

Rotary Club of State College / Downtown

Member Financial Obligations

Dear Prospective Member,

As you join the world's oldest, largest and best service organization, we want you to have a complete understanding of the financial obligations associated with being a member of the Rotary Club of State College / Downtown.

There are four types of financial commitment – Required, Conditional, Recommended and Optional. You should plan on a minimum annual financial commitment of \$700. If you give away or buy your minimum allotment of required sales the minimum annual financial commitment will be closer to \$1,000. Active participation in most club activities is likely to require an annual financial commitment of \$1,000 to \$1,500.

Required

Membership Dues \$175 (quarterly)

Your dues include the cost of your weekly lunches as well as Club dues, District dues, Rotary International dues, and our annual Holiday party. These are not refundable. Members' missed meals help us cover the cost of meals for speakers and guests. However, if you make up a meeting at another club you may get a credit toward the cost of attending the other club's meeting.

Rotarian of the Week Approx. \$50 value (annually)

Approximately once a year each Rotarian is assigned to bring the item to be sold in the weekly auction. The value of the item expected to be on the order of \$30 - \$60.

Holiday Auction Approx. \$25 value (annually)

Members of the club are asked to bring a "stocking stuffer" to be auctioned off at one of the December meetings.

Conditional

Our principal means of raising money to support community organizations, international projects and the Youth Exchange program is our Spaghetti Dinner and our Mum Sale. We aim to raise at least \$20,000 annually. The more of these that we sell, the more funds we can disburse. We ask all members to sell a minimum of 12 Spaghetti Dinner tickets and 4 mums.

Spaghetti Dinner Tickets \$120 (annually)

You are expected to sell 10 tickets at \$12.00 each. If you sell less than your quota, you are responsible for paying the difference between \$96 and the amount you collect.

Mum Sale \$60 (annually)

You are expected to sell 4 mums at \$15 each. If you sell less than your quota, you are responsible for paying the difference between \$60 and the amount you collect.

Recommended

Rotary Foundation – Sustaining Member \$25 (quarterly)

Every Rotarian is encouraged to become a Paul Harris Fellow (PHF), which requires the donation of \$1,000 (cumulatively) to The Rotary Foundation, the charitable arm of Rotary International. Many Rotarians do this by becoming a PHF Sustaining Member and contributing \$100 annually. You can do this most easily by signing up for Rotary Direct and making a monthly, quarterly, or annual donation. When a member makes such a commitment, the Club matches the first \$100 and the final \$100 toward your first Paul Harris Fellow.

Server Holiday Gratitude \$10-\$20

Each December we pass a hat to collect money to thank our servers for the past year.

Other Optional Varies

50-50, Happy Bucks, Club Happy Hours, our annual Wine and Beer Auctions, purchase of auction items, special Rotary Foundation initiatives, Foundation dinners, and District Conference can add to the financial commitment but add much to your Rotary experience.

Should you have any questions about the financial obligations of being a Rotarian, please reach out to a member of the Membership Committee, the Club President or Club Treasurer.

Sincerely,

Membership Committee
Rotary Club of State College / Downtown

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