

# Club Secretaries for the Modern Age

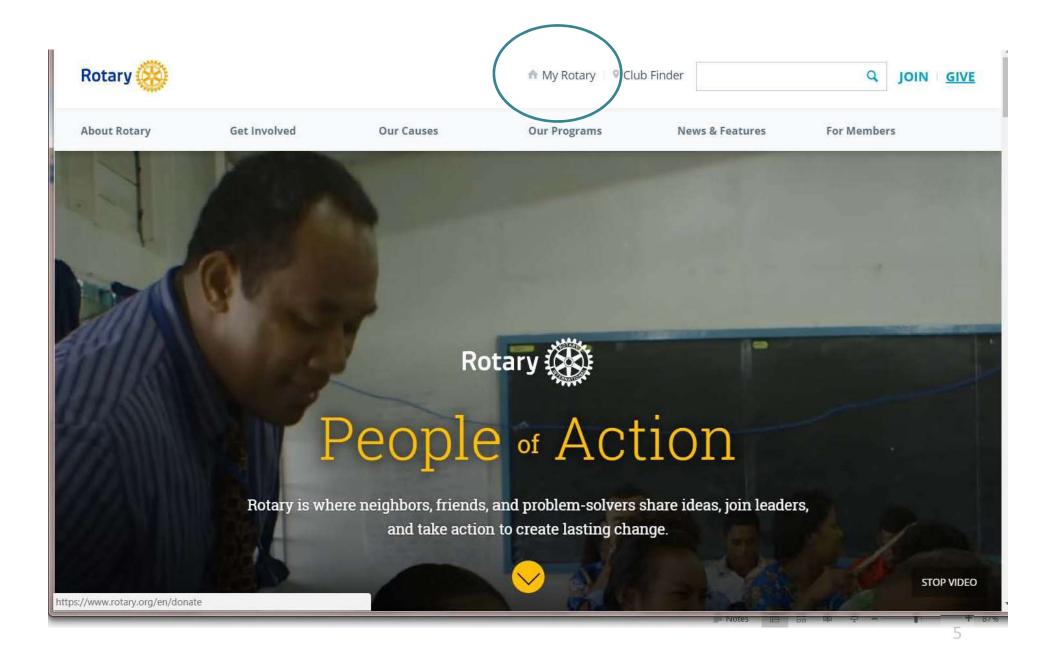
Or, what they forgot to tell you when you agreed to this role!

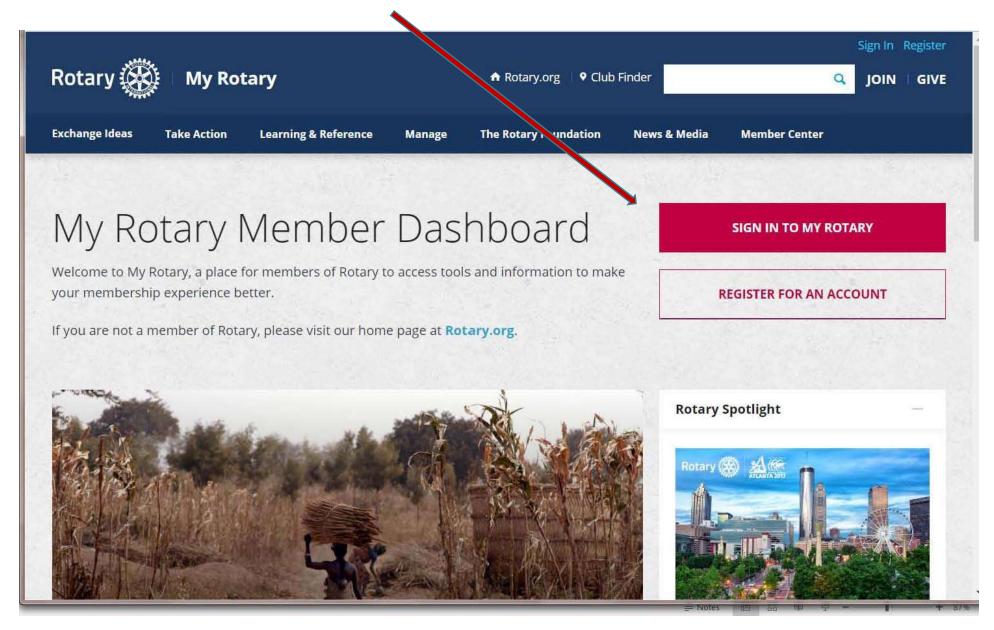
## Today's Goals

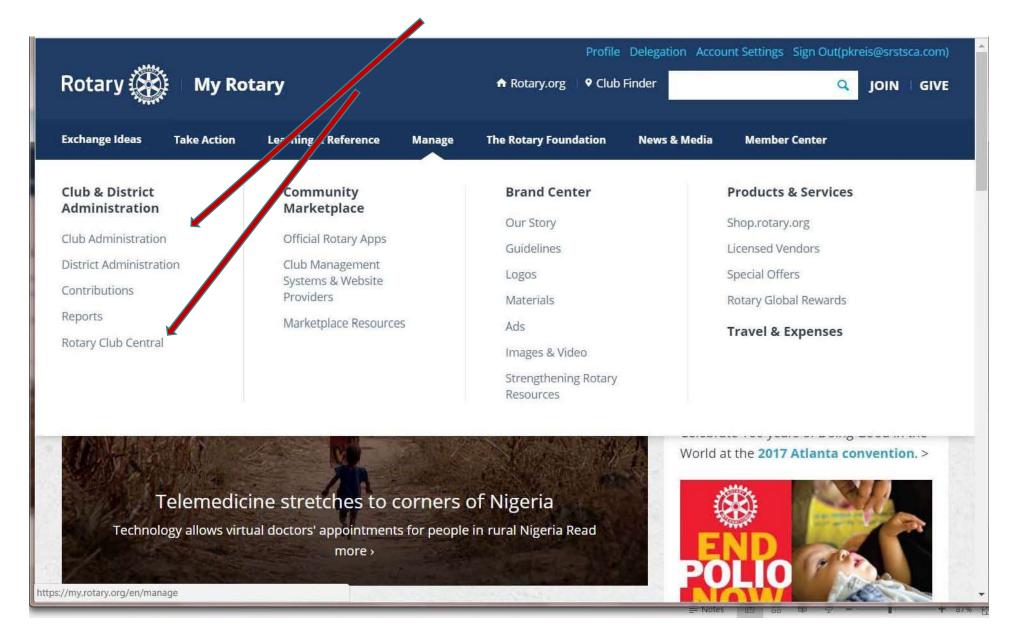
- >Secretary's Role and Responsibilities
- ➤ How to Access & Utilize DACdb
- **≻**Resources

- Attend the club leadership training and the district conference (June 21-22)
- ➤ Meet with outgoing Secretary and receive club records
- Create a My Rotary account at <u>www.rotary.org</u>
- >Update your club's records and member list as changes occur
- ➤ Pass on the club invoices for RI and the District and current membership count to the treasurer
- Take minutes at club and board meetings and club assemblies
- ➤ Update club and officer information (current and incoming)
- Take attendance and submit monthly reports to the district governor

- Attend the club leadership training and the district conference (June 21-22)
  - -Score! (you are here)
  - -District Conference is a great opportunity to learn more
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- ➤ Meet with outgoing Secretary and receive club records
  - -Don't wait until July 1
  - -Get familiar with the duties your club expects
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## Club Administration in My Rotary

#### Club Invoice

Current and past invoices

Preference for paper or email

#### Update Member Data

Add, edit, or remove members

Add, edit, remove club officers

Record a new member sponsor

#### Update Club Data

Meeting details, address and contact information

Designate a club management vender (i.e., DACdb or Club Runner)

- >Update your club's records and member list as changes occur
  - -30 day window for reporting terminations
  - -Accuracy of contact information
- ➤ Pass on the club invoices for RI and the District and current membership count to treasurer
  - -Invoices from RI and District come in January and July
  - -Provide treasurer with current membership number to avoid over or under payments
  - -Payments are due by the end of the month in which received
  - -District invoice includes fees for President-Elect Training and Club Leadership Training

- Take minutes at club and board meetings and club assemblies
  - -Review previous minutes for format and content
  - -Nothing wrong with improving on both
  - -Follow the president's agenda or use traditional such as:



Date, location, names of those present
Approval of previous minutes
Reports; old business; new business; adjourn
Key component is to include actions taken especially the wording of motions and by whom
Distribute draft well in advance of next meeting

- Update club and officer information (current and incoming)
  - -Do this on DACdb
  - -If you have connected DACdb to RI and vice versa, data will be transferred to RI — no need to duplicate entry
- Take attendance and submit monthly reports to the district governor
  - -Reporting attendance to district governor is still a requirement despite changes in attendance requirements; if not taking attendance inform DG at the beginning of year.
  - -This is due by the  $15^{\rm th}$  of the month following the reportable month
  - -Attendance is reported as a percentage (actual divided by possible)
  - -Reporting is done through DACdb



#### **4.090.** Attendance Reports.

Each club shall forward monthly attendance reports of its meetings to the governor within 15 days of the last meeting of each month. Non-districted clubs shall forward such report to the general secretary.

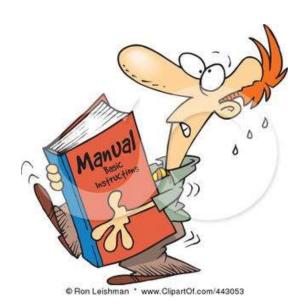
#### **4.100.** Attendance at Other Clubs.

Every member shall have the privilege of attending the regular meeting or satellite club meeting of any other club except for a club that previously terminated the membership of said person for good cause.

#### **4.110.** Exceptions to Provisions on Membership.

A club may adopt rules or requirements not in accordance with sections 4.010. and 4.030. - 4.060. of these bylaws. Such rules or requirements shall supersede the rules or requirements of these sections of these bylaws.

From the Manual of Procedure



Make Up Attendance – 14 Days before or after club's meeting *if:* 

- -Attends satellite club, e-club or another club; or
- -Attends regular meeting of a Rotaract or Interact Club, Community Corps or Rotary Fellowship; or
- -Attends RI Convention or other RI meetings; or
- -Attends and participates in club service project or club sponsored community event, or
- -Attends a a board meeting, committee meeting, or
- -Participates through a club website in an interactive activity

From the Manual of Procedure. Article 12, Section 1



#### **Excused Absence Types**

1-Board - the absence complies with the conditions and under circumstances approved by the board. The board may excuse a member's absence for reasons which it considers to be good and sufficient. Such excused absences shall not extend for longer than twelve months.

2-Rule of 85 - the aggregate of the member's years of age and years of membership in one or more clubs is 85 years or more, the member has been a member of one or more clubs for at least 20 years, and the member has notified the club secretary in writing of the member's desire to be excused from attendance and the board has approved.

From the Manual of Procedure. Article 12, Section 3

When a member whose absences are excused fails to attend a club meeting, the member and the member's absence shall not be included in the attendance records. In the event that a member whose absences are excused attends a club meeting, the member and the member's attendance shall be included in the membership and attendance figures used to compute this club's attendance.

From the Manual of Procedure. Article 12, Section 5

#### Example:

My club has 27 members of which 5 meet the 85 rule criteria and 3 are otherwise excused by the Board for various reasons.

At the regular meeting held on March 30, none of those with excused absences attended the meeting, so I adjust my club members number to 27-5-3=19. Thirteen members were present. So the ratio for that day is 13/19=0.6842. To get the percentage multiply ratio by 100 = 68.42%.

However you need to include all the club's regular meetings for the month. Using data from below add each result together and divide by the number of meetings:

$$(0.6316 + 0.75 + 0.8571 + 0.7 + 0.6842) / 5 = 0.7246 \times 100 = 72.46\%$$

March 2	March 9	March 16	March 23	March 30
27-5-3=19	27-4-3=20	27-3-3=21	27-5-2=20	27-5-3=19
12 present	15 present	18 present	14 present	13 present
12/19 =	15/20=0.7500	18/21=0.8571	14/20=0.7000	13/19=0.6842
0.6316				

#### Resources

- \*Take online courses for club secretary in the *Learning Center*
- ❖ Be a Vibrant Club Your Club Leadership Plan (245NAM-EN-(917))
- Standard Rotary Club Constitution
- Recommended Rotary Club Bylaws
- ❖ District 7620 website and DACdb
- My Rotary and Rotary Club Central
- Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI)
- **♦** And more....

