

# Resolution 2025-03

## District Member Dues Increase

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**Background:** District 5220, like most of us, struggles with increasing costs that we face on a daily basis. To combat this escalation, we feel that a member dues increase is needed for the 2026-2027 and 2027-2028 Rotary years.

We assure you that the District's Finance Committee regularly reviews district expenses with an eye as to where reductions can be made. We are currently operating as "lean and mean" as possible. Our District is a business and must be operated in an efficient manner. For example, the cost for our DG Line to attend required training and events has increased, as has the production cost of membership training events (Pre-Pets, Leadership Assembly (Academy), Membership/Foundation Seminar, etc.) We have also added to the budget an expense to cover select items for the District Governor Nominee Designate. All these things impact our financial bottom line which has been made "whole" the last few years by using undesignated funds from the District's reserves. To ensure that the District reserves remain intact, this practice should not continue.

In addition to the above expenses, in some cases we are asking too much from our volunteers; specifically the position of our District Treasurer. The intent is to include a stipend to offload some of this work to financial professionals.

### **RESOLUTION TO RAISE MEMBER DUES FOR District 5220:**

Whereas: District 5220 has experienced a significant increase in the cost of doing business;

Whereas: The District Finance Committee approved budgets with a deficit for the last several years and undesignated funds from reserves were needed;

Whereas: The District Finance Committee acknowledges that balancing the annual district budget with retained assets year after year is not sustainable;

Whereas: The District total membership has declined in recent years;

Whereas: The District has resisted raising dues necessary to keep pace with inflation. Administrative dues have not been increased since 2016.

Therefore: Be it proposed that the district implement a member dues increase of \$6.00 per member for the 2026-2027 Rotary year and \$5.00 per member for the 2027-2028 Rotary year.