



Dear Rotarian,

Welcome to San Diego Rotary and the Grotarian committee! As a new member, you are automatically a member of the Grotarian committee.

What is a Grotarian?

Grotarians are an entire group consisting of all the newest members of our Rotary Club. The Grotarian Committee is its own committee. You will remain a Grotarian for the first year of your Rotary membership, or until you have completed the requirements to become a white badge member. We encourage our new members to complete the in **“What are the New Member Requirements?”** section within the first 6 months (or no more than 1 year) of their membership. Once you have completed your requirements, your temporary red badge is replaced by a permanent white badge.

What is the purpose of the Grotarian committee?

The Grotarian committee aims to integrate new members into our Rotary Club and help you develop personal relationships with other members. We do this by scheduling events (purely fun and social) at various locations around San Diego. These events usually include light bites and beverages on a Tuesday evening from 5:00 – 7:30pm. Some past venues include: touring the FBI facility, an Aircraft Carrier, the U/T Building, many museums, the KPBS Studios and Monarch School, to name just a few.

Where can I find information about Grotarian Events?

We encourage you to attend as many of these as possible and ask that you participate in the planning and volunteering of at least one event during your first six months.

- You will be notified of each event via email
- There will be announcements at regular Rotary meetings
- Event information will be posted in our emailed weekly newsletter, The Rotator
- You can also visit us at www.sandiegorotary.club to see our entire calendar of meetings and events

Please note: There is a nominal charge for each event you attend to cover food and beverage costs.

How can I find more information about Rotary committees?

By participating in one or more committees, you will enrich your membership and get involved, which is the true spirit of Rotary. There are no restrictions on how many you may join, and you can find more information about the committees as follows:

- You may visit our website www.sandiegorotary.club, and learn about the 50+ committees in our club
- You can attend a Poolside or Fireside Chat – see the next section for more details
- You can look to attend a committee meeting as most occur after our regularly scheduled lunches

What is a Poolside and Fireside Chat?

During each Rotary year, one event is dedicated to a “Poolside Chat” and one to the “Fireside Chat.” Several Rotarians and committee chairs will present information about their committee. It is a great opportunity to connect with others and learn a bit more about the committees that are present.

What is Rotary 101?

These sessions will give you the foundational knowledge of Rotary International and San Diego Rotary. You are required to attend one as part of your path to getting your white badge and are offered on Saturdays from 8:00 – 11:00 am, four times during the Rotary year.

The next page is your path to becoming a “white badger!” Have fun, and place contact Justin or Kim with any questions!

Sincerely,
Justin Rajah and Kim Benson
Grotarian Committee Chair & Vice Chair



What are the New Member Requirements?

Welcome to San Diego Rotary! We are excited that you have joined us, and look forward to your participation. One of our goals is to make you feel comfortable and welcomed. As such we have created a list of "requirements" that we ask that you complete. Email Justin (justin.rajah12@gmail.com) and Kim (kim@myccmi.com) once you complete each task. Once you have completed all requirements, you will be issued a permanent name badge. We hope that you find the tasks interesting as the intent is to provide an opportunity to meet other members, better appreciate our history, and understand how the Club operates. These are the requirements, and please feel free to get as involved as you desire in Club committee or activity.

- ✓ **Join a committee.** All Rotarians are automatically members of the Rotarian committee, and we hope that you participate in our events. In addition we ask that you get involved and join at least one other committee.
- ✓ **Attend a Rotary 101 Session.** These will be held on a Saturday morning from 8:00- 11:00 am and fellow Rotarians will join you as you all learn the history of Rotary International and the operations of San Diego Rotary.
- ✓ **Attend a Poolside Chat or Fireside Chat.** These will be held on a Tuesday evening from 5:00 – 7:30pm and several committee chairs will present information about their committee and how you can get involved.
- ✓ **Help at the Check-In table at one meeting.** This table registers all visitors and welcomes them to our meetings. Contact the Check-in Committee Chair to be added to the schedule.
- ✓ **Be a "Meeting Greeter" at one meeting.** The "Greeter" stands beside the door and welcomes members to Rotary. It is a great way to meet people. Come early to any meeting be a "Greeter".
- ✓ **Assist with name badges at one meeting.** With over 400 members, this is an easy way to learn names and faces. Contact the Badge Committee Chair to coordinate the schedule.
- ✓ **Participate in one Membership Committee meeting.** Your attendance at a Membership Committee meeting will provide education in how you can assist to grow our membership. Meetings are held on the third Thursday after lunch.
- ✓ **Bonus Points:** Present an Inspirational Moment. Consult with the Inspirational Moment committee chair to determine an open slot.

Your progress will be tracked with Justin and Kim. It is important to notify the both of them when you have completed a requirement. Please reach out to them if you have any questions!