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Chairman

THE ROTARY INFORMATION COMMITTEE

(Subcommittee of the Club Service Committee)

The Rotary information committee is composed of a chairman, who is a member of the club service committee, and of such members as the needs of the local club may require.

This committee should be acquainted with the sources of information (the pamphlets and other literature of Rotary) which will enable it to devise and carry into effect plans for giving to the members, especially the new members, an adequate understanding of the privileges and responsibilities of a Rotarian.

The history, objects, scope and activities of both the local club and Rotary International are subjects for this committee to explore for information to be brought to the attention of the club membership in all appropriate ways. One such way is through the columns of the club publication whose editor will undoubtedly welcome brief, well-written items about Rotary progress.

Arrangements for an impressive reception of new members into the club, plans for a series of fireside meetings for the study of Rotary, a regular schedule of brief talks by a different member at each meeting of the club, and special programs, such as the anniversary of the club, or the anniversary of Rotary, are some of the other opportunities for this committee to consider in spreading Rotary information.

The R.I. board has suggested that five minutes of each meeting be devoted to some form of Rotary information. It is also suggested that new members be helped to obtain Rotary information early in their club experience by arranging for them to attend club committee meetings, club assemblies, and special meetings planned for the par-

ticular purpose of disseminating Rotary information.

The committee will find particularly useful in its work Pamphlet 38, "Getting Acquainted with Rotary." Other literature, which is available at the secretariat, on request, includes an historical outline of Rotary; "Brief Facts," a small folder containing interesting data; several files containing suggestions for acquainting new members with Rotary; and an outline for the organization of a series of "Fireside Meetings" for the discussion of Rotary and for the information of both old and new members.

Cooperation with the fellowship committee will be helpful to the purposes of both committees.

The club secretary should have an up-to-date set of Rotary pamphlets which this committee will find useful in carrying out its plans and activities.

SOME BOOKS AND PAMPHLETS WHICH WILL BE USEFUL TO THE COMMITTEE

At the time of his election, a new member is most susceptible to information about the organization which he has just joined. It is, therefore, the practice of many Rotary clubs to give their new members copies of literature which they can study and keep.

"*Welcome to Rotary*"—This is the title of a little 24-page booklet written especially to give to the new member. It contains basic information about Rotary. It is neatly printed, selling at a price of 5c per copy in any quantity. It may appeal to clubs as an excellent pamphlet to present to new members.