



Membership Categories and Descriptions

Category Summary:

Membership Category	Dues	Club Offices and Voting	Other information	Meeting Meals
Active	Pays full Club dues.	Full privileges.		Included in dues.
Young Professional	Pays discounted Club dues.	Full privileges.	Under 35 years old	Included in dues.
Invitational	Sponsor pays full Club or Young Professional dues.	Holding Club office is conditional.		Included in dues.
Corporate	Pays Corporate level dues.	Primary member has full privileges.	1 primary member, plus 3 designated alternate members.	Included in dues.
Spouse/Partner	Discounted dues for each.	Full privileges.	Same household	Included in dues.
Rule of 85	Pays District and RI dues.	Full privileges.	Age + 20 Years in Rotary ≥ 85 ,	Pay per meeting.
Leave of Absence	Pays District and RI dues.	Full privileges.	Requires Board Approval	Pay per meeting.
Snowtarian	Pays dues through Home Club.	Can not hold Club office. Can not vote.		Pay per meeting.
Emeritus Honorary	Does not pay dues.	Can not hold Club office. Can not vote.	80 years old+. 10+ Years in Rotary.	Pay per meeting.
Honorary Non-Rotarian	Does not pay dues.	Can not hold Club office. Can not vote.		Pay per meeting.

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- Active Membership:** A person possessing the qualifications set forth in the Rotary constitution may be elected to active membership. Members should be adults of good character and good business or professional reputation in their current or prior occupations. Dues are paid semi-annually and include fees for Rotary International, District 6960, full breakfasts provided at meetings, subscription to Rotary Magazine, and Club fees. Members of the Sanibel-Captiva Rotary Club are also members of Rotary International, an organization of over 1.2 million members.
- Young Professional Membership:** This active membership program is for those under thirty-five who demonstrate leadership in their profession and meet all the active membership qualifications. Young

Professional Members pay reduced fees, a discount of \$200 per year or of \$100 per semi-annual billing cycle. Regular semi-annual dues are to be paid during the billing cycle the member turns thirty-five.

3. **Invitational Membership:** Members of the Club may elect to sponsor others in their club membership by covering their dues for a semi-annual billing cycle either individually or in conjunction with other members or sponsors. These sponsors may include the Invitational Member's employer or other organizations. Invitational/sponsored members should not be considered for Club officer positions unless formal permission is granted by their sponsor(s) or they transition to an Active or Young Professional Membership.
4. **Corporate Membership:** A primary Corporate Member (typically the president, CEO, key department head, or general manager of a corporation/business) pays dues as an active member, and assigns up to three alternates (non-dues-paying, non-members) to be able to attend club meetings in their place or as their meal-paying guest. The alternates must be employees or contractors of the primary corporation/business and are to be named before they can attend. The primary Corporate Member pays full dues plus an additional annual fee set by the Board of Directors. This membership level includes unique opportunities for sponsorship and advertising of the corporation/business. It also provides more flexibility for the primary member because that individual is not required to attend most club meetings or events and can substitute an alternate who will represent the corporation/business. Alternates are exposed to Rotary and able to network for the corporation/business but are not expected to attend all meetings or events. The alternate members are not charged Rotary International or District dues, nor are they reported to Rotary International, however their contact details will be recorded by the Club as a Guest or Associate. If more than one primary/alternate attends the same meeting, meal fees will be charged for the additional persons. An alternate may decide to pursue a traditional Active or Young Professional Membership in the Club at any point, or if they leave the employment of the original business/corporation.
5. **Spouse/Partner Discount:** Married or partnered members in the same household are eligible for a discount of \$50 per semi-annual cycle or \$100 per year, per member. One member may also opt out of a Rotary Magazine subscription. If a member is also under thirty-five, he or she would not be eligible for the spouse/partner discount in addition to the Young Professional Membership reduced rate.
6. **Rule of 85 Member:** Attendance at meetings is excused for members who have at least 20 years as a member in Sanibel-Captiva Rotary Club or other Rotary clubs, and whose years of service plus their age, totals 85 or greater. There is no change to the fee structure for active Rule of 85 Members who are continuing to attend most meetings or hold club office. Rule of 85 Members who are no longer able to attend meetings regularly can elect to pay just the Rotary International and District (pass through) dues, plus meal fees for meetings attended.
7. **Leave of Absence:** For a member who is unable to attend any meetings for up to 6 months due to extenuating circumstances but has the intention to return to active membership, they may qualify for a leave of absence. To be eligible, various criteria need to be met as outlined in the Leave of Absence Policy and Request Form. This option is for a single use, and not for seasonal travel absence or an indefinite absence. A Leave of Absence Policy and Request Form must be completed by the member and approved by the Board. The Rotary International and District dues (pass through) are paid by the member, however club and meal fees are waived. The member may elect to continue any sustaining Paul Harris contributions. Full fees resume once the member resumes attendance at meetings.
8. **Snowtarian:** Visiting Rotarians who regularly attend Sanibel-Captiva Rotary Club meetings during the winter season are considered "Snowtarians". These Rotarians pay for their breakfasts at each meeting attended and can sign up as a Snowtarian to receive the Club newsletters and have their contact information maintained in

the Club. Participation in Club activities is encouraged and valued. No dues are charged, as these individuals are currently paying dues to their home club in another district.

9. **Emeritus Honorary Membership:** Emeritus Honorary status may be awarded to those Rotarians who were long-term exemplary members of the Club and who, for various reasons, can no longer actively participate in regular meetings/events. This status is to be considered an honor for service and gives the recipient a continuation of belonging to the Club. The name of a proposed candidate for Emeritus Honorary status shall be submitted to the Board of Directors in writing and the Board shall determine the election. This status remains in effect until revoked by the Board. Emeritus Honorary Members do not vote, cannot propose new members to the club, may not hold office and are exempt from attendance requirements. The Emeritus Honorary Member is a member of the Club but not a member of Rotary and does not pay dues to Rotary International or District 6960. The member would be required to cover meal costs for meetings that may be attended infrequently, and optionally continue sustaining Paul Harris contributions if applicable. The member would also be eligible for continuing his or her Rotary Magazine subscription. Candidate criteria:
 - a. Age is eighty or older.
 - b. Held membership in one or more Rotary clubs for at least 10 years and is a former active member in good standing who has contributed significantly to the Club. Contributions can include having served on the Club Board, Trust Board or as a Committee Chair, received recognition as a Paul Harris Fellow or donated significant financial contributions to the Club and/or Rotary Foundation.

10. **Honorary Non-Rotarian Membership:** This type of membership is the highest distinction the Club can confer on a non-Rotarian and is exercised only in exceptional cases to recognize an individual for outstanding service and contributions to Rotary and society. An Honorary Non-Rotarian Member is elected for one year only, and the award is typically presented during the Annual Installation Banquet. Honorary Non-Rotarian Members do not vote, cannot propose new members to the Club, do not hold office and are exempt from attendance requirements and Club and Rotary dues. The name of a proposed candidate for Honorary Non-Rotarian Membership shall be submitted to the Board of Directors in writing and the election may be held at any regular or special meetings of the Board. Unless the members of the Board cast two or more negative votes in attendance at the regular or special meeting, the proposed member shall be considered duly elected. Any Honorary Non-Rotarian Members will pay for meals if attending Rotary meetings