



## Goodyear White Tanks Rotary



### Financial Obligations & Time Commitment

Upon induction, the new member pays a new member fee of \$75, and \$40 for a Goodyear White Tanks Rotary shirt plus dues for the current quarter (currently \$40 per quarter), and \$25 is requested so as to be eligible to be a Sustaining Member (\$100/year) of the Rotary Foundation (this is tax deductible) and a pro-rated charge for the number of meals that remain in that quarter. Currently the meal charge is \$12/meal. (Quarter charge for meals currently is \$12 x 13 week = \$156)

An invoice is sent to the member quarterly via e-mail quarterly on July 1, October 1, January 1, and April 1. The amount charged includes dues (Club, District 5490 and Rotary International), meals (whether you attend or not) and a sustaining membership (highly encourage in order to meet Rotary International's recommendation) in the Rotary Foundation. A typical quarterly bill presented will total \$225. This includes \$25/quarter in order to qualify for being a "Sustaining" Rotary Foundation Member. (Costs are of July, 2009).

There are occasions when a member will be billed extra amounts. We charge the member who brings a guest the meal cost which currently is \$15.00. If the guest is a bona fide prospect for membership, the club pays for the two additional visits prior to applying for membership. The fourth quarter (April 1) each member is charged the cost of the installation banquet usually held on a Saturday evening in June. You are charged regardless of attendance. A like amount is charged for spouses and other guests who attend the banquet.

If a member misses a club meeting, the member is encouraged to make up any of our club's meetings by attending another rotary club's meeting anywhere in the world. If a make up slip is presented to the club secretary, credit is given on the following quarter's bill in the amount of \$12 per meal.

Our weekly meetings begin at 6:45 and we do our best to adjourn by 8:00 am. Occasionally a speaker may take more time and cause us to adjourn a few minutes late. If time is a concern that particular morning, one is free to leave before the meeting is over. At our meetings our members frequently contribute voluntary "happy dollars" to announce anything from a child making the honor roll to one's favorite team beating an archrival. Our sergeant-at-arms, in fun, may exact a fine from a member for a "grievous" offense. For example, not wearing one's Rotary pin or being late to a meeting may well incur the sergeant-at-arms wrath!

We regularly schedule social events that include spouses/friends. For example, we have our fireside chat each fall and this popular and well-attended event typically begins around 6:00 pm and we usually make an evening of it. In June, we have our installation banquet, which is a fun evening. The member is charged for both these events whether they attend or not.

The time a member might contribute to the community in club activities will of course vary with the event. For example, each year we purchase, pack and deliver Christmas food boxes to needy families in the area. One would probably spend between two and three hours on a Saturday before Christmas. A typical road clean up (we are responsible for Litchfield Road, from Camelback Road north to the south gate of Luke Air Force Base) takes one to two hours on a Saturday morning.

Our objective is to have each member actively participate in the activities and programs of the club when we engage in hands-on community service or fundraising projects. The Goodyear White Tanks Rotary Club is in the business of performing good deeds; not just in our communities but the entire world and we are having fun doing it!

We obviously would like perfect attendance but we know that this is not always possible due to business and personal travel. In order to help us maintain our attendance at the required 50% level we ask all members who are traveling to make up at another club. If this isn't possible you can make up on the internet at Rotary International's web site.

Please join us and help make our club, the communities we serve and the world a better place to live.