraisers - Members are expected to participate financially in our fundraisers. This requirement may be met by selling/purchasing tickets to event/raffle and/or soliciting sponsorships to the event. There is not a minimum or maximum donation requirement.

FAQs

How do I apply to be a member? Ask the Membership Chair to send you the online membership application.

How do I make up a meeting if I missed one?

Attendance is important to all Rotary Clubs, but from time to time, we know things will arise. It is a member's responsibility to make up for a missed meeting. You can attend another meeting at a different club location, serve on a committee within ECBR and attend meetings, volunteer at ECBR service events, or go online to www.rotaryclubone.org and then select "makeups" from the drop down. This will provide online reading material that will allow you to submit for a makeup.

When are membership dues to be paid?

Dues are set up on a quarterly basis. Invoices will be mailed out with paper copies provided at club meetings. Payment is due upon receipt. Online payment is available via credit card with an additional convenience fee. The board reviews members' accounts to make sure everyone stays current. The Rotary Foundation requires \$100 per member. This is invoiced at the beginning of each new club year starting in July.

I want to be involved, but I don't know what is needed or how I can help?

Just reach out to any of your leadership team. There is always a need for more Rotarians getting involved. Just ask, and we promise you will be rewarded by getting to know your club members and helping the community.

How do I access my membership online?

Go to www.Rotary7770.org and look for the Members Only tab at the top of page. If you are signing in for the first time, use your email and Rotary Member ID (you can find this information on the Rotary magazine) or your zip code. If you need help, please reach out to any club member for assistance.

I am not receiving the weekly newsletters or emails from East Cooper Breakfast Rotary Club.

How do I begin receiving these?

All members should automatically receive the weekly newsletter by email. If you are not receiving it, please contact our Secretary or Public Image Chair, to ensure you are added to the email distribution list.