

CHICO ROTARY CLUB
COMMITMENT OF MEMBERSHIP
2011-2012

The primary purposes of Rotary are fellowship and service, the latter being exemplified in the Rotary motto "Service Above Self". As a member of the Chico Rotary Club, I acknowledge and agree to be bound by and commit myself to, at a minimum, the following obligations of membership:

1. Service and Time Commitment. I acknowledge that Rotary, above all else, is service and commitment to Club Service, Community Service, Youth Service, International Service Vocational Service and New Generations Service in such manner as the Chico Rotary Club deems appropriate and calls upon me from time to time to do. **I understand that such a commitment requires that I volunteer my time in one or more of these areas annually.** I will choose from among the numerous service committees and activities which are part of the Chico Rotary Club organization and commit some of my personal time each year to service.

Chico Rotary Club community service projects many times are hands-on work projects that require a few evenings or possibly a couple of Saturday work day commitments of your personal time. Along with our annual Club fundraising event, the Omelet Brunch, other personal time commitments for community support through the Club could include such items as Salvation Army bell-ringing, Hooked on Fishing Day, Children's Shopping Spree, Job Shadowing, etc.

The approximate individual time spent by Chico Rotarians above committee meetings, team socials and Club meetings equal 96 - 104 hours per year.

2. New Member Recruitment. I pledge in the future to nominate potential members to join the Chico Rotary Club when I determine an individual meets the eligibility criteria (see Potential Member form).

3. Attendance. I hereby agree to attend regular weekly Club meetings, special Club meetings and committee and team meetings. I pledge to make-up at other Clubs whenever I cannot attend our Club meeting. I acknowledge that my membership will be terminated should I miss four consecutive regular weekly meetings of the Club or more than six unmade up meetings during the first or second six months of the Club's fiscal year (July 1 through June 30), unless I am excused by the Board for good and sufficient reason.

4. Annual Dues. I agree to pay my annual membership dues (\$325.00) promptly upon assessment. I acknowledge that failure to pay my dues within 30 days of their assessment and ten days from the date of written notification of non-payment by the Chico Rotary office shall result in automatic termination of my membership, unless I am excused by the Board for good reason.

5. Other Financial Commitments. In addition to my annual membership dues and my recognition fines, I acknowledge that I will be called upon to financially support other Chico Rotary and Rotary International activities. These include: a recognition fine (on the average each of us has pledged \$100.00 – or more for the 2011-2012 year), the Chico Rotary Youth Scholarship Drive and the Rotary International Paul Harris Fellowship drive. Contributions to each of these latter two programs are wholly voluntary, but have averaged \$50.00 and \$100.00 respectively for each of us who has contributed to them in the past.

Additionally, it is anticipated that this year funds will be raised for the Club's community projects ("Be A Friend" mentor program, Boys & Girls Club, ABC program and others as the Board deems appropriate) through solicitation of contributions from our members. It is hoped that on average each of us will contribute \$120.00 to the Community Project Fund. I acknowledge that these contributions too are voluntary but will endeavor to contribute to the Community Project Fund to the extent my ways and means permit.

In sum, I acknowledge that on average the cost of membership in the Chico Rotary Club is approximately \$600.00 or more per year, or approximately \$50.00 - \$95.00 per month, which includes my membership dues, such contributions that I am able to make in support of the community and International Programs of Rotary.

Summary of Financial Commitment which individual Rotarians must/encouraged to meet for 2011-2012 Rotary year:

Mandatory:	Amount	Examples of Where Money is Spent (not an inclusive list)
Dues (July 1) (make checks payable to Chico Rotary Club)	\$325.00	International dues, district dues, Club operations (i.e., <i>Oakleaves</i> , fellowship, insurance, accounting and recordkeeping, telephone, mailing)
Noon Attendance at Meetings (12 meal ticket card available)	\$10.00 \$15.00 \$10.00	Non-Eater fee Lunch Meal cost Early leavers fee – paid in addition To the regular lunch or non-eater fee
Highly Encouraged: Rotary International Foundation (Tax deductible – Make checks payable to The Rotary Foundation)	\$100.00 or more	Paul Harris Sustaining, World Peace Project, Literacy, 3-H, PolioPlus
Scholarships or Endowments (Tax deductible – Make check payable to Chico Rotary Foundation)	\$50.00 or more	Chico Freshman, Stone, Montgomery, Locke, Bellin etc used to supplement endowments, etc.
Recognitions (Tax deductible – Make checks payable to Chico Rotary Foundation)	\$100.00 or more	Camp Royal, Interact, Youth Leadership, Exchange Citizenship, Special Grants, GSE, International Projects.
Community Fund Raising (10 tickets to Omelet Brunch) (Tax deductible – Make checks payable to Chico Rotary Foundation)	\$120.00	Omelet Brunch Fundraising – Boys & Girls Club, ABC and other special Rotary projects
TOTAL (not including noon attendance and lunch)	\$600.00 or more	
New member initiation fee	\$130.00	One time fee

Additional Activities and Financial Commitment (according to each member’s ability to commit)

Special Meetings:	
Annual Birthday Party (January or February)	\$25.00-\$45.00 per person
Demotion lunch or dinner (June)	\$15.00-\$35.00 per person
Tri Club Picnic (Aug-Sept)	\$20.00-\$25.00 per person
Special Needs Donations (Announced at meetings 3 or 4 times per year)	\$1.00 - \$5.00
District Conference (May)	\$100.00-\$300.00

I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND MY PERSONAL TIME AND FINANCIAL COMMITMENT TO CHICO ROTARY CLUB.

Potential Member	Date
Sponsor’s Signature	Date

This commitment form should accompany membership application.