



Rotary Club of Kingston Preferred Practices For Promotion to Honorary Membership

An important note for the users

The attached Preferred Practices are written to enhance, and in some respects to standardize, various key activities in our club. They should be treated and used more as guidelines than as a rigid set of rules and regulations. In no way should independent thought and initiative be curbed as a result of adopting the Preferred Practices.

Please remember that Preferred Practices stem from our Club's combined experience in organizing activities efficiently and smoothly. If there is a doubt that a particular Preferred Practice is impractical, or it is non-functional due to a particular set of circumstances, please bring it to the attention of the person responsible for Knowledge Management or the Club President or any Board Member.

It is emphasized that this document merely gives guidelines to committee chairs and other Rotarians, and neither the Rotary Club of Kingston nor the persons who have written this document will be held liable in any event.

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KEY FUNCTION

The designation of persons to Honorary Status in our club.

AIM OF THIS DOCUMENT

To provide guidance to the Board in the selection of persons to be honored with the designation: Honorary Rotarian.

PREFERRED PRACTICES

From the Manual of Procedure, 2001:

“Eligibility for Honorary Membership: Persons who have distinguished themselves by meritorious service in the furtherance of Rotary ideals may be elected to honorary membership in this club. The term of such membership shall be as determined by the board.” [pp250] Elsewhere “Honorary membership is the highest distinction that a club may bestow and should be conferred only in exceptional cases.” [pp13]

“Rights and Privileges: Honorary members shall be exempt from the payment of admission fees and dues, shall have no vote, and shall not be eligible to hold any office in this club. Such members shall not hold classifications, but shall be entitled to attend all meetings and enjoy all the other privileges of this club.” [pp251] Elsewhere “It is contrary to the spirit of the constitutional documents of RI for honorary members to have the privilege of proposing prospective members to membership in the club.” [pp13]

For our club:

Whereas there are only two types of members, Active and Honorary, by implication “honorary” implies “inactive” status. It is therefore the practice of our club to consider “honorary” status under either of these two scenarios:

1. Persons outside of membership in Rotary whose service exemplifies the ideals of Rotary but who, by virtue of this service, are precluded from regular membership in our Rotary Club.

2. Long-serving members of our club, in good standing and with exemplary service to Rotary, whose current health circumstances preclude them from continuing as “active” members in our club.

Appointments are made by the Board at its April meeting and have a one-year term, July to June. They are subject to reappointment by decision of the Board.

50 years in Rotary:

It is also the practice of this club to honour those members who have been Rotarians for 50 years, including service in other clubs besides our own. We recognize this achievement with the award of a “50-Year Rotary Tie” and the designation of “Rotarian of the Week” when the program will highlight their life of service. Each *Roster* will list all the club’s “50 year Rotarians”.

SOME MISTAKES TO AVOID

RISK MANAGEMENT

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