

ROTARY CLUB OF COLUMBIA, MISSOURI

NEW MEMBER SELF-ORIENTATION CERTIFICATION

I certify that I have reviewed the information contained in the Rotary Club of Columbia self-orientation materials and have resolved any questions to my satisfaction through my sponsor or members of the membership committee.

Date Signed

Signature of New Member

Printed Name of New Member

Note: Additional information concerning Rotary may be found on our club's web site at www.columbiadowntownrotary.org, on the Rotary District 6080 web site at www.rotary6080.org, or on the Rotary International website at www.rotary.org.

After reviewing the self-orientation materials, signing this certification, and completing your committee preferences below, please give this sheet to the club secretary.

COMMITTEE PREFERENCES

Please indicate below at least three choices of club committees on which you think you would like to serve. Write "1" for your first choice, "2" for your second choice, and so on.

- Club Service – Membership Recruitment and Review
- Club Service – Arranging Weekly Greeters
- Club Service – Arranging Invocation/Pledge Schedule
- Club Service – Organizing Quarterly Socials
- Club Service – Arranging Weekly Programs
- Club Service – Hospitality (greeting cards, arranging rides)
- Club Service – Fundraising
- Club Service – Weekly Fundraising Raffle
- Club Service – Communications/Public Relations
- Club Service – Newsletter and Web Site
- Community Service – Salvation Army Bell Ringing
- Community Service – Planned Giving
- Community Service – High School Scholarships
- International Service – Rotary Foundation
- International Service – Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarships
- International Service – Youth Exchange
- International Service – Group Study Exchange
- Vocational Service

THE ROTARY CLUB OF COLUMBIA, MISSOURI

(INFORMALLY KNOWN AS THE “DOWNTOWN ROTARY CLUB”)

SELF-ORIENTATION MATERIALS FOR NEW MEMBERS

What is Rotary?

Rotary is an organization of business and professional persons united worldwide who provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations and help build goodwill and peace in the world. Rotary is named for the original practice of rotating meeting locations among members' business places.

The 4-Way Test

The 4-Way Test is taken generally as a statement of the ethical conduct of all Rotarians. The elements of the test are:

1. Is it the truth?
2. Is it fair to all concerned?
3. Will it build goodwill and better friendships?
4. Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

Rotary Motto

Service above self.

Rotary Pin

The official Rotary Pin is a symbol recognized internationally that you are a member of one of the leading service organizations in the world. Wear your pin proudly at all times.

Rotary Emblem

The gear wheel with 24 cogs and six spokes was adopted by Rotary International in 1923 as the worldwide symbol of Rotary. The emblem was derived from earlier spoked wheel images used by many clubs to convey the image of rotation. The emblem has no specific meaning other than as the emblem of the organization.

Club Meetings

Club meetings are held every Thursday at Dulany Hall on the Columbia College campus from noon until 1 p.m. It is a matter of custom that the meetings end promptly at 1 p.m. so as not to interfere with job responsibilities. When you arrive for the meeting, please proceed to the registration table, pick up your badge and check off your name on the attendance list. If you bring a guest, be certain to register the guest on the guest/visitor log. Members are responsible for paying for their own and their guests' meals. Two choices are offered, salad bar and full meal (salad bar plus entrée and side dishes). Desserts are included with both meals. You also will be able to buy tickets to the weekly raffle at the registration table. A greeter will introduce himself or herself and say hello before you pick up your plate and proceed through the food self-service line. As a new member, please introduce yourself as widely. Acceptable reasons for excused absences include illness, business

as possible to your fellow Rotarians. Sit at different tables each week and not just with those individuals you know.

Parking

Columbia College no longer requires visitor parking passes and will not ticket Rotarians on meeting days. However, do not park in spaces marked for college staff members or handicapped spaces (unless you have a handicapped parking permit).

Badge

The club secretary will obtain an I.D. badge showing your name and classification. The badges are kept in boxes at the registration table. Please wear your badge at all meetings and remember to return it to the storage box at the end of the meeting.

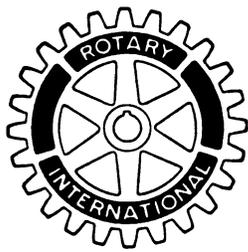
Attendance

To remain eligible for membership, unless excused, members must attend 50% of club meetings during each January-June and July-December period. Members must attend 50% of a meeting to receive credit for the meeting. Thirty percent of meetings attended must be at the home club. If attendance at the member's own club is not possible, the member may make up attendance at other clubs locally, nationally, or internationally. Makeups may be credited against an absence within two weeks before and after a missed meeting. Locally (within Columbia) each club offers a visiting Rotarian signup sheet that may be completed to ensure the makeup is reported (each club's secretary faxes the signup sheets to the other clubs). Outside Columbia, you should obtain a makeup card from the secretary of the club where you make up and give the card to our club secretary, or use the card mentioned under “Excused Absences” to self-report a makeup.

When traveling nationally or internationally, there is always the opportunity to attend Rotary Clubs wherever you may be. These visits count as makeups and are strongly encouraged. If you intend to make up at out-of-town clubs, you may take a Columbia Rotary Club banner with you to exchange with your host club. The banners are kept in the storage closet at the meeting location. The meeting locations and times for out-of-town clubs are set out in the Rotary International Directory available at club meetings and can also be obtained from the Rotary International web site at www.rotary.org.

Excused Absences

travel, vacation trips and local emergencies that prevent you from attending. Yellow postcards are available at the club's meeting place to request excused absences and/or report out-of-town makeups when you did not receive a makeup card. You may also request excused absences and report makeups by email to the club secretary. If a request for an excused absence is granted, it helps the



club's attendance average because an excused absence is treated as actual attendance. The club must maintain a 50% attendance average overall to remain a part of Rotary International.

Permanent Attendance Exemption

A member may be permanently exempted from the attendance requirements upon written request when the combined total of his/her age plus years of membership in Rotary equals/exceeds 85.

Service

Service is essential to the life of Rotary. There are four avenues of service: Club Service, Vocational Service, Community Service and International Service. Club Service focuses on local issues such as committee membership within the club, Vocational Service focuses on the dignity and utility of each Rotarian's vocation, Community Service relates to Rotary-sponsored community projects, and International Service provides an opportunity to make a difference in the rest of the world. Initially you will be assigned to the Fellowship Committee which is part of club service. The Fellowship Committee is responsible for greeting members at each meeting and welcoming new members into the club.

New members are encouraged to become active in the club by volunteering to serve on club committees. You can indicate your committee preferences on the certification page you are asked to sign after reviewing these materials.

Governance

Individual Rotary clubs are autonomous with their own set of bylaws. However, clubs worldwide are guided by the standard Rotary Club Constitution, and local bylaws should not conflict with the standard Rotary Constitution. Each club has a president, president-elect, secretary, treasurer and other officers and chairs of committees as necessary. Clubs are grouped in geographic regions called districts (ours is District 6080), and each district has a governor who oversees the clubs within the district. The district governor may appoint assistant district governors as appropriate.

Rotary International has a seven-member board of governors and a president who represents the combined clubs of the world.

Dues and Fees

Annual dues are \$200 and are payable \$100 semi-annually, with bills being mailed out in late December and late June.

When joining the club, there is a one-time initiation fee of \$100 which constitutes a tax-deductible contribution to the Rotary Foundation (see below). This initial contribution will count toward a Paul Harris Fellowship (see the "Rotary Foundation" section below), which recognizes Rotarians who have donated at least \$1,000 to the Rotary Foundation.

Membership Process

New club members must be proposed by existing club members, who do so by submitting a proposal form to the club secretary. The

Paul Harris Fellowships

secretary records the proposal and passes it on to the Membership Committee for review. If the committee finds the member eligible, the proposal is returned to the secretary, who presents it to the club's Board of Directors for approval. After board approval, the name of the proposed member is circulated by email to club members, who have seven days to comment. If no objection is received, or if the board overrules an objection, the proposed new member is considered eligible to join, and the secretary notifies the proposed new member. The new member is given these self-orientation materials. After reviewing these materials, the proposed new member is encouraged to meet with the sponsor to ask any questions that may have arisen. The new member then signs the orientation certification and returns it to the secretary. The new member is then ready to be officially introduced as a new member at a club meeting and receive a lapel pin.

Membership Types and Classification

There are only two types of membership in Rotary: Active and honorary. Honorary members are chosen by the club's Board of Directors to recognize unusual service to the community or to Rotary. Honorary members cannot propose new members or hold office, and they are exempt from attendance requirements and dues.

Active members are classified by vocation because Rotary strives to represent a cross-section of the vocations in the local area covered by each club. Originally only one person in any particular classification could belong to a Rotary club. Over the years this restriction has been relaxed, and now up to 10 members may have the same classification in clubs of more than 100 members. Your classification does not represent your particular position within your company or profession, but rather describes the work you do. Your classification is shown on your I.D. badge.

Self-introduction to club

In order for other club members to better understand your background and business/professional history, you will be asked to give a three- to four-minute "self-introduction" on the day you are formally introduced to the club as a new member. You are being given a separate document titled "Guidelines for Self-Introduction to Club" to help you prepare to speak.

Rotary Foundation

The Rotary Foundation, which was organized under the auspices of Rotary International, is a legally separate entity which has as its objective the furtherance of understanding and friendly relations among people of different nations through fostering tangible and effective programs of philanthropic, charitable, educational, or other eleemosynary nature. As part of our international service, each club donates annually to Rotary Foundation amounts based on income from various fund-raising activities sponsored by the club and proceeds from Paul Harris Fellowship contributions. The amount donated to the Foundation is solely the responsibility of the local club. Some of the more notable activities supported by the Foundation include PolioPlus, Ambassadorial Scholarships, Group Study Exchange, and Disaster Relief Grants.

Paul Harris was a founder of Rotary. Rotarians who donate at least \$1,000 to the Rotary Foundation are recognized by being named Paul Harris Fellows. On the initial dues statement, the \$100 admission fee is applied by the club as the new member's initial contribution toward becoming a Paul Harris Fellow. Rotarians who have made initial contributions of at least \$100, but have not reached the \$1,000 goal, are recognized as sustaining members. Our club typically reserves an amount in its annual budget to match up to \$100 of members' Foundation contributions during the year.

The Rotarian

The Rotarian is published monthly and will be mailed to your preferred mailing address. The magazine carries many features of interest to Rotarians worldwide and also alerts members to upcoming events.

Club Officers

President 2014-2015 Susan Bell
 Vice-President 2014-2015 Rick Huffstutter
 Secretary 2014-2015 Al Tacker
 Treasurer 2014-2015 Karin Bell
 President Elect 2014-2015 Kelley Upham

Club Board of Directors Members

Members of the club's Board of Directors are the officers listed above and the following:

Immediate Past President Tony St. Romaine
 Term expiring 6/30/09: Jim Elliott, Darlene Johnson, Jim Ollar
 Term expiring 6/30/10: Lynn Barnett, David Clithero and Rollie Hausman
 Term expiring 6/30/11: David Atkins, Keith McLaughlin and Louis G. Van Drie, Jr.

Three new board members are elected by club members at the last club meeting in September each year. The board elects club officers.

Area Rotary Clubs

Monday Noon - Jefferson City Capital Plaza Hotel
 Monday Noon - Boonville First Christian Church
 Monday 5:30 p.m. - Jeff. City Evening ... Grace Episcopal Church
 Tuesday Noon - Columbia-Northwest Columbia Country Club
 Tuesday Noon - Lake Ozark Arrowhead Lodge
 Wednesday 7 a.m.- Jefferson City Breakfast .. Capital Plaza Hotel
 Wednesday noon - Columbia-Metro Columbia Country Club
 Wednesday noon - Centralia Country Club
 Wednesday noon - Fayette Central Methodist College
 Wednesday noon - Fulton Sir Winston's Restaurant
 Thursday noon - Kansas City Grace & Holy Trinity Cathedral
 Thursday noon - Moberly Heartland Food Service
 Thursday 12:15 p.m.- St. Louis Missouri Athletic Club
 Friday 7 a.m.- Columbia-South Country Club of Missouri

Web Sites

Additional information is available from the following web sites:
 Rotary International www.rotary.org
 District 6080 www.rotary6080.org
 Columbia Rotary Club http://rotary.columbia.missouri.org

Club History

On February 23, 1905, young Chicago lawyer Paul Harris met with three businessmen, a coal dealer, a mining engineer and a merchant tailor, and founded "Rotary," so named because the meetings were to rotate among the businesses of the members. The men's club was to make no discrimination as to color, race, or religion, but was to have only one representative from each business or profession and foster better communication and good will. Sixteen clubs with more than 1,500 members had been formed by 1910 when the first national convention was held. Rotary International was created when the Winnipeg, Canada club was founded in 1911. Today there are about 30,000 Rotary clubs in 159 countries with some 1,200,000 members.

Rotary Club No. 11 was formed in St. Louis in 1910. During the next 20 years, the members of the St. Louis club sponsored eight additional Missouri clubs, including the Rotary Club of Columbia. Twenty-five Columbians attended a luncheon organizational meeting hosted by Club No. 11 on January 26, 1922 at the Daniel Boone Hotel and Tavern, now the seat of city government. On February 10, 1922, another meeting was held at which Hi Martin of the St. Louis Club acted as toastmaster and Rotarians from Mexico, Moberly, Sedalia, and St. Louis "entertained and informed" the Columbia group.

Three additional prospects had joined the initial group by the time the Columbia club's charter as the 1,114th club of Rotary International became effective on April 1, 1922. Charter Night was conducted on April 14, 1922. The 28 charter members were: Orville M. Barnett, William C. Bowling, Walter H. Braselton, Henry A. Collier, Frank W. Dearing, C.W. Digges, Berkeley Estes, W.W. Garth, William J. Hetzler, Robert E. Lee Hill, Jay W. Hudson, Alfonso Johnson, John Carlton Jones, Edgar D. Lee, Frank W. Leonard, Berry McAlester, E.J. McCaustland, Thomas McHarg, William Nowell, D. Barton Robnett, C.B. Rollins, Jr., Frank B. Rollins, James S., Rollins, W. Emmett Smith, Joseph R. Somerville, Frederick B. Mumford, J.E. Thornton, and James M. Wood. The charter group included the presidents of the University and Stephens and Christian Colleges, the Dean of the College of Agriculture, two prominent University faculty members, two physicians, a judge and another attorney, three bankers, a state legislator, and 14 prominent businessmen. There are at least ten streets and buildings in the City of Columbia bearing the names of charter members.

Charter officers were: J.W. Hudson, President; Frank Rollins, Vice President; Frank W. Dearing, Secretary; W. Emmett Smith, Treasurer; and E.J. McCaustland and J.R. Somerville, Directors. President Hudson was a professor of philosophy at the University of Missouri. He continued to be active in Rotary for many years and was a featured speaker at numerous District Conferences and at one International Convention. The second president of the club was Frank Bingham Rollins, grandson of the founder of the University. Judge Henry Allison Collier was the third president, and former mayor and businessman William J. Hetzler was the fourth.

The Rotary Club of Columbia grew steadily and had 42 members by 1926. On April 14 and 15 that year the club hosted the first, the largest and the most colorful District Conference. The 14th District, of which Columbia was a part at that time, was composed of 27 clubs ranging from Lexington and Richmond to the west, Trenton to the northwest, Hannibal and St. Louis to the east, and Cape Girardeau to the south. Of the 1,260 Rotarians in the district, more than 700 attended and were accompanied by 247 Rotary Anns. It was reported that clubs from Boonville, Centralia, Fulton, Mexico, Moberly, and Slater had 100% membership attendance. A Rotary Parade nearly a mile long marched down Broadway, accompanied by the University of Missouri marching band as well as bands provided by the Boonville, Cape Girardeau, Jefferson City, and Mexico Rotary Clubs. Columbia has been the site of a number of additional District Conferences over the years.

The Rotary Club of Columbia has the distinction of being one of only two clubs in Missouri to provide a Rotary International President. After serving as Club Secretary, charter member Robert E. Lee Hill served as Club President in 1925-26, as District Governor in 1927-28, and as Rotary International President in 1934-35. Hill went on to serve as a trustee of the Rotary Foundation 1935-1940. In addition to Hill, club members Frank Rollins, Lewis Shelburn, John Rufi, Patterson Bain and Charles Proctor have served as District Governors.

None of the original charter members are still in the club, but the current membership includes a son and grandson of charter member C.W. Digges, all three of whom have served as Club President at intervals of about 30 years since 1926. For years Sidney B. Neate, now deceased, was the longest serving member, having joined in 1934. Stanley Ginn, who joined in 1935, is now the member with the longest service.

Until his death on March 1, 1999 at age 94, Tom Botts was the club's oldest member. "Coach," as he was affectionately called because of his tenure as MU track coach from 1946 to 1972, served as Club Secretary for 13 years during the 1970s and 1980s, succeeding Patterson Bain. In recognition of Coach's many years of outstanding service to the club, the community, and the University, he was given a special award by the Board of Directors in 1985, and the "Tom Botts Award" was created. Since that time outstanding service by club members has been recognized by this award. A list of Tom Botts Award recipients appears in this directory.

After the Constitution of Rotary International was amended to allow women members, the Rotary Club of Columbia was among the first to admit women. In 1987, Patsy Sampson, at that time President of Stephens College, was the first woman member, and she has been joined by many others since. Seventy-nine men have served as Club President, but 1999-2000 marked the tenure of the club's first woman President, Dee Corn, then Head of the Columbia Independent School and former Principal of Hickman High School. Dee became Missouri's first female District Governor for 2004-05. Darcy Wells became the club's second female President on July 1, 2005, and Paige Scott, the third female President, on July 1, 2006. Darlene Johnson is scheduled to become the club's fourth female President on July 1, 2008.

In 1917 the Rotary Foundation was established as the philanthropic arm of Rotary to provide worldwide humanitarian grants for needy people and worthy projects and to make educational awards for international exchanges of scholars, teachers, and businessmen, thus promoting international understanding and peace. The first

contribution to the fund was made by the Rotary Club of Kansas City. After Paul Harris died in 1947, the Paul Harris Fellowship program was created to encourage Rotarians to contribute at least \$1,000 to the Foundation. The Rotary Club of Columbia's support for the program blossomed in the 1970s. At the 1972 Christmas Luncheon, \$1,025 was collected to honor Patterson Bain as a Paul Harris Fellow. When Hermann Meyer became a club member in 1975, he enthusiastically supported the Rotary Foundation and in the same year became a Paul Harris Fellow. The next year at the District Conference in St. Louis, he arranged for Robert E. Lee Hill to be posthumously named a Paul Harris Fellow. Harlan Jensen and Charles J. Proctor followed his example, and by December 1984 there were 12 Paul Harris Fellows in the club. As of July 1, 1995, the club's \$100 admission fee was designated as each new member's first contribution toward a Paul Harris Sustaining Fellowship. The Club is now proud to count more than 160 Paul Harris Fellows who are listed in the club's weekly newsletter.

The club has always met on Thursdays at noon. The original meeting place was the Daniel Boone Hotel and Tavern, where the club met through February 1975 when the facility was closed to be remodeled for local government offices. The club then met in the ballroom of the Tiger Hotel until 1990. Boone Tavern served as the next meeting place; however, the membership outgrew the meeting room, making it necessary to find new quarters. Dulany Hall at Columbia College has been the regular meeting place since June 1992.

The club has been very active in extending Rotary through the formation of new clubs. The club sponsored the Fulton club in 1923, the Boonville club in 1934, and the Columbia-Northwest club in 1970. It co-sponsored the Slater (1926), Fayette (1937), Columbia-South (1989) and Columbia-Metro (1992) clubs.

Membership of the Rotary Club of Columbia has ranged from about 150 to 200 members in the past 15 years.

Additional Learning Resource

The Rotary International web site has an "E-Learning" Center designed for independent study of Rotary information. You can access the E-Learning Center at:

<http://www.rotary.org/membership/education/elearning.html>