

**Rotary Club of Clayton**  
**Fire Side Chat**

Rotary Information for Newly Proposed Members

**I. Introduction**

Proposed for membership by a Rotarian of The Rotary Club of Clayton

Need for comprehensive information about Rotary

1. To be sure the proposed member knows what he/she is doing
2. To know what is expected of him/her for Rotary
3. To know what is expected by Rotary of him/her
4. The indoctrination will continue so long as he/she is a member of Rotary
  - ✓ Through activities
  - ✓ Through assemblages of fellowship with club members
  - ✓ Through the meeting programs
  - ✓ Through fund raising efforts
  - ✓ Through the ever-expanding desire to be the **BEST** Rotarian possible

At the close of this fireside chat the proposed member(s) will have an opportunity to say that he/she does or does not want to proceed into membership.

**II. History of Rotary – nationally and internationally**

2/23/1905: Chicago; Paul Harris, lawyer; Sylvester Schiele, coal dealer; Hiram Shorey, tailoring; Gustavus Loehr, mining engineer; Harry Ruggles, printer

Fellowship; interested in occupations of colleagues; **rotation** of meeting places

November 1908 – San Francisco, Oakland, New York, Seattle, Boston clubs began

August 1910 – now 16 clubs; delegates meet in Chicago, form National Association of Rotary Clubs, Paul Harris, President

1910 – Rotary becomes INTERNATIONAL as Winnipeg (Canada) is Chartered

1911 – First European club – Dublin, Ireland

1912 – INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION of Rotary Clubs formed (Duluth, Minnesota)

1922 – Rotary International (RI) comes into being (Los Angeles, California)

**III. History of Rotary Club of Clayton**

Chartered on November 23, 1948 by the Rotary Club of Gainesville, GA

Rotary Club of Clayton projects:

- ✓ Rabun County High School Interact Club
- ✓ Wheel Awards: Given out to non-Rotarians who exhibit service above self traits in one or more of the four avenues of service

- IV. Object of Rotary:** Service to others through **Five Avenues of Service:**
- Club -** acquaintances as opportunities for service
  - Vocational -** High ethical standards, worthiness of all useful occupations, dignifying occupations as opportunities to serve
  - Community -** ideal of service to help the community through personal business and community participation
  - International -** creating better understanding, good will between persons and elements of other nations; leading to peace and with an emphasis on human values
- New Generations -** Interact, Rotaract, RYLA, GRSP

- V. Rotary Foundation -** Founded in 1917 by Arch Klump, the sixth president of Rotary International.
- Mission:** To contribute to the achievement of world understanding and peace through international humanitarian and educational programs:
- ✓ Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarships
  - ✓ Grants for University Teachers to Serve in Developing Countries
  - ✓ Group Study Exchange
  - ✓ Matching Grants for international Humanitarian Projects
  - ✓ Disaster Relief Grants
  - ✓ Health, Hunger and Humanity Grants
  - ✓ Grants for Rotary Volunteers
  - ✓ Carl P. Miller Discover Grants
  - ✓ Peace Programs
  - ✓ POLIO PLUS

**VI. FOUR-WAY TEST**

It was developed by Herbert J. Taylor (1932) upon taking over the operation of the nearly defunct Club Aluminum Company. In July 1932, Taylor prayed for guidance – then wrote what became known as the Four – Way Test. He put it under the glass top of his desk and struggled for 60 days to LIVE by the precepts. He presented it to the department heads: A Roman Catholic, a Christian Scientist, an Orthodox Jew, and a Presbyterian. All agreed it coincided with their religious ideals. They all tried it – it worked! Taylor copyrighted the idea, later became R.I President and later gave the Four-Way Test to R. I (That Aluminum Company is now Alcoa Corporation)

## VII. Traditions: The Spirit of Rotary

Not written anywhere but **universally observed**

1. First name basis at all Rotary Meetings
2. Never say “**NO**” to the president
3. Spouses of Rotarians
4. Women in Rotary
5. Get something started and turn it over to someone, other group, or entity to continue the event
6. Strength of all Rotary Clubs – Past Presidents don’t retire – stay active and participate
7. Board of Directors meetings open to all members, New members are encouraged to attend
8. Always wear badge at meetings
9. Always wear Rotary pin outside meetings
10. PARTICIPATE, get involved in club activities
11. There is **NO** accepted motto for Rotary, but the phrase used extensively are:
  - a. He profits most who serves best
  - b. SERVICE above self
  - c. SERVICE is my business
  - d. Adventures in Service

## VIII. Organizational Structure

- ✓ There are now \_\_clubs, in 200 Countries, with 1.2M members  
Currently, the largest number of clubs comes from the United States, India, Japan and Brazil. The fastest growing Rotary regions include Southeast Asia and Africa.
- ✓ RI Board of Directors
- ✓ RI President
- ✓ District Governor
- ✓ Our Rotary District is 6910 (73 Clubs)

Club: As a member of Rotary Club of Clayton, you are only a member of **this club**, not to Rotary International. Our club belongs to RI. Your membership cannot be transferred to another club. You must again go through the proposal process.

Board of Directors: President (elected by the board), President-Elect, and immediate Past President, Secretary, Treasurer, Sergeant-at Arms. At the discretion of the board, also added can be the club administration director, membership director, public relations director, service projects director and the Rotary Foundation Director.

## IX. QUALIFICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

- ✓ Must first be sponsored by a Rotarian

- ✓ A proposed member must be asked to join
- ✓ Being of good character and good business, professional and/or community reputation
- ✓ Investigation by membership committee
- ✓ Application submitted to the board of directors
- ✓ Sponsor notified of approval to submit name
- ✓ Rotary information Committee/Fireside Chat
- ✓ Ballot by membership (10-day posting of proposed member's name to members)
- ✓ Meanwhile at close of Information Meeting, Candidate decides if he/she wishes to join

**X. Types of members**

- ✓ Active
- ✓ Corporate

**XI. ATTENDANCE**

- ✓ We ask all members to strive for 100% perfect attendance
- ✓ While not required, you may now make up a missed meeting within 14 days either before or after the missed meeting. The club secretary has a list of all the Rotary clubs in the world, when they meet, where, their president and secretary. Making up a meeting is fun. **Attending Rotary is a habit!** Make up through the internet; attend a board meeting, an interact meeting, District Assembly, International Convention or any fund raiser sanctioned by the club.
- ✓ If you're absent, we miss you
- ✓ Your classification is not represented
- ✓ Your ideas are not expressed
- ✓ Your club support is lacking

**XII. KEEP UP WITH ROTARY**

- Rotarian magazine (once a month) – informs what other clubs or districts are doing
- Rotary International Convention – annual event held somewhere over the world. Go if you get an opportunity.
- District conference - once a year. Plan to go.
- Club Assembly – two or three times a year called president or District Governor, and definitely upon official visit of the district Governor.
- District Governor's newsletter – once a month to the club president. It lets all know what is happening in our district.
- Fund raisers:
  - Paper Shredding

**XIII. WHAT DOES IT COST?**

**Quarterly Fees: (All dues and charges are the sole responsibility of the member)**

- ✓ The Rotary Club of Clayton Dues = \$ 40.00
- ✓ District Dues = \$ 15.75
- ✓ Member Quarterly Meals = \$150 (\$12 weekly)

- ✓ Rotary International Dues = \$ 19.25 (includes monthly subscription to *ROTARIAN*)
- ✓ Paul Harris Quarterly Contribution = \$ 25 (optional)
- ✓ *Georgia Rotary Student Endowment Program* = \$ 25 (optional)
- ✓ Clayton Rotary Foundation = \$25 (optional)

Total Suggested Quarterly Charges = \$ 300.00 (billed quarterly in Jan., Apr., July, Oct.)

**Additional fees billed as indicated:**

- ✓ \*Initiation Fee = \$100 (billed one-time in first billing) *Not applicable to transferring or former members of this or another Rotary Club.*
- ✓ Your guests are welcome to attend and payment at the time of \$12.00 per guest is expected.
- ✓ Annual meeting and other special events are billed separately.

\*Clayton Rotary Foundation, GRSP, and Paul Harris contributions are optional.  
Rotary and our club highly recommend you support these projects.

**XIV. Inclement Weather**

- ✓ “The Beehler Rule” – If Rabun County schools are closed or delayed opening due to inclement weather, Rotary will not meet that day.

**XIV. RINO: Rotarian in Name Only. Don't be one!**

- ✓ Time: plan to block off at least 2 hours each Thursday for Rotary. This might include committee meetings, etc. Projects or fund raisers will require your time and energy to a common goal...**service!**

**And now for the big question...Do you wish to join the Rotary Club of Clayton? This is your last time to say NO!**