

# New Membership Dues Structure and Membership Drive!

## New dues structure for 2015:

The membership committee was tasked by the Executive Committee and Board of Trustees to look at our current dues structure, and make recommendations back to the board. Between the two boards and the Membership Committee it was agreed that the following changes will take place in the dues structure.

Effective, beginning in the 2015 dues year, all memberships will be single memberships at a cost of \$45. Because spouses of members were given the option to join in 1995 when women were made eligible for membership, many did join and some did not. It was felt that in fairness to all dues-paying members, members' spouses now need to join as members if they plan to frequent the club.

We have always had a "3 visit" policy for guests of members, and the visitors were then expected to join. There has been some abuse to that "honor system", and the trustees have decided to enforce the "3 visit" rule. All guests and their sponsors will still be required to sign in to the guest book (printed names only), and the trustees will be monitoring the number of visits for these guests. As members, you are responsible for informing your guests of the "3 visit" policy. If the guests visit more than 3 times, the sponsors will be approached, and given an application for the guests to fill out, and submit with their remittances for membership. ***This policy also now includes spouses of members.***

The final recommendation was to leave our dues at the current levels of \$45 per member. The initiation fee, however, has now been increased to \$50, either for an individual application, or as a couple, joining at the same time.

We are currently running a membership drive, which will waive the \$50 initiation fee for anyone whose application is either received in the club by December 31, 2014, or received through the mail, and post-marked by December 31, 2014.

We ask that you have your prospective members use the application form with the date 09/2014 Revision marked on the bottom right-hand corner of the application. Only remit the \$45 per person fee, and omit the initiation fee. If they are received after the deadline, prospective members will receive a letter requesting they send the additional initiation fee on another check, prior to being admitted to membership.

If renewing by mail, a self-addressed, stamped envelope must be included for your new 2015 sticker to mailed out to you. If the SASE is not included, your 2015 sticker will be held in an envelope for you to pick up at the bar, the next time you visit the club. All renewals, including renewals made at the club, must be paid, along with a renewal form. ***No dues will be accepted without a form.***