**ATTENDANCE**

**Why is attendance so important?**

• Fosters fellowship,

• Offers a regular opportunity to meet new people and reacquaint with old friends,

• Make business and other connections

• Allows you to keep current with what is happening in the world of Rotary at the Club, District and International level.

• Opportunity to help those who are in need.

**So what exactly are the attendance requirements which are mandated by Rotary International to maintain membership in your Club regardless of where you are in the world?**

• Rotarians are required to have an attendance level of 50% in each half‐year; which means attending 13 meetings between July 1st and December 31st and between January 1st and June 30th and of these, 30% must be at your own Club – 8 in each half‐year.

• Additionally you cannot miss four consecutive weeks, so you need to attend at least two meetings per month at your home club.

• Just turning up at a meeting does not guarantee credit for being there as you must be present for at least 60% of the meeting which works out at 36 minutes for a one‐hour meeting.

**The challenges of juggling family and work with that of Rotary can make this all sound rather onerous but makeups can be made as noted below. Please note that it is important to forward evidence to the Club Secretary to obtain credit for a makeup.**

• Attending another Rotary, Rotaract or Earlyact club meeting

• Attending an approved service or club‐sponsored project or fellowship event

• Attending a Rotary International or District Conference

• Attending RLI training

• Attending a committee or Board meetings

• Attending an E‐Club meeting for a minimum of 30 minutes.

**Are there any exceptions?**

• In general no, as it does not matter whether you are a Rotarian who can write cheques or donate goods and services to support projects or whether you are a Rotarian that can donate of your time and enthusiasm, whether you are in the hierarchy or a regular member, or your race, colour or creed – if you are a Rotarian you have to abide by these requirements.

• If you think you are going to miss more than four meetings in a row and will be unable to do make‐ups you can consider applying to the Board for a leave of absence which is only granted in exceptional circumstances.

Visiting other clubs anywhere in the world provides an opportunity to enjoy fellowship, make lifelong friends and business contacts and learn more about Rotary not just in Cayman but elsewhere.

Participation in club meetings and events is not just an obligation but leads to a positive and fulfilling Rotary life.