

ROTARY CLUB OF QUALICUM BEACH

HONOURARY MEMBERSHIP

RI BYLAW ARTICLE 4.050

Eligibility for Honourary Membership: Person who have distinguished themselves by meritorious service in the furtherance of Rotary ideals and those persons considered friends of Rotary for their support of Rotary may be elected to Honourary membership in more than one club. The term of membership shall be as determined by the board of the club in which they hold membership.

Rights and Privileges: Honourary membership shall be exempt from the payment of dues, shall have no vote and shall not be eligible to hold any office in the club. Such members shall not hold classifications, but shall be entitled to attend all meetings and enjoy all the other privileges of the club in which they hold such membership. No Honourary member of a club is entitled to any rights or privileges in any other club, except for the right to visit other clubs without being a guest of a Rotarian.

RI BYLAW ARTICLE 13

Honourary Members: Every Honourary member of a club shall be known as an Honourary Rotarian, and shall be adopted, and shall be entitled to wear the emblem, badge, or other insignia of RI as long as that member holds Honourary membership in the club.

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Policy

1. The election to Honourary member is a distinction for meritorious service in the furtherance of Rotary ideals and for permanent support of Rotary. Honourary Membership is the **highest distinction** that our club may bestow and should be conferred only in exceptional cases. It may not be conferred upon an active Rotary Club of Qualicum Beach Rotarian. The term of Honourary Membership will be for a one year period and may be renewed annually by 2/3rds approval of the Board Directors.
2. There are two types of Honourary Membership; Honourary Member and Friends of Rotary. Both will be called Honourary Members for the purpose of this policy.

Honourary Membership Criteria: The purpose of this category is noted above as defined by RI Bylaws. To be designated as an Honourary Member, the candidate must meet and significant number of the following criteria at the discretion of the Board:

- a. Have been an active regular member for at least 10 years.
- b. Continues to be active in Club activities attending at least 2 meetings each year, and when able, to volunteer at a club sponsored event.

- c. Have served as a Club Officer in at least one major position. (e.g. President, Secretary, and/or Treasurer)
- d. Have participated as a member of a committee or served as an officer at the District or higher level.
- e. Been recognized as a Paul Harris Fellow.
- f. Have been an active participant in at least three major club projects and leader of at least one. (e.g. WineFest, GALA)
- g. Sponsored at least two new members.
- h. Is the spouse of a deceased member who was or had been nominated as an Honorary Member and who is engaged in Rotary activities at the local and/or higher levels.

Friends of the Rotary Club of Qualicum Beach Criteria: The purpose of this category is noted above as defined by RI Bylaws. To be designated as an Honourary Member the candidate must be able to contribute to Rotary Club of Qualicum Beach projects in a significant manner.

INDUCTION OF AN HONOURARY MEMBER

_____ (NAME). you have been chosen for Honourary Membership of the Rotary Club of Qualicum Beach because our members believe your commitment to this club over the years warrants this recognition.....or: We believe you to be a leader in your particular vocation, and that you manifest those qualities which fit you for membership of the world wide community of Rotary.

The community will know and judge Rotary by your actions and ideals. You will become an ambassador for Rotary and you will carry these ideals and the principles of Rotary service to those who know you or with those with whom you are associated.

Honourary Membership in Rotary is a privilege, which carries with it many obligations, and we believe that you will recognize these and welcome them as opportunities for service.

I now present you with the lapel pin by which you're fellow Rotarians and the public at large will recognize you as an Honourary Rotarian. It is also my pleasure to present you with this folder of information pertaining to rotary, which I hope you will read and think about.

We trust that you take the opportunity to enjoy the fellowship of Rotary, and assist your community in service through Rotary.

We most heartily offer you the right hand of Rotary Fellowship.