



## **Rotary Club of Sequim Sunrise**

### **Attendance Q & A**

Why is attendance so important to Rotary?

Regular attendance is essential to a strong and active Rotary Club. Rotary stresses regular attendance because each member represents his or her own business or profession and thus the absence of any member deprives the club of the values of its diversified membership and the personal fellowship of each member.

What does Rotary require?

- (1) A member must attend or make up at least 50 percent of club regular meetings in each half of the year;
- (2) A member must attend at least 30 percent of his/her club's regular meetings in each half of the year.

What happens if a member misses too many meetings?

If a member fails to attend as required, the member's membership shall be subject to termination unless the board consents to such non-attendance for good cause.

What happens if a member misses four consecutive meetings?

Unless otherwise excused by the board for good and sufficient reason or pursuant to article 8, sections 3 or 4, each member who fails to attend or make up four consecutive regular meetings shall be informed by the board that the member's non-attendance may be considered a request to terminate membership in the club. Thereafter, the board, by a majority vote, may terminate the member's membership.

How can a missed regular meeting be made up?

If, *within fourteen (14) days before or after the regular date for that meeting*, the member

- (1) attends at least 50 percent of the regular meeting of another club; or
- (2) attends a regular meeting of a Rotaract or Interact club; or
- (3) attends a convention of RI, a Rotary district conference, a Rotary district assembly, any district committee meeting, any district training session; or
- (4) is present at the usual time and place of a regular meeting of another club to attend their meeting, but that club is not meeting at that time or place; or
- (5) attends and participates in a club service project or club sponsored community event or meeting authorized by the board; or
- (6) attends a board meeting or, if authorized by the board, a meeting of a service committee to which the member is assigned; or
- (7) participates in a club web site in an interactive activity requiring an average of 30 minutes of participation. One such site is [www.rotaryclubone.org](http://www.rotaryclubone.org) ; others are listed on the "Meeting Makeups" page of the Sequim Sunrise Rotary web site.

How may a member obtain an excused absence from meetings?

A member's absence shall be excused if

- (a) The absence complies with the conditions and under circumstances approved by the board. The board may excuse a member's absence for reasons which it considers to be good and sufficient.
- (b) The aggregate of the member's years of age and years of membership in one or more clubs is 85 years or more and the member has notified the club secretary in writing of the member's desire to be excused from attendance and the board has approved.

A member who knows that he or she will be unable to attend several meetings in a row, or will be unable to maintain a minimum of 50 percent attendance in a six month period, yet desires to remain a member of Rotary, *must contact the club secretary (Bryce Fish) or the club president* and seek approval from the board to excuse the absences. The Board may put the member on a leave of absence.

How is a make up to be reported by the member?

*It is the responsibility of the member to report any and all make ups that he or she performs.* A make up report sheet is available near the badge box at every meeting of the Sequim Sunrise club. The member must report the make up, when it was performed, and what missed meeting the make up was for. Please complete the report sheet even if you bring a make up card from another club. If a member is going to be missing a number of meetings, he or she should report the make ups directly to the club's attendance keeper for the Rotary Year. This applies to both make ups at other clubs and make ups that are performed as service projects, such as can crushing, delivering meals on wheels, and others.

**Commonly used area makeup locations are listed on the following page.**

CLUB	MEETING DATE/TIME	MEETING LOCATION
Port Townsend Noon	Tuesday, 12 Noon	The Commons Fort Worden State Park
Port Townsend Sunrise	Wednesday, 7:15 AM	Seaport Landing Community 1201 Hancock Street
Port Angeles Noon	Wednesday, 12 Noon	Port Angeles Crab House
East Jefferson County	Thursday, 11:45 AM	Tri-Area Community Center, Chimacum
Sequim Noon	Thursday, 12 Noon	Dungeness G&CC
Port Angeles Nor'wester	Friday, 7 AM	Olympic Medical Center Cafeteria 939 Caroline Street
Kingston-North Kitsap	Friday, 12 Noon	Kingston Yacht Club
On-Line	24/7	See "Meeting Make Ups" on the club web site for a list of E-Club web sites
On-Line to locate other U.S. (or foreign) meeting sites	24/7	<a href="http://rotary.org/en/AboutUs/SiteTools/ClubLocator/Pages/ridefault.aspx">http://rotary.org/en/AboutUs/SiteTools/ClubLocator/Pages/ridefault.aspx</a>

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