

Rotary Involvement Program (RIP) For New Members

PURPOSE

The purpose of the “Rotary Involvement Program (RIP) For New Members” is to help new members become better involved with your Rotary Club and its members. The program gets its name from when you complete the RIP program, you can now “Rest In Peace” that you are no longer a “rookie” Rotary member. Now you are an experienced “Rotarian” by demonstrating you are prepared to make a difference in your Club, in your Community and in the world through “Service Above Self”.

OUTCOME

Upon completion of the R.I.P program, a new Rotary member becomes integrated into the Club as they...

- ✓ Learn about Club Administration.
- ✓ Learn not all Rotary Clubs are the same.
- ✓ Learn Rotary is bigger than just the Club.
- ✓ Get to know other members by greeting and attending events.
- ✓ Other members get to know them by their participation and presentations.
- ✓ Feel accepted into the Club.
- ✓ Learn about Rotary purpose, principles and commitments.



PROCESS AND CRITERIA

Each new member is assigned a “mentor” who is an experienced Rotarian responsible and accountable for helping and supporting the new member successfully by assuring they complete the steps of the R.I.P. program:

Suggested criteria for completion includes:

- ✓ Attend a new member orientation
- ✓ Read the booklet “ABCS of Rotary”
- ✓ Serve as a greeter for a Club meeting
- ✓ Attend a Club board meeting
- ✓ Display the 4-Way Test and Declaration of being a Rotarian at your place of business.
- ✓ Give a “classification talk”, presenting a program to the Club about yourself.
- ✓ Participate in a Club project and or fundraiser
- ✓ Serve on a Club Committee
- ✓ Lead the pledge, song, or invocation at a meeting (If your Club does practices this)
- ✓ Propose a new member within six months of membership.
- ✓ Attend a District Conference, District Assembly, and/or District Seminar
- ✓ Attend a “makeup” meeting at another Rotary Club or just visit another Rotary Club.

in·volve·ment
/in'vɒlvmənt/ *noun*
the fact or condition of being involved with or participating in something.

Each step must be attested to by the member and signed off by the Mentor. There is no formal time limit for completion, the objective is to complete the program in 3-6 months or sooner!

Additional tasks may be added at your Club’s discretion, simply create a checklist for member and mentor to keep.

COMPLETION

A special ceremony is performed at a Club meeting when the member completes the Rotary Involvement Program”. The members can now “Rest in Peace” they are no longer a “rookie” Rotary member and they will receive an appropriate certificate, pin, ribbon, nametag, plaque gift, etc. to signify completion recognition.