

Rotary Club of Redding

Information Sheet for Prospective Members

1. **Invitation** – One of our members, _____, submitted your name to our board for membership in the Rotary Club of Redding due to his/her belief that you and Rotary could benefit from that membership. The club, through its board, hereby invites you to become a member of the Rotary Club of Redding.

2. **Why Join Rotary?** – Read the attached page for some benefits of becoming a Rotarian.

3. **Responsibilities**
 - a. Regular attendance at our Thursday noon lunch meetings;
 - b. Participation in fundraisers and service projects sponsored and promoted by the club
 - c. Commitment to honor the Object of Rotary and the Four-Way Test;
 - d. Prompt payment of dues and invoices for activities and pledge commitments
 - e. Become knowledgeable, through Keyway Committee and Firesides, as well as other venues, of club policies and procedures;
 - f. Timely notification to the Club Secretary or Executive Secretary of changes in status, address, phone number, email address, etc.
 - g. Have serious fun and gain lifelong friends

4. **Financial Obligation**
 - a. Admission Fee - Each new member is charged \$100 as an admission fee.
 - b. Dues - Currently \$300 per year payable by July 1 of each year. If you wish, you may pay half on July 1 and the remainder by January 1. Depending on when you join, a portion of the dues is prorated. The amount you would pay is \$ _____.
 - c. Admission Fee and Dues are to be remitted with the signed copy of this form, and the completed New Member Data Sheet enclosed.
 - d. A Pledge Sheet is enclosed for you to use to determine how much you will contribute to the club over the year. Pledges are used to prepare the club's annual budget. Please take time to go over the pledge sheet; discuss it with your sponsor, the Keyway chair, or any board member if you have questions; then turn it in to the Rotary office (fax number 243-4115).
 - e. Lunch is currently \$13 per week. You may pay at the door or purchase a Chuck Wagon Dining Card good for ten lunches at \$130. The card may be purchased at the door or the Rotary office.
 - f. Rotary International suggests a donation of \$125 per Rotarian per year to fund its international programs of which you will be learning periodically.
 - g. Missing meetings or leaving before the speaker starts is heavily discouraged with a charge of \$13 per miss or "early leaving." You will receive a quarterly report of your recorded attendance, showing how much you owe for this.
 - h. Club social activities are paid for by those attending them. Each event will advertise its ticket price and method of payment.

5. **Attendance** – This is a big part of Rotary. It is the only way to be a good Rotarian. It is how you network, learn about Rotary, fellowship, and participate in service projects and other activities. As a member of the Rotary Club of Redding, you must earn your Blue Badge. One requirement is a minimum attendance of 75%. There are many ways to fulfill this requirement - first and foremost is attendance at weekly club meetings. If you must miss a meeting, there are a number of ways to "make up" within the allotted 14 days before and after the missed meeting:
 - a. Attend another club's meeting; report it to the Office. The Redding area has numerous clubs:
 - i. Redding West - meets Tuesday noon at Riverview
 - ii. Redding East - meets Wednesday noon at Riverview
 - iii. Redding Riverview Sunset - meets Thursday 5:30 pm at Riverview
 - iv. Redding Sunrise - meets Friday 7 am at Gold Hills
 - v. Anderson - meets Wednesday 7 pm at various locations
 - b. If you are out of town, check online or with the Office for locations of other clubs;
 - c. Attend a committee meeting or a service project of the club;
 - d. Attend a District function (you'll learn more about the District later).
 - e. Absence from meetings for medical reasons is excused.
 - f. Should your attendance fall below 60% over a six-month period, your membership privilege is subject to review. Inability to improve attendance percentage over a prescribed period of time, will terminate membership. Your sponsor, Keyway chair, team captain, Club Secretary, Executive Secretary, and other Rotarians are available to assist you in working through any attendance problems so you may remain a member in good standing.