

RCSM Satellite Passport Club FAQ

What is a Satellite Club?

Satellite clubs are “spin offs” of a “mother club”. Members of the Satellite are listed as members of the mother club and RI and District dues are billed on the mother club invoice. Satellite members cannot hold officer positions in the mother club. The Satellite club has its own bylaws and dues structure. A Satellite club functions as a regular Rotary club with a couple exceptions: Satellite officers do not have to attend PETS and the mother club is our district representative. We are not eligible to apply for a Global or District Grant, although we can participate in one set up by another club.

What is a Passport Club?

This is a new club structure approved by Rotary International. They recognized that a weekly meeting doesn't suit the needs of some people who want to be Rotarians and serve but can't attend a regular meeting. Passport clubs “meet” twice a month, usually online. They do not generally have a speaker like a traditional Rotary club, the focus of a Passport club is service and that is how membership is measured. As Rotarians, we are welcome to visit any Rotary club in the world just like any other Rotarian. In fact, as Passport club members, we are encouraged to reach out to traditional Rotary clubs to offer our help. In my head, it is kind of like we are free roaming Rotarians doing good wherever we are.

So what is a Satellite – Passport club??

A combination of both! We are a Satellite club of the RC of Stone Mountain that meets and functions like a Passport club. Why? Because we want to serve those Rotarians that are no longer able to attend a weekly meeting, but still wish to serve and do good in the world.

Some FAQs about RSCSM-Passport

1. **Meetings** – This club meets online once per month. There isn't a speaker. This meeting is to report volunteer hours, fellowship, and Rotary updates. These meetings are all about us! Periodically we may hold member socials.
2. **Attendance** – Our attendance is measured by service, not butt in seat at a meeting. As a member of this club, you are expected to donate time every month to your community and to your local Rotary club. You are encouraged to make contact with Rotary clubs near you to offer your assistance with projects or fundraisers.
3. **Dues** – Our annual dues are approximately equal to the amount of funds invoiced by Rotary International and District 6900. We are invoiced twice a year (April and December) As of 2021, that amount is \$200 per year plus \$100 per year suggested Rotary Foundation donation.
4. **The Rotary Foundation** – You are expected to support the Rotary Foundation. You are encouraged to donate a minimum of \$100 per year (Sustaining Member). \$50 will be invoiced in April and December with dues.
5. **Officers** – We have a Chair, Secretary and Treasurer. The mother club is the Rotary Club of Stone Mountain. The Chair is our representative to the mother club.

Are you ready to be a Rotarian in the Wild, doing good wherever you go??!

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