

### **4. Member's Financial Obligations Policy**

The following are the financial obligations of a member of the Rotary Club of Livermore:

**INITIATION FEE** – As a part of the process of joining the Club as a new member, the applicant must pay an initiation fee established by the Board. In December of 2011 that fee is \$120. Upon payment of the initiation fee and the dues and induction at a regular meeting that the applicant becomes a member of the Club.

**DUES** – Each member of the club is required to pay dues. As of 17 July 2012, the Board has set the dues at \$360 per year. Dues are billed on 1 July and due on 1 August. Optionally, a member may pay one half on 1 July with the second half due on 1 January. Payment may be made by check or credit card, with checks preferred. Those persons who join the club during the Rotary year shall pay dues in proportion to the time remaining in the year. These dues are disbursed to Rotary International, District 5170 and our club. The dues include a subscription to “The Rotarian,” the magazine of Rotary International. The club’s portion of the dues is used to support club activities such as the Back to School Barbeque for Marylin Avenue School and some international and local projects, as well as administrative overhead. For more information on club activities that are supported by membership dues, contact the Club Secretary, Club Treasurer or Club President.

**FINES** – Members of the Livermore Rotary Club may be recognized by the President for various events in their lives. Such things as a new car, a trip or some other event may be considered worthy of recognition, triggering a donation. This is usually done with humor and is completely voluntary, although each club member is expected to donate at least \$50 during the year, usually in the form of a fine or as a part of joining the President’s Club. This money supplements the dues paid to the club in support of the club’s office expenses and various club activities such as mini-grants.

President’s Club – In lieu of a specific fine, many members decide to join the President’s Club. The current charge for this is \$250. \$100 goes to the Rotarian Foundation of Livermore, \$100 to the Rotary Foundation of Rotary International and \$50 to the club. Each donor receives a Pledge Card from the Sergeant at Arms on which the distribution of the donated funds is designated. A copy of this form is printed at the bottom of this document.

When joining the President’s Club, please write three checks as follows:

To: The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International; \$100; On Memo line write “Paul Harris”

To: The Rotarian Foundation of Livermore; \$100; On the Memo line write “Local Foundation”

To: Rotary Club of Livermore; \$50.

**MEMBER CREDIT ACCOUNT** - Each member of the club is asked to establish a credit account with the club. This account can be used to make any required payment to the club, such as a meal at the club meeting (including for a guest), fines, donations, dues, etc. To establish the account, in any amount, tell the people at the check-in table that you want to do this and pay by credit card, check or cash. You may add to your account at any meeting. If you want to know the amount in your account, ask when you check-in to a meeting. You will receive an email receipt (for each transaction??).

**OTHER DONATION REQUESTS** – From time to time a “hat” may be passed for donations to various causes. A collection is usually taken at Christmas for the Club’s Christmas Families Project and for the wait staff who serve our lunch. If a club member has a baby, the hat is passed and the new parent member is expected to open a savings account for the child with the money raised plus his/her own matching donation. Sometimes worthy projects come up that were not anticipated in the club’s budget, for which the hat will be passed. Donations to these special appeals are strictly voluntary.

## **LUNCH**

- If an Active member fails to attend a meeting and doesn't make up the meeting by one of the methods described in the Attendance Policy (#2), he/she must pay a fee for missing the meeting. The fee is \$10 per missed meeting.
- As discussed above, payment may be through your club credit account, with a check, with a credit card, or in cash.
- Some members elect to not eat lunch. In this case, the cost of the meeting is \$15 and entitles the member to tea or coffee and dessert.
- If a member falls under the Rule of 85, make-ups are not required and neither is payment for missed meetings. See the Attendance Policy for details.

**FOUNDATIONS** – The club supports two Foundations. Donations to these two foundations are voluntary, although you are expected to support them since they contribute to the overall Rotary experience

The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International – This is a nonprofit public benefit foundation established by Rotary International and based in Chicago, Illinois. It is categorized as a 501(c)(3) type organization by the IRS and donations to it are tax deductible. The Foundation was established in 1928 to further the purposes of Rotary International. A person can make a donation to the Foundation in either his/her own name, or the name of another person. Donations to this Foundation are purely voluntary; although Rotary International makes a plea that all Rotarians should support the Foundation since one hundred percent of donated funds are used primarily to support the international efforts of Rotary.

The Rotarian Foundation of Livermore – In 1987 the Livermore Rotary Club joined with the Livermore Valley Rotary Club to form the Rotarian Foundation of Livermore, a 501(c)(3) public benefit corporation. This Foundation is totally independent of Rotary International and the Rotary Foundation and should not be confused with it. The goal of this Foundation is to create opportunities for Livermore organizations that enrich lives and build community spirit. All funds are expended locally. It expects to expend annually, interest on the corpus as well as additional funds donated during the year. The actual amount expended depends on interest rates, investment returns on the fund's portfolio of assets, bequests, fundraisers and sponsorships as well as continuing donations by our members and others. Donations to this foundation are purely voluntary, although the club requests that you include it in your giving plans.

**FUNDRAISERS** – During the year, the club will host a number of fundraisers that you will be asked to support. This support is, of course, optional but highly desirable. Some of these events as of January 2010, along with the names of the recipients of donations, are:

- Crab Feed – Dinner and Raffle - Club benefits
- Day at the A's – Benefits Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA)

Other events will be added during the year since the income from these two events plus the membership dues does not fully cover the costs of all activities of the club.