

New Member Information and Orientation

Issue: *Before being allowed to join Modesto Rotary, prospective members must be thoroughly informed about the benefits and obligations of club membership.*

After joining, new members need an extended period of orientation where early acquaintances are fostered, indoctrination in Rotary principles is provided, and a spirit of “service above self” is developed.

Recommendations: Redefine the Role of the Sponsor

1. Introduce a prospective member at a regular Tuesday meeting.
2. Obtain a signed application form from the prospective member.
3. Introduce prospective member to Fellowship Committee.

Redefine the Role of the Fellowship Committee

1. Inform prospective member about membership process.
2. Confirm prospective member's sincere interest in joining Modesto Rotary.
3. Sign membership application form and forward to the Membership Committee.
4. Along with sponsor, accompany new member to regular Tuesday meetings for the first month.
5. Meet new member on a quarterly basis for the first 12 months.

Redefine the Role of Information Committee

1. Create several three-person Information Committees consisting of Past Presidents.
2. Convene an information Committee meeting no later than 30 days after a membership application is submitted.
3. At a convenient time and location, invite the following to an Information Committee meeting:
 - Three Information Committee members (past presidents) with spouses.
 - Prospective member with spouse.
 - Sponsor with spouse.
 - One Fellowship Committee member with spouse.
4. Present current information about Modesto Rotary. Publish information in a packet to assure uniformity from presentation-to-presentation.

New Member Information and Orientation (continued)

Reorganize the Cog Club

1. Name a Past President, Past Secretary or Current Secretary as Chairperson.
2. Enforce current attendance and graduation requirements.
3. Stress educational information about Modesto Rotary and Rotary International.
4. Limit membership to 24 newest Rotarians.

Comments:
