

The Rotary Club of Charlotte

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MEMBERSHIP

JOINING INFORMATION

Thank you for your interest in the Rotary Club of Charlotte. Rotary is an international organization of business and professional persons united to provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations and help build goodwill and peace in the world. The organization is comprised of over 34,000 clubs in 200 countries and geographical areas, with a total membership of over 1.2 million.

Membership in the Rotary Club of Charlotte stands between 310 and 330 members, representing the top or senior level managers of large to small businesses in the Charlotte area. Meetings are held at the Charlotte Plaza Uptown Hotel, 201 S. McDowell Street, every Tuesday from 12:30 to 1:30. If the downtown club is not for you, please check our website at <http://www.charlotterotary.org> for a listing of eighteen other clubs that meet in the Charlotte area.

Membership into Rotary is by invitation only and applicants must have a Rotarian in the club to serve as their sponsor. Our club's membership chair, Dr. Tony Zeiss (tony.zeiss@cpcc.edu). He or a member of his committee would be happy to meet you at a Tuesday luncheon.



FINANCIAL

There is a one-time charge of \$250 assessed to all new members. Billing for dues and meals are handled on a quarterly basis, with the current rate structure set at \$105 for dues and \$286 for meals, or \$1,564 annually.



ATTENDANCE

Attending weekly club luncheons allows members the chance to enjoy fellowship, enrich their professional and personal knowledge and meet other business leaders in the community. Rotary International states a member must attend or make up at least 50% of club meetings in each half-year and make ups are so easy! You receive make up credit for attending committee meetings, club projects, District events, another Rotary club's meeting or through the online E-Club makeups. So, attendance should never be a problem.



PARTICIPATION

Rotary offers each member unique opportunities and responsibilities. Members of Charlotte Rotary are expected to actively and financially support club projects, support The Rotary Foundation, adhere to membership guidelines set forth by Rotary International, and help keep the organization viable by identifying and inviting prospective members to join the club.



MORE INFORMATION

Please refer to the club's website to review our weekly newsletters, as well as a summary of projects.

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BENEFITS

- 1 **Professional Networking:** A founding principle of Rotary was to provide a forum for professional and business leaders. Members are leaders in business, industry, the professions, the arts, government, sports, the military and religion. They make decisions and influence policy. Rotary is the oldest, most prestigious service-club organization in the world.
- 2 **The Opportunity to Serve:** Rotarians provide service at both the community and international levels. Service programs address health care needs, hunger and poverty, illiteracy, and disaster relief, to name a few. For example, Charlotte Rotary has a very successful golf tournament in the Fall that has raised over \$500,000 to provide 47 multi-year scholarships to children of our first responders. Members experience the fulfillment that comes from giving back to the community.
- 3 **Personal Growth and Development:** Membership in Rotary ensures continuing personal and professional development. Leadership, public speaking and communication, organization and planning, team-building, fundraising, and teaching are just a sampling of the skills that can be exercised and enhanced through Rotary.
- 4 **Friendship:** Fellowship was a primary reason Rotary was started in 1905, and it remains a major attraction. Today, with more than 30,000 Rotary clubs in over 160 countries, Rotarians have friends wherever they go. Rotary helps to build community as well as enduring friendships.
- 5 **Cultural Diversity:** Rotary International is an association of local clubs in many countries. Clubs are open to members of every ethnic group, political persuasion, language, and religious belief. Rotary clubs contain a cross-section of the world's leaders. They practice and promote tolerance.
- 6 **Good Citizenship:** Membership in Rotary makes one a better citizen. Weekly Rotary club programs keep members informed about what is taking place in the community, nation, and world. Rotary's expansive network of clubs and programs provides extensive opportunities for service and interchange.
- 7 **World Understanding:** Rotary members gain an understanding of humanitarian issues and have a significant impact on them through international service projects and exchange programs of RI and its Foundation. The promotion of peace is one of Rotary's highest objectives.
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- 9 **Family Foundations:** Rotary sponsors some of the world's largest youth exchange and educational exchange and scholarship programs. Rotary clubs provide innovative training opportunities and mentoring for future leaders. They involve family members in a wide range of social and service activities.
- 10 **Ethical Environment:** Rotarians practice a Four-Way Test that measures words and actions by their truthfulness, fairness, goodwill, and benefit to all. Encouraging high ethical standards in one's profession and respect for all worthy vocations has been a hallmark of Rotary from its earliest days.