

WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A GOOD ROTARIAN

Ethical Conduct – Observance of the Four-Way Test in everything we think, say and do, both at work and in our personal lives.

Attendance – Regular attendance at meetings and other club activities - not because we have to but because we want to.

Participation – Active participation in all areas of service - club service, vocational service, community service and international service - “Service Above Self.”

Financial Support – Generous financial support of The Rotary Foundation and other club fund raising activities.

Leadership – Willingness to assume a leadership role as a Committee Chair, Board Member, Club Officer, District Leader and help guide and train other interested Rotarians.

Fellowship – Reach out in friendship and fellowship to all members of your club and their families - at meetings, social functions, project work groups - and to Rotarians everywhere.

Growth – Recognizing that a healthy club is a growing club - actively seek to identify and attract new members to your club and to the Rotary movement.

Outreach – Help to spread the ideals and accomplishments of Rotary by personal example, word of mouth and active support of Rotary publicity campaigns.

Vision – Use your vision and your knowledge to help identify areas of need and ways to help both within your own community and elsewhere.

Tolerance – Rotary reaches out to all nations, races, cultures, religions and economic classes - so too should you.

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Past Accomplishments of the Rotary Club of Asheville:

- Flood relief after the historical 1916 floods
- * Creation of a City Planning Commission
- Bond election for the high school
- Creation of Thoms Rehabilitation Center
- Construction of a the Asheville Colored Hospital in 1942
- Establishment of a Boy Scout Council and camp
- * Establishment of the Asheville Buncombe County Youth Council
- “Safe and Sane” Halloween celebration
- “Adopt-a-Class” high school program
- * Merit-Based and Need-Based scholarship programs
- Establishment and maintenance of Tennent Gardens at UNCA
- The Rotary Pavilion at French Broad River Greenway
- Eight past District Governors

Rotary Club of Asheville’s Recent and On-Going Activities include:

- Youth Exchange Program
- “Oktoberfest” Event
- Veterans’ Thanksgiving Breakfast
- Youth Leadership Awards
- Kenya Water Project
- Community Grants
- * Hurricane Katrina Relief Support
- * Literacy Dictionary Project
- * Honor Air Flights
- * D-Day Veterans Celebration
- * Rotarians Against Hunger

- * Thanksgiving Breakfast at Veterans’ Restoration Quarters
- * Literacy Programs
- * Bridges to Prosperity- Nicaragua
- Tennant Garden Improvements
- Interact Club at Asheville High
- Red Cross Blood Donations
- Salvation Army Bell Ringing
- Friendship Exchange - France
- Rotaract Club at UNCA
- Ambulance to Guatemala
- Scholarship Awards
- Basketball/Baseball Socials
- Community Awards
- Habitat for Humanity House
- * Water Project in Honduras
- * Medical/Dental Brigade in Honduras
- * International Study, Vocational, and Friendship Exchange Programs
- * Centennial Park for the Nature Center
- * Support of many local and international service programs



Leadership Development

Rotary is an organization of successful professionals. Team building, fundraising, public speaking, planning, organization and communication are just a sampling of the leadership skills club members can exercise and enhance. Being a Rotary leader provides further experience learning how to motivate, inspire, and guide others.

Becoming a Rotarian

An association of over 32,000 autonomous clubs in over 200 countries and geographical areas, Rotary International is the world’s largest service organization. The goal for a club’s membership is to achieve an up-to-date and progressive representation of community business, vocational, and professional interests. An important distinction between Rotary and other organizations is the fact that membership in Rotary is by invitation. Rotary clubs invite individuals to join and become members.

Rotary club membership carries with it definite responsibilities

- Members are expected to attend (or make up) weekly meetings of the club. Opportunities for make up include attending the meeting of another Rotary club, participating in a club service/fellowship activity authorized by the Board of Directors, attending a Board meeting or making up on the Internet.
- Members are required to pay annual dues to their clubs, their districts and to Rotary International.
- Members are encouraged to actively participate in club project and fellowship activities, consistent with their interests and available time.
- Members are encouraged to seek

leadership roles – on project committees, as club officers and Directors and as District leaders.

Enjoy Rotary. Join Leaders, Exchange Ideas and Take ACTION for Community.

I am interested in joining the Rotary membership ranks. Please contact me with additional information:

Name: _____

Contact Information: _____

Phone Contact: _____

Email contact: _____

Best time to reach me:
A.M. _____ PM _____

Return to:
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About Rotary

Rotary is a worldwide organization of business and professional leaders that provides humanitarian service, encourages high ethical standards in all vocations and helps build goodwill and peace in the world. Approximately two million Rotarians belong to more than 32,000 clubs in more than 200 countries and geographical areas.

Rotary club membership represents a cross-section of the community's business and professional men and women. The world's Rotary clubs meet weekly and are nonpolitical, nonreligious, and open to all cultures, races, and creeds.

The main objective of Rotary is service - in the community, in the workplace and throughout the world. Rotarians develop community service projects that address many of today's most critical issues, such as children at risk, poverty and hunger, the environment, illiteracy and violence. They also support programs for youth; educational opportunities and international exchanges for students, teachers and other professionals; vocational and career development. The Rotary motto is: *Service Above Self*.

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:

FIRST. The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;

SECOND. High ethical standards in business and professions, the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;

THIRD. The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business and community life;

FOURTH. The advancement of international understanding, goodwill and peace through a world of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

Ethical Environment

Encouraging high ethical standards in vocations has been a hallmark of Rotary from its earliest days. In their business and professional lives, Rotarians abide by The Four-Way Test:

Of the things we think, say or do:

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

Rotary Foundation

The Rotary Foundation is a not-for-profit corporation that supports the efforts of Rotary International to achieve world understanding and peace through international humanitarian, educational and cultural exchange programs. It is supported solely by voluntary contributions from Rotarians and friends of the Foundation who share its vision of a better world. Since 1947, the Foundation has awarded more than US \$1.1 billion in humanitarian and educational grants, which are initiated and administered by local Rotary clubs and Districts.

Rotary History

Rotary is the oldest, largest and most influential service club in the world. It provides opportunities for members to provide service to their club, community, region, nation and the world. Founded by four men in Chicago in 1905, Rotary quickly spread to San Francisco, Oakland, Seattle and Los Angeles. The Rotary Club of Chicago grew to 200 members—devoted to service—within three years. The Los Angeles Club formed in 1909 grew to 300 within three years. New York and Boston had Rotary Clubs also in 1909. Clubs quickly followed in Minneapolis, St. Paul and St. Louis. In 1910, five years to the day after the Chicago club was founded, the 12th Rotary Club as formed in New Orleans.

The first convention of Rotary clubs (there were 16 then) convened in Chicago on August 16, 1910. They adopted a standard constitution and by-laws to be used by all clubs. By 1912 clubs had been formed in Canada and Scotland and the National Association of Rotary Clubs became Rotary International at the 1912 convention in Duluth.



Why Join Your Local Rotary

Professional Networking

A founding principle of Rotary was to meet periodically to enjoy camaraderie and enlarge one's circle of business and professional acquaintances.

As the oldest service club in the world, Rotary club members represent a cross-section of the community's owners, executives, managers, political leaders and professionals- people who make decisions and influence policy.

Service Opportunities

Club members have many opportunities for humanitarian service, both locally and internationally. Service programs address such concerns as health care, hunger, poverty, illiteracy and the environment. Rotarians experience the fulfillment that comes from giving back to the community.

International Awareness

With more than 34,000 Rotary clubs in over 200 countries and geographical areas, Rotarians gain an understanding of humanitarian issues through international service projects and exchange programs. One of Rotary's highest objectives is to build goodwill and peace throughout the world.

Friendship

Rotary was founded on fellowship, an ideal that remains a major attraction of membership today. Club members enjoy the camaraderie with like-minded professionals, and club projects offer additional opportunities to develop enduring friendships.

Rotary club members who travel have friendly contacts in almost every city in the world.

Good Citizenship

Weekly Rotary club programs keep members informed about what is taking place in the community, nation and world and motivated to make a difference.

Family Foundations

Rotary sponsors some of the world's largest youth exchange, educational exchange, and scholarship programs. Rotary clubs provide innovative training opportunities and mentoring for young leaders and involve family members in a wide range of social and service activities.

Entertainment

Social activities give Rotarians a chance to let loose and have fun. Every Rotary club and district hosts parties and activities that offer diversions from today's demanding professional and personal schedules. Conferences, conventions, assemblies and social events provide entertainment as well as Rotary information, education, and service.

Diversity in Membership

Rotary's classification system ensures that a club's membership represents a variety of the community's professional men and women, including leaders in business, industry, the arts, government, sports, the military and religion. Rotary clubs are nonpolitical, nonreligious and open to all cultures, races and creeds.

History of the Rotary Club of Asheville

On April 1, 1915, the Rotary Club of Asheville was officially affiliated with Rotary International, thus becoming the third Rotary Club in North Carolina (after Raleigh and Wilmington) and the 152nd Rotary Club in the world. In July 1916, when the Rotary Club was little more than a year old, a devastating summer flood struck Asheville and Biltmore Village, leaving many residents destitute and homeless. This prompted the Asheville Rotary Club to initiate its first project - a campaign for the relief of flood victims. Rotarians soon became the sponsors of other community improvements such as a city planning commission, a regional industrial commission, a street widening project, public restrooms on Pack Square and a bond election for the construction of a new high school.

In 1926, the Rotary Club started its work with crippled children by helping to organize clinics for them. This effort led the club to join forces with the Junior League to establish and build the Asheville Orthopedic Hospital (now known as Thoms Rehabilitation Hospital).

The Rotary Club of Asheville was also a prime mover in construction of the Asheville Colored Hospital here in 1942. Young people of our community have always been a major concern of the Asheville Rotary Club. In 1917, Asheville Rotarians employed the first local Scout Executive, established a Boy Scout camp and built a lake for its use. Our interest in scouting continues as members of our club have recently participated in the construction of a new cabin and amphitheater seating at Camp Daniel Boone.

Rotary helped organize Junior Achievement and was instrumental in the formation of the Asheville-Buncombe County Youth Council.

The Rotary Club of Asheville initiated the Safe and Sane Halloween celebration held in the Civic Center for many years. This met with enthusiastic response from local businesses and professions as well as from the children and their parents. Through the years, we have maintained an interest in high school youth through the Youth Council and Interact programs.

In 1981, long time Rotarian Harry R. Morrill celebrated his 90th birthday by establishing The Rotary Club of Asheville Endowment Fund to provide financial support for merit-based college scholarships and worthwhile community projects in the Asheville Area. Beginning in 2005, a separate fund, supported by income from a weekly raffle, was created to provide need based scholarships.

The Rotary Club of Asheville has actively participated in a long and continuing series of international projects through Group Study Exchange teams and cooperative programs to support needs in many countries. The Asheville Rotarian who has contributed the most to Rotary International was Charles G. (Buzz) Tennent. He was District Governor in 1943-44, a Director of Rotary International, served in many places of responsibility in Rotary International and was elected President of Rotary International for 1957-58. He was able to express his great love for Rotary in ways which motivated his fellow Rotarians to want to be like him. His collection of original aphorisms titled *Little Lessons in Rotary* is still read, admired, and quoted wherever Rotarians gather. This club has been actively involved in the creation and maintenance of the Buzz Tennent Memorial Garden at UNCA in his memory.