An effective orientation to Rotary begins as soon as a qualified prospective member is identified. Learning the expectations and benefits of Rotary membership early in the process helps prospective members make well-informed decisions to accept the formal invitation, when it is extended.

Clubs have a responsibility to provide an in-depth informational program that teaches new members about Rotary, engages them in club activities, and welcomes them to the organization. This formal orientation plays a vital role in helping new members internalize what it means to be a Rotarian.

This guide offers recommendations for developing each stage of your club’s orientation program, from prospective member education to new member orientation. You’re encouraged to customize it to best meet the needs of your club.
Prospective Member Information Programs (Recommended topics)

1. History and organization of Rotary International
2. Mission of Rotary
3. Benefits of Rotary club membership
4. Responsibilities of membership
   • Attendance requirements and options for meeting make-ups
   • Financial obligations
5. Club projects (past and present)
6. RI programs and opportunities for involvement
7. Club and district structure and current officers
8. The Rotary Foundation
   • Humanitarian and educational programs
   • Financial support
Current year officers
Committee Chairs
Current members doc
New member proposal form-
Writeable pdf format that can be saved, printed or emailed
New member Rotary handout.
History of Rotary
Guiding principles
Avenues of service
Local Club history
Local club requirements
2012-2013 Committee Structure
Rotary Club of Picayune new member proposal process and timeline

Sponsor identifies prospective member who meets expectations and has interest in joining.

The prospective member can/should be invited to 3 lunches at no charge to ensure overlap with as many members and time for proper prospective member orientation. Members bringing guests who are not prospective members to meetings should be aware that the cost is $15/guest.

Submittal of application by the sponsor can occur any time after the prospective member orientation is complete at the discretion of the sponsor. Sponsor is responsible for early mentoring of prospective member and is primary contact for information.

Upon submittal of application, the board must approve the prospective member. This usually takes **1 to 2 weeks**.

After board approval, the applicant’s name is posted on the members page of the website for a **week** allowing for member feedback of any pertinent information related to the membership approval process. The posting of the prospect’s name should be announced at the meeting prior to posting. However, it is the members responsibility to be aware of potential members moving through the process and provide feedback early so that the final posting is just a formality.

As soon as the final posting is complete, the applicant is officially a new member. The sponsor is responsible for following the timeline and the initial notification / welcoming the new member into the club. Sponsor should ensure the new member has received the most recent club roster with contact info. Note that dues will be prorated from this date. Formal Induction ceremony will be held at a regular meeting when both new member and president are known to be present for ceremony.
Rotary Club of Picayune
Locally, the Rotary Club of Picayune was founded February 25, 1925. Currently it has approximately 44 members consisting of representatives from local businesses. These members meet weekly every Tuesday from 12:00 noon to 1:00 pm. The membership is dedicated to community service in avenues such as education, literacy, economic development, business development, and other community services as needed. These annual services and customers include, scholarships based on certain criteria for local high school students, Fishing rodeo for the special education students at local elementary schools, dictionary distribution to nearly 500 3rd graders at the 5 local elementary schools, distribution of approximately 100 Christmas food baskets to families identified for need by the local food banks and etiquette classes for students selected by their teachers.

The Rotary Club of Picayune's current annual budget also includes recurring items such as donations to support Toys for Tots, FBLA, Boy Scouts of America, Girl Scouts of America, Picayune Police Department Youth Camp, Picayune Fire Department Youth Camp, Millbrook Country Club Annual Drawdown and Multiple program adds for local groups. In addition to the above, special non recurring donations are approved and awarded by the membership. Examples of these are donations to Local high school bands, the Pennies for the Park 2 fundraiser, PRC SPCA and Habitat for humanity.
Membership in the Rotary Club of Picayune is only by recommendation from a local Rotarian. The proposed member must first be approved by the board of directors and then by the full membership. The current quarterly assessments are $180.00 and are requested by invoice mailed to the member. These funds are used to pay for district and international dues and also meals for the member at weekly Rotary luncheon meetings. “The Rotarian” magazine is also provided on a monthly basis by mailing.

Community Services are funded by any remaining assessment funds, fundraisers, donations by Rotarians, donations by individuals, and grants from Rotary International and local businesses. Two additional contributions will be requested from members annually. A $10 dollar contribution to buy 2 tickets for the district conference Rotary foundation raffle. And each member is asked to purchase a minimum of one, $100.00 ticket for the local club scholarship fundraiser used for Picayune and PRC graduate scholarships.

Please visit the Rotary Club of Picayune’s website at http://www.picayunerotary.com/ where you can view presentations from community service events and find links to the district and international organization web sites containing a vast array of facts about our organization. A writeable pdf format new member application form with instructions is also located on the member page. This form should be filled out and returned to the club’s email: info@picayunerotary.com. If preferable, a copy can be printed and returned to the sponsoring Rotarian for submittal.
Picayune Rotary Structure and Function
2012-2013

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# Strategic Planning Ad Hoc

Comprised of Board and committee chairs

## Club Admin

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## Attendance

- Recruitment
- Media Relations
- Christmas Baskets
- Drawdown
- Scholarship

## District Liason

- Retention
- Advertising
- Dictionaries
- Raffles
- RYLA

## Agenda

- New Member Orientation
- Event Programs
- Fishing Tourn
- Foundation Activities
- Interact

## Fiscal and Reporting Oversight

- Club Continuing Education
- External Speaking
- Project Coordination
- Grants
- Coordination w/ District and RI
- Coordination w External Youth
- Outreach (ex scouting)

## Bulletin

- Website
- Community Service
- Ad Hoc Fundraising
- Facebook
Community Service Page

Links-
- special education fishing rodeo- pics of last years rodeo
- Christmas food basket drive- Pics showing process.

Dictionary Donations- Classroom scene

Needs!!! Someone to help with updating these time sensitive pages. Has not been updated since 2009 in some cases. Please help fire the webmaster

Anyone wishing to help will be shown how to update /build website and construct powerpoint presentations if desired
History Page
Rotary Club of Picayune Charter date
Links
Past presidents
2009 Christmas Party
2010 Foodfest and Christmas Party
2011- RI Convention-Host organization committee Dinner Event Co hosted by our club with Stennis, Slidell & Slidell Northshore clubs

Object of Rotary
Coming Events

List of upcoming speakers, business meetings and Committee/Orientation sessions along with other District events

Lisbon International convention Logo. Heads up for those wishing to go to Portugal for the annual event
District website home page - many parts of the district website are under construction at this time. It will be a good member resource soon as they will have a membership page under the district information link.
The district home page does have updated upcoming events also.

Note: district conference is going to be held in Mississippi. We will be asked to participate at all levels including cooking at the foodfest.
Rotary international website - best resource for membership materials.
What would it take to change the world? 

Rotary’s 1.2 million members believe it starts with a commitment to Service Above Self.

In more than 34,000 clubs worldwide, you’ll find members volunteering in communities at home and abroad to support education and job training, provide clean water, combat hunger, improve health and sanitation, and eradicate polio.

Explore this site to learn more about Rotary and how you can join your local Rotary club.
Individual Rotary clubs belong to Rotary International. Individual members, or Rotarians, belong to a club. The club is where most of Rotarians’ meaningful service work is carried out. Clubs can be engaged not only in their communities, but also internationally. Rotary International is also present in most social networking sites. What Rotarians get out of Rotary depends largely on what they put into it.

- Getting involved
- Rotary Basics
- Membership responsibilities

Events
- Convention
- International Assembly
- Calendar

New members
New members can get involved in their clubs, communities, and the world through Rotary.
- Learn More
What Rotarians get out of Rotary depends largely on what they put into it. Many membership requirements are designed to help club members more fully participate in and enjoy their Rotary experience.

### Attendance
Attending weekly club meetings allows members to enjoy fellowship, enrich their professional and personal knowledge, and meet other business leaders in their community.

If members miss a meeting of their own club, they’re encouraged to expand their Rotary horizons by attending a meeting of any other Rotary club in the world.

### Service
By participating in local and international service projects, club members can volunteer their time and talents where they’re most needed. The Avenues of Service are Rotary’s philosophical cornerstone and the foundation on which club activity is based:

- **Club Service** focuses on strengthening fellowship and ensuring the club’s effective functioning.
- **Vocational Service** encourages Rotarians to serve others through their vocations and to practice high ethical standards.
- **Community Service** covers the projects and activities the club undertakes to improve life in its community.
- **International Service** encompasses actions taken to expand Rotary’s humanitarian reach around the globe and to promote world understanding and peace.
- **New Generations Service** recognizes the positive change implemented by youth and young adults through leadership development activities, service projects, and exchange programs.

Read more about Rotary [fellowship and service](#).

### Finding and keeping members
To keep clubs strong, every Rotarian must share the responsibility of bringing new people into Rotary. Even new members can bring guests to club meetings or invite them to participate in a service project.

Keeping members involved in Rotary is another responsibility. Fostering strong fellowship and encouraging early participation in service projects are two of the best ways to sustain a club’s membership.

### Dues
Club members are required to pay annual dues to their clubs, districts, and Rotary International, as well as the subscription fee to the appropriate Rotary magazine.

### Leadership
Club members are encouraged to volunteer for leadership roles at the club level and beyond. To learn more about leadership opportunities in your district, see the district leadership seminar page and the club committees page.
Through a student membership initiative, the Rotary Club of Hope Island, Queensland, Australia, invites college-age students to meetings and subsidizes the cost to bring a youthful perspective to the club.

The Rotary Club of Las Vegas, Nevada, USA, has created the 25 Club, a club-within-a-club. The members hold additional meetings, sponsor regular social gatherings, and carry out a number of service projects. The inductees are generally younger, and after a year, they transition into the parent Rotary club.

The Rotary Club of Crawley, Western Australia, Australia, started a mentoring program that helps new members transition into the club. The club’s average age is now in the 30s.

The Rotary Club of Bricktown Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, USA, meets in a tavern. First-time guests are treated to two free beverages, compliments of the club.

The Rotary Club of South Metro Minneapolis Evenings, Minnesota, USA, meets in the evenings and lowers costs by not having meals. The third meeting of the month is a happy hour/networking event at different locations in the city. The fourth meeting is a volunteering opportunity.

Take away: Abundant flexibility at club level to effect demographics
What Rotarians get out of Rotary depends largely on what they put into it

Each member has the responsibility for bringing in new members and retention of current members by helping with orientation (Review resources outlined here and give feedback on what agenda items should be covered in subsequent sessions)

Sponsors should be first point of contact for potential and new members (before sponsoring a new member, make sure they are aware of opportunities and requirements of members both local and larger organization)