



Club of Newark, NY

What is Corporate Membership? (Newark Rotary Club)

Corporate membership is intended for local corporations - any business, nonprofit or government entity - that operates business in the Newark area, with **a minimum of 200 corporate employees**. Corporate membership provides flexibility for the corporation's primary member in terms of time commitment by designating up to 3 alternates to fulfill member commitments as necessary.

Why did we choose organizations with minimum of 200 employees?

Historically, Newark Rotary has success attracting smaller businesses in Newark, as evidenced by the composition of current membership, with many members who own or work for smaller businesses.

Structure of the Corporate Membership

One Primary Member, preferably from the executive level, with **up to 3 designated Alternates** who will carry on the representation of the business or corporation in the club, fulfill some of the expectations of the Primary Member; i.e., participation in service projects and activities, attending meetings, etc.

Membership Qualifications

Applicants for **Corporate membership** will meet the same qualifications that Newark Rotary Club expects of any prospective member. Qualifications are defined in the Standard Rotary Club Constitution, *Article 8 Section 1*. "General Qualifications. This club shall be composed of adult persons who demonstrate good character, integrity, and leadership; possess good reputation within their business, profession, and/or community; and are willing to serve in their community and/or around the world."

Member Application

Newark Rotary Club will follow current practices and procedures for membership approvals, to include but not limited to completion of application, review of application by the Membership Committee, Action by the Board and the general membership, prior to acceptance into the club.

Alternate(s) will be named in the same application and will be included in the review of application for membership and must meet the eligibilities of membership.

Both the Primary and Alternate(s) will undergo Orientation for New Corporate Members.

Induction into the Rotary Club

Members will be inducted into the Newark Rotary Club upon completion of Orientation. The Primary and Alternate(s) will be included in the induction ceremony.

At the induction ceremony, the Primary member receives a Rotary Membership pin and a Member name badge bearing the title **Corporate member- Primary** and the Alternate(s) receives a badge with the title **Corporate member – Alternate**.

Member Financial Obligations/Expectations

- Membership fee. The corporation is expected to pay the annual membership fee, with a quarterly adjustment of the initial membership fee for the first year of membership. The initial membership fee is

payable following induction to the Rotary club. Annual membership fee is payable before July 1, and annually thereafter.

- Additionally, the Corporation, Corporate Primary Member and/or Alternate Designee(s) are highly encouraged to support Rotary financially, including but not limited to:
 - Annual contribution of \$100.00 to the Rotary Foundation to help Rotarians continue their work in *Doing Good in The World* and eradicating polio worldwide.
 - Fundraising event tickets, i.e., pancake breakfast, chicken BBQs, etc.

It is the expectation that the Corporation is responsible for the payment of all the member's financial obligations.

Additionally, Primary Members and Alternate Designees are encouraged to:

- Purchase 50/50 tickets (Queen of Hearts) at the meeting, with proceeds benefiting Haiti Orphanage
- Celebrate success and/or happy moments in their lives with donation of Happy Dollars
- Eat lunch at the meeting or have a grab & go lunch and pay resultant meal costs

Member Engagement Expectations

Attendance. The Primary member must attend at least **one club meeting** within a six-month period. The Alternate(s) will fulfill remainder of the Primary member's meeting attendance and engagement expectations.

Service projects participation. Newark Rotarians make a difference in the local community and effect lasting change in people's lives through varied service projects. Every club member is expected to participate in club's service projects.

Fund-raising events & activities. To financially support the various club service projects, the club engages its members in fundraising activities.

Social events. One of the core values of Rotary is fellowship & friendship. The Club organizes social events to help develop close and friendly relationships. Members and their families are encouraged to join in these events.

Holding Office

Only the Primary Member is entitled to hold a Club Office, following standard Club procedure in appointing or voting for club officers.

Votes & Quorum

Only the Primary Member is entitled to one vote on club matters and counts toward a quorum. Through a note to the Club Secretary, the Primary member may authorize one of the alternates to cast his/her vote.

Changing Primary Member or Alternate

When the Corporation changes its Primary and/or alternates, the standard Club New Membership application process will be followed.