

Rotary Club of Livermore

Revision Number: _____

Revision Date: _____

Date of Policy Creation and Board Approval: 16 August 2016

31. Types of Membership

There are four (4) kinds of membership in the Rotary Club of Livermore: active, honorary, corporate, and emeritus. A decision is made when a person applies to join the club, as to which category of membership shall apply. A change in membership type for current members requires Board approval.

- (a) Active Membership. A person possessing the qualifications set forth in Article 5, Section 2 of the Rotary International constitution may be elected to active membership in this club. These members pay dues and are members of the club and of Rotary.
- (b) Honorary Membership. This type of membership is the highest distinction this club can confer and is exercised only in exceptional cases to recognize an individual for unusual service and contributions to Rotary and society. An honorary member is elected for one year only. Honorary members do not vote, cannot propose new members to the club, do not hold office and are exempt from attendance requirements and club and Rotary dues.

The name of a proposed candidate for Honorary Membership shall be submitted to the Board of Directors in writing and the election may be held at any regular or special meeting of the Board. Unless the members of the Board cast two or more negative votes in attendance at the regular or special meeting, the proposed member shall be considered duly elected.

- (c) Corporate Membership. The Rotary Club of Livermore offers a Corporate Membership program for corporations and large businesses. The qualification criteria for this membership and operational issues shall be established by resolution of the Board of Directors. The organization becomes the Corporate Member and may appoint either 3 or 4 persons to become its designees, one of whom must be the President, chief executive officer, key department head or general manager; the others may be managerial individuals employed full time by the corporation. All designees must be qualified for and become members of the club and of Rotary following the usual club prospective member procedure. The dues for this membership shall be established by resolution of the Board of Directors.
- (d) Emeritus Membership. Emeritus Status may be awarded to those Rotarians who were long-term exemplary members of the Club and who, for various reasons, can no longer actively participate in regular meetings/events. This status is to be considered an honor for service and gives the recipient a continuation of belonging to the Club. The name of a proposed candidate for Emeritus status shall be submitted to the Board of Directors in writing and the Board shall determine the election. This status remains in effect until revoked by the Board. Emeritus members do not vote, cannot propose new members to the club, may not hold office and are exempt from attendance requirements. The Emeritus Member is a member of the club but not a member of Rotary and does not pay dues.

The club also has an affiliated group of persons called the Friends of the Rotary Club of Livermore. It is described in Policy # 29.