

***Rotary Club
of
Marietta Metro***



**Prospective New Member
Information
2024-2025**

Welcome to Rotary

Remember, no organization is greater than
its individual members.

Participate for friendship

Participate for service

Participate for fellowship

Participate for knowledge

Participate for international understanding

You are Rotary!





Rotary – A Brief History

Rotary was founded in Chicago, IL on February 23, 1905 by Paul P. Harris, a lawyer. On that evening, he met with three friends – Sylvester Schiele, a coal merchant, Gustavus E. Loehr, a mining engineer, and Hiram E. Shorey, a merchant tailor. The three had met many times before, but on this particular evening, their specific goal was to form a club for business and professional men, which would provide for regular socializing and for promoting their businesses. No two members, they decided, should have the same occupation. That basis for membership still exists.

The four soon were joined by Harry Ruggles, a printer, who sometimes is considered the fifth founding member of “Rotary One” – the Rotary Club of Chicago. Harry is credited with having introduced singing at Rotary meetings, a tradition that continues in many Rotary clubs around the world today.

By the time of their second official meeting, the new club also had recruited William Jensen, a realtor, and Albert White, a manufacturer of pianos and organs. It was at this second meeting that the members decided the name of their group should be “Rotary,” since the meeting places were rotated among the offices of the members.

By 1907, the goal of the club had evolved to include civic service (soon to be called “community service”) and membership the following year skyrocketed to 200.

With the addition of clubs in Canada, England and Ireland, Rotary became international in 1911, which also was the year of our organization’s first international convention.

Today there are about 35,000 Rotary clubs in 220 countries, islands and territories around the world, with 1.2 million members.

Ending polio

For more than 35 years, Rotary has been the driving force in the effort to end polio worldwide. Alongside our partners in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, we have achieved a 99.9 percent reduction in polio cases, with less than 200 cases of wild polio reported in 2019 compared with 350,000 a year in the late 1980s. Our members have contributed \$2.1 billion and countless volunteer hours to protect more than 3 billion children in 122 countries from this paralyzing disease. Today, just two countries continue to report cases of wild poliovirus, Afghanistan and Pakistan. Rotary remains committed to ending polio, and will raise \$50 million per year, with every dollar to be matched with two additional dollars through a matching agreement with the [Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation](#).



The Organization of Rotary

Rotary International ("R.I.") is governed by a President and a Board of Directors. A new R.I. President is selected each year in September by a nominating committee appointed by the Board of Directors. The Board employs a General Secretary to oversee the day-to-day operations of Rotary International headquarters in Evanston, IL, and service centers in Zurich, Buenos Aires, Sao Paulo, Parramatta (Australia), Tokyo and Seoul.

The Rotary world is divided into 34 Zones. The 17 Directors of Rotary International are elected from the 34 Zones. Each Director represents two Zones and serves a two-year term. The Rotary Club of Marietta Metro is in Zone 34 which stretches from Virginia through the Carolinas, Georgia and Florida and includes the Caribbean Islands. Zones are further subdivided into Districts.

There are three Districts in Georgia and the Rotary Club of Marietta Metro is part of District 6900, one of the largest in the Rotary world. District 6900 is composed of 69 clubs with a total membership of around 4,500 Rotarians. Every Rotary District is headed by a District Governor, elected for a one-year term from among Past Presidents of clubs in the District. The succession plan provides for the naming of the future District Governor several years in advance.

Where we are*

A light gray world map is visible in the background of the table, showing the geographical distribution of Rotary members.

387,663	Asia
337,842	USA, Canada, and the Caribbean
295,099	Europe, Africa, and the Middle East
90,422	Central and South America
43,219	Great Britain and Ireland
34,634	Australia, New Zealand and Pacific Islands



Rotary Clubs

Each Rotary club is similar, yet clearly distinctive because of the emphasis on the local community.

Membership is based on the classification system. Classifying members by their professions produces an inclusive membership to recognize a cross-section of occupations within the club's geographical boundaries. No more than 10% of a club's active membership may come from a single classification.

The classification principle provides fellowship as the basis for service, facilitated by the diversity of talents and interests of the members. It also prevents the predominance in a club of any one group.

Each Rotary club is intended to be a cohesive group, knit together in bonds of personal friendship and service. Thus, regular attendance at weekly meetings is an important condition of membership. Unexcused absence from four consecutive meetings can lead to termination of membership. **A member who remains present for least 60% of any club meeting is considered to be present at the meeting. Likewise, members are required to attend a minimum of 50% of meetings in any given Rotary year. Members must attend at least 30% of the meetings of their own club.**

Meetings of the home club that are missed may be made up in a variety of ways, including: attending the meeting of another Rotary club; completing an on-line Rotary e-Club meeting; attending a Board of Directors meeting, an Interact meeting, or any other Rotary-related meeting sponsored by the club, district, zone, or Rotary International; or participating in a club-sponsored service project.

Our club encourages 100% attendance by all members, but we realize in today's world this may not be possible and we encourage that any missed meeting be made up. Notice of your makeup can be given to the Club Secretary by e-mail.



The Object of Rotary

The object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

1. The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;
2. High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying by each Rotarian of his occupation as an opportunity to serve society;
3. The application of the ideal of service by every Rotarian to his personal, business and community life;
4. The advancement of international understanding, good will, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional men and women united in the ideal of service.





The Four-Way Test

Of the things we think, say and do:

First ...

Is it The TRUTH?

Second ...

Is it FAIR TO ALL CONCERNED?

Third ...

**Will it BUILD GOODWILL AND BETTER
FRIENDSHIPS?**

Fourth ...

Will it be BENEFICIAL TO ALL CONCERNED?



The Rotary Motto

“Service Above Self”

The first motto of Rotary International, “*He Profits Most Who Serves Best*,” was approved at the second Rotary Convention, held in Portland, Oregon, in August 1911. The phrase was first stated by a Chicago Rotarian, Art Sheldon, who made a speech in 1910, which included the remark, “He profits most who serves his fellows best.”

At about the same time, Ben Collins, president of the Rotary Club of Minneapolis, Minnesota, commented that the proper way to organize a Rotary club was through the principle his club had adopted — “Service, Not Self.” These two slogans, slightly modified, were formally approved to be the official mottoes of Rotary at the 1950 Convention in Detroit — “He Profits Most Who Serves Best” and “Service Above Self.”

The 1989 Council on Legislation established “**Service Above Self**” as the principal motto of Rotary, since it best explains the philosophy of unselfish service in all the things we think, say or do.



SERVICE Above Self



How do you become a member of our Rotary club?

1. A member of this Rotary club sponsors your application.
2. Our Classifications Committee/Secretary verifies your occupation and agrees that (a) you are an outstanding leader in your occupation, and (b) the classification being loaned to you is not excessively represented in our club.
3. Our Membership Committee verifies your personal reputation, both in business and in the community.
4. Our Board of Directors approves your application for Rotary membership.
5. Our entire membership also approves you as a new Rotarian.





Organizational Structure Rotary Club of Marietta Metro

Club officers are elected in December of each year with their terms beginning July 1 of the following year. The slate of officers is proposed by a nominating committee, composed of the Past Presidents Council, with additional nominations accepted from the floor.

The proposed slate of officers consists of a President, President-Elect, Secretary and Treasurer. Including the Immediate Past President, these five positions comprise the Officers responsible for the conduct of the general business of our club.

The incoming President nominates Directors / Chairs who are elected to oversee the activities of a wide variety of committees to accomplish our goals in Rotary. These positions are similar to Directors in other clubs, and as the titles indicate, have an emphasis on service. The areas of service include:

- Club Service
 - Membership
 - Club Administration
 - Public Image
- Community Service
- Vocational Service
- Youth Service
- International Service / Rotary Foundation

Directors, along with the elected officers and the immediate Past President, comprise the club's Board of Directors. The Youth Service Chair and Vocational Service Chair are encouraged but not required to participate in Board meetings. The Board meets regularly once a month to determine policy and direction for the club.

The Directors and Chairs are responsible for selecting committee chairs in their respective avenues of service. Each club member is asked to serve on at least one committee and also is expected to participate in service projects and fundraising activities of other committees. Volunteering for a specific committee (or committees) is highly encouraged.



Rotary Club of Marietta Metro 2024-2025 Leadership

President: Ron Lunk

Immediate Past President: Chris Stokes

President Elect: Lynn Lanier

Treasurer: Chad Pendley

Secretary: Sally Platt

Membership Director: Chris Stokes

Club Administration Director: Kim Cross

Public Relations Director: Sally Platt

Community Service Director: Rene Lanier

Rotary Foundation Director: Buck Buchanan

Vocational Service Chair: Stan Hoover

Youth Service Chair: Jim Bunda



Five Avenues of Service

Our motto, **SERVICE ABOVE SELF**, embodies our humanitarian spirit.

Rotary's commitment to Service Above Self has been channeled through the **Five Avenues of Service** which guide our club's committee structure and activities:

Through **Club Service**, we have fun, build lasting friendships, and make sure that our club runs well.

- Membership / Chris Stokes, Chairman
- Club Administration / Kim Cross, Director
- Public Image / Sally Platt, Chairman

Through **Community Service**, we address local needs and work with our community to bring lasting improvements.

- Community Service / Rene Lanier, Director

Through **Vocational Service**, we offer our professional skills to serve others and promote high ethical standards and integrity in everything we do.

- Vocational Service / Stan Hoover, Director

Through **Youth Service**, we work with young people to help them become the next generation of leaders, visionaries, and peacemakers.

- Youth Service / Jim Bunda, Director

Through **International Service**, we meet humanitarian needs around the globe and promote world understanding and peace.

- International Service & Rotary Foundation / Buck Buchanan, Director

Rotary Club of Marietta Metro Projects

The Marietta Metro Rotary Club has an extensive list of annual projects. The following are a few of our previous projects and accomplishments.

Community Service

- CCYA (Center for Children & Young Adults), our club made repairs on their building and purchased washers for their facility.
- Cobb Diaper Day, we contributed diapers and baby wipes to deserving families.
- Human Trafficking Awareness
- Rise Against Hunger, nutritious dried foods were packaged and shipped to developing countries.
- The Extension, we have been involved with a number of projects at both the Men's & Women's Extension
- For the Foster4Love organization we provided Christmas stockings full of gifts to middle school foster children
- Bring One for the Chipper, which recycles Christmas Trees as part of Keep Cobb Beautiful Program.
- Serving our Seniors, our club provided a luncheon for the Senior Santa
- Elder Abuse, we sponsored seminar to educate seniors about the risks of elder abuse.
- We regularly contribute to Alzheimer's Research (CART)
- Collecting used adaptive equipment for FODAC (Friends of Disabled Adults and Children)
- Providing Welcome baskets to Out of Darkness, an organization serving women rescued from human trafficking

Vocational Service

We work with, support, and recognize groups in our community, such as:

- Veteran's Court in Cobb County, our club is one of the supporters
- Chili Cook-off to benefit Georgia Army National Guard Family Support Foundation, we participated in this fund raiser.
- Honoring Our Heroes (Marietta's Hometown Heroes), annual awards are given to deserving Marietta Fire and Police officers.
- Goody Bags are packed for the Marietta Police as an appreciation of the good work our police officers do in our community.

Youth

Our club is involved with several schools in the area as well and support other youth programs in the area such as:

- Literacy (The Emily Lembeck Early Learning Center), club volunteers read with students
- Dictionary Project, every 3rd Grader in the Marietta School System receives a dictionary of their own.
- Teen Suicide Prevention, was supported by the club
- Mentoring for Leadership (Marietta High), club members work with students
- Laws of Life (Essay writers) Sponsor, the club provided judges
- Support of Communities in Schools, our club participated in the Annual Spelling Bee which is a popular fundraiser.
- Sponsorship of Interact Clubs at Pope, Lassiter, and Marietta High Schools.
- Awarded a \$1,000 college Scholarships for each of our sponsored Interact Clubs
- Chattahoochee Tech Scholarship and Georgia Highlands College scholarships are provided (Carithers Scholarship Fund)

International

Our participation is not limited to Georgia. We are also active in international projects. Some of these are:

- Polio Awareness fund raiser as part of an Atlanta Braves game. Proceeds were donated to the Rotary Foundation for Polio eradication.
- Global Grant Sponsorship of projects in a variety of countries around the world.

Our club also received several awards from our Rotary District 6900, these were.

- BEST CLUB, Category II, 2022-23
- Community Service Award - Runner Up – Polio Awareness
- Rotary Has Heart Award – Winner - Human Trafficking Awareness (Seminar and SOAP)
- Vocational Service Award – Winner - Honoring our Heroes
- Family of Rotary Award
- Public Image Award



Rotary Club of Marietta Metro Typical Committee Structure

(Refer to weekly bulletin for current year)

CLUB SERVICE

Membership

Membership
Fellowship and Socials
Rotary Information
District Conference
Family of Rotary

Club Administration

Sergeant-at-Arms
Programs
Chaplain
Family of Rotary
Bulletins
Communications/Internet

Public Image

Public Relations
Yearbook
Historian
Photography
Website
Online presence
Independence Day Parade

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Community Affairs / Service Projects / Fundraisers

Bring One for the Chipper
Center for Children and Young Adults
Stop Hunger Now
Military Appreciation
Senior Services
Emily Lembeck Early Learning Center
PALS (Police Athletic League) Shamrock Shuffle
Fund-Raisers for Community Affairs / Service Projects
Golf Tournament
Sporting Clays Tournament
CART (Alzheimer's Research)

VOCATIONAL SERVICE

Vocational Service

Vocational Excellence
Vocational Excellence Award
Hometown Heroes
Vocation at Work
Business Networking
Literacy - Dictionary Projects

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

Foundation Service

Global Grant Scholars
World Community Service Projects
Rotary Foundation
Polio Plus

YOUTH SERVICE

Youth Service

Carithers Free Enterprise Scholarship (Chattahoochee Tech & GA Highlands College
Lassiter Interact Club & RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Academy sponsor)
Pope Interact Club & RYLA
Marietta Interact Club & RYLA
Kennesaw State Univ. Rotaract



The Rotary Foundation

In 1917 at the Rotary International Convention in Atlanta, R.I. President Arch Klumph introduced a number of amendments to the Rotary constitution. Among them was a “new section establishing an endowment fund, the principal of which is to be kept intact and the interest used to further the objects of this Association ...” He explained, “It seems eminently proper that we should accept endowments ***for the purpose of doing good in the world.***”²

Contributions to the endowment began with a donation of \$26.50 from Rotarians in Kansas City. Other clubs followed suit; however, the notion was swallowed up in the midst of the First World War. Due to Klumph’s persistence, it emerged again in 1928 and was renamed The Rotary Foundation. Once again, though, it was largely forgotten when the stock market crashed the following year.

Ironically, it was the death of Paul Harris in 1947 that provided the needed spark. Rotarians around the world honored their organization’s founder with gifts to the Foundation in his memory. The funds initially were used to provide scholarships to graduate students for one year of study in a country other than their own. Those first scholars were called “Paul Harris Fellows.”

A few years later, the name “Paul Harris Fellow” was given to individuals in recognition of donations to the Foundation of \$1,000. Those who give at least \$100 per year toward becoming a Paul Harris Fellow are recognized as Paul Harris Sustaining Members.

The Rotary Foundation has remained strong and financially sound through the years, thanks once again to the vision and persistence of Arch Klumph. As he envisioned, the principal is kept intact and the interest is used to fund administrative costs. As a result, 100% of the monies contributed to the Foundation are used for projects and programs around the world. And the Foundation’s motto remains ***Doing Good in the World.***



The Rotary Foundation (continued)

Each year the Rotary Foundation funds:

- Nearly \$100 million in grants of various descriptions, including scholarships for graduate students to study abroad. Global grants support large international projects with measurable, sustainable outcomes in Rotary's areas of focus.
- District grants are awarded to clubs and districts for smaller, local projects.
- Vocational training teams are volunteers who are willing to offer their business and professional expertise in a country other than their own
- Peace programs that explore conflict resolution and new ways to encourage international understanding.
- PolioPlus, a worldwide polio eradication effort in partnership with the World Health Organization, UNICEF, and the Centers for Disease Prevention and Control (CDC)

The Rotary Club of Marietta Metro has a long tradition of individual members' support for the Rotary Foundation. While voluntary, each member is strongly encouraged to support the Rotary Foundation, as well as other charitable endeavors, through the Club's annual pledge sheet found later in this package.

A few members choose to provide direct support to the Rotary Foundation. Most members write a single annual check payable to the Rotary Club of Marietta Metro Foundation (RCMMF), an IRS-approved 501c3 charitable entity. Our Club Treasurer allocates your check amount among the options you choose on your pledge sheet (NOTE: your donation amount/allocations remain in effect each year unless modified). Each receiving charity is sent a list of every giver and his/her donation amount.

Rotary Club of Marietta Metro Carithers Free Enterprise College Scholarship

Since 2017, the Rotary Club of Marietta Metro has provided a local Cobb County student with a \$4,000 two-year scholarship to Chattahoochee Technical College. This scholarship is funded through the Carithers Endowment Fund, our club Foundation's funding, and our members' contributions.

More recently we also began providing similar scholarships to students at Georgia Highlands College.



Chattahoochee
TECHNICAL COLLEGE





Rotary Publications

Rotary International publishes *Rotary* magazine, which is sent to all Rotarians once a month. As well as news from around the Rotary world, the magazine contains interesting articles by outstanding writers on a variety of timely topics.

The Rotary Club of Marietta Metro publishes the "Metroliner," a weekly club bulletin that includes news of our members and club activities. The "E-Metroliner," an electronic version of the bulletin, is sent each week to all club members with e-mail addresses.

The club also has a member directory, which includes photos and biographical information. The directory is available on the club's website at <http://www.mariettametrorotary.org> and via the DACdb app, available from the Apple or Android store for your phone.

It is the responsibility of each member to keep their personal and contact information current on the RI and club database. Access each database with your own login ID and password at www.rotary.org and DACdb.com.





Rotary Club of Marietta Metro

Minimum expectations of every Rotarian every year:

- **Attend meetings regularly**

Attendance is encouraged and honored in our club,

- **Make up missed meetings**

Find out from your sponsor what meetings and activities will qualify as a make-up. Submit make-up information to the Club Secretary.

- **Bring in one new member**

The key to our strength is our members. Share the gift of Rotary!

- **Contribute to The Rotary Foundation**

It takes only \$100 per year to become a Foundation Sustaining Member, and all members are strongly encouraged to do so. Help provide for Rotary's future.

- **Participate on at least one committee**

Your time and talents are important to the success of our projects.

- **Help with fundraisers**

Together we CAN make a difference – in our club, in our community, and in the world! All funds raised via our Rotary Club's fundraisers are deposited into the bank account of the Marietta Metro Rotary Foundation (a separate 501c3). Our Foundation's funds are disbursed – following a proposed budget and/or recommendation of the current RCMM Board -- via subsequent approval by the Marietta Metro Rotary Foundation Board.



Rotary Club of Marietta Metro Financial Obligations

Induction Fee

\$100

One-time assessment that includes prorated dues to R.I. and District 6900, and member name badge

Dues - Quarterly Assessment

\$300/qtr.

Includes the following:

- Weekly club meals
- Club dues
- District 6900 dues
- R.I. dues
- Social functions
- The Rotarian* magazine

Charitable Contributions – typically paid annually, and due prior to December 31 with your separate check made payable to Marietta Metro Rotary Foundation

See the following Pledge Sheet & discuss with your sponsor

- Suggested minimum contribution to The Rotary Foundation **\$100/year**
- Other opportunities for charitable donations per Pledge Sheet **\$ (Your Choice)**

Rotary Club of Marietta Metro Foundation Pledge Sheet 2024-2025

This is your Pledge sheet for this year. Your participation in the Rotary Foundation is needed to help our Club attain its annual goal to be an EREY Club (Every Rotarian Every Year).

Member Name: _____

Please Note: *Pledges will be invoiced in August and are due in full by September 30th. Please pay the total amount by separate check payable to Rotary Club of Marietta Metro Foundation (RCMMF). The Foundation's giving directed to Rotary International is batched and forwarded to RI in early 2021. Credit is applied to your RI account after your pledge has been timely fulfilled.*

Rotary Foundation Annual Giving Annual Amount \$ _____

Contributions to RI's Foundation accrue toward becoming a Paul Harris Fellow (\$1,000 cumulative). Generally, these funds are returned to the Club through the matching grant system to fund World Community Service humanitarian projects. *Note: All members are strongly encouraged to become Sustaining Members by pledging at least \$100 annually.*

PolioPlus Fund Annual Amount \$ _____

Since Rotary began our efforts to eradicate Polio in 1979, the number of cases world-wide has dropped 99.9%. Through Rotary International's work with the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, contributions designated for the PolioPlus Fund are **matched \$2 for every new \$1 through 2025.**

RCMM Carithers Free Enterprise Scholarship Annual Amount \$ _____

Marietta Metro Rotary's scholarship endowment fund set up in memory of former members Larry and Jane Carithers. This is an annual scholarship for a deserving Cobb student to attend **Georgia Highlands College, providing tuition for twelve months.**

Reading Program for Emily Lembeck Center Annual Amount \$ _____

RCMM this year is partnering with Ferst Readers and the Emily Lembeck Center in Marietta to provide a book per month per child. Your \$40 contribution would **sponsor a child for the year.** RCMM will be including more funding for this program through the foundation funds.

TOTAL Annual Amount \$ _____

Members new to Rotary often ask about suggested giving levels for Members. The RCMMF Board suggests:

<i>Rotary Foundation Annual Giving</i>	<i>Annual Amount \$100</i>
<i>PolioPlus Fund</i>	<i>Annual Amount \$30</i>
<i>Carithers Scholarship Fund (new: Chattahoochee Tech)</i>	<i>Annual Amount \$30</i>
<i>Emily Lembeck Reading Program</i>	<i>Annual Amount \$40</i>

To establish or update your current pledge amounts, please return to **Treasurer Chad Pendley or e-mail to chad@maveswarddobbins.com**. Or by mail: Rotary Club of Marietta Metro Foundation, P. O. Box 293, Marietta, GA, 30061. If you have questions please call Chad at 678-409-1195 (mobile) or Buck at 404-218-9256. Note: All Pledges are voluntary.



Opportunities and Responsibilities

Developing friendships with leaders

- in your community
- in neighboring cities
- all over the USA
- in all parts of the world

Helping build higher ethical standards
within your vocation

Furthering international good will, understanding, and peace

Being a Rotarian is ...

Service Above Self

Abiding by the 4-Way Test

Having Fun!

We're glad you're here!