

Rotary Club of Ann Arbor
Policy on Attendance and Engagement
(approved by the Board of Directors on December 17, 2014)

The Rotary Club of Ann Arbor encourages each member to attend and participate to the full extent of his or her capabilities in order to achieve the greatest personal fulfillment toward the Rotary's overall commitment of "Service Above Self".

The Club recognizes the constraints of professional and personal life and while an attendance policy that adheres to percentage requirements and associated penalties is not enforced, we believe active engagement is important for every member.

An important historical component of Rotary membership is active involvement in Club projects and activities. The opportunities for engagement are flexible and include weekly meetings, committee participation, and service projects. Each new member also participates in a class project after orientation. Your sponsor and/or mentor will be an important liaison to learning more about the areas for involvement.

As a member, it is your responsibility to ensure your participation is documented and reported. This is done with orange sheets available at lunch and at committee meetings. For off-site projects and/or outreach, confirm with the leader that your participation is being reported to the Club Administrator.

While a low level of participation is not cause for termination, members should expect to be contacted by the Membership Engagement Committee or its Rotary Cares subcommittee. We want to ensure that the club is meeting the needs of its members and facilitating greater engagement and participation.

A member can request a Leave of Absence from the Board of Directors in the case of injury, illness, temporary relocation, or for other personal or business-related reasons. These can be requested for up to six months at a time. Financial obligations must remain current.

Another allowance for excusal is known as the "Rule of 85" or "Active-Exempt". A member may request this status when age plus years of service reaches a total of 85. Financial obligations must still be met.

The Rotary Club of Ann Arbor is committed to ensuring that your experience as a Rotarian is rewarding and enriching. If you have any additional questions or require further information about this policy, please contact the Chair of the Membership Development Committee or the Club Administrator.