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Attending meetings is an opportunity, not an obligation

Traditionally, attendance for a Rotary member had meant participating in a regular weekly meeting at the member's club or at another club.

Exceptions were granted only for those who attended the Rotary International Convention or were on official RI business, such as a board or committee meeting or a district conference.

Participation in special club meetings, roundtables, informal gatherings, and service activities could not be counted as attendance.

Recent Rotary research shows that rigid attendance rules and policies are a barrier to attracting new members and engaging current ones.

Further, they exclude young professionals who have developing careers or are starting families.

In response, Rotary International has stipulated that any Rotary club wishing to try a new approach can do so by amending its bylaws.

Clubs are encouraged to relax attendance expectations or not have them at all.

