



ROTARY CLUB OF SANTA FE

RED BADGE - TO - BLUE BADGE CONVERSION REQUIREMENTS

New members to Rotary clubs traditionally have worn Red name badges for a few months after becoming a member. Later, they are issued and continue to wear the standard Rotary Blue Badge to identify themselves at meetings. The purpose of the Red Badge has been to help new members become integrated into their new club. The Red Badge identifies the member as new to the club, and established members are urged to reach out to the new members and to assist them in becoming known and involved in the club.

The transition from Red Badge to Blue Badge varies widely from club to club. The Rotary Club of Santa Fe has elected to apply the following procedures to this transition, in order best to integrate new members and to assure them the best possible experience in their new club.

For a new member to earn his or her Blue Badge, and thereby retire his or her Red Badge, the new member must accomplish the following:

1. Complete the club's new member orientation course prior to induction.
2. Serve as meeting Greeter, or assist the regular Greeter, at six regular club meetings, to become known to all the other members, and to know as many of those members as possible.
3. Attend at least one regular meeting of the club's Board of Directors.
4. Serve on two or more committees of the club.
5. Participate actively in the implementation of at least one club project, or club sponsored event. (For example, Artist of the Year Dinner, Camp RYLA, an international matching grant project, AIDS Walk, Plaza Pancake Breakfast, etc.)
6. Present a five minute "new member" talk about yourself to the club at a regular meeting of the club.
7. "Make Up" at one of the two other Santa Fe Rotary Clubs: Santa Fe del Sur, or Santa Fe Centro. (See our club newsletter *La Rueda* for meeting times and locations.)

The new member will be given a "Red Badge Conversion Checklist" by the club Membership Development Committee. The Checklist enumerates the tasks to be accomplished, and provides space for the new member to indicate the dates of accomplishment of each of the tasks.

When all of the tasks have been accomplished, the new member should return the completed and signed Checklist to the Chairman of the Membership Development Committee. The Chairman shall then review and approve the Checklist, and then shall cause the Secretary to order a Blue Badge for the member, and present the same to the member at a regular meeting of the club.