

P. O. Box 465 Sylva, NC 28779

Meeting: Every Thursday - Noon at Jackson Department on Aging

Motto: "SERVICE ABOVE SELF"

What is Rotary?

Rotary is an organization of business and professional persons united worldwide who provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and help build goodwill and peace in the world.

Five Avenues of Service include:

Club Service: Activities Rotarians perform to make their club function successfully.

Vocational Service: Opportunity for each Rotarian to represent the dignity and utility of one's vocation to the other members of the club as well as the responsibility of the club to undertake projects related to such areas as career planning, vocational training, and promotion of high ethical standards in the workplace.

Community Service: Activities that Rotarians undertake to improve the quality of life in the community by assisting youth, the aged, the disabled and others who look to Rotary as a source of hope for a better life.

International Service: Describes the many programs and activities that Rotarians undertake to advance international understanding, goodwill and peace. International service projects are designed to meet humanitarian needs of people in many lands.

Youth Services: Recognizes the positive change implemented by youth and young adults through leadership development activities, involvement in the community and international service projects and exchange programs that enrich and foster world peace and cultural understanding.

Membership: An individual must be invited to join Rotary. A member must be able to attend weekly meetings, represent their vocation with the highest ethical standards and be willing to share their time, talents and treasure. Rotarians are committed to volunteer their time to projects in their communities and around the world. Quarterly dues include meals at meetings and support of the work of the Rotary Foundation. Each Rotarian receives the *Rotarian* magazine each month.

Foundation: The Rotary Foundation is our charity. An annual minimum of \$100 donation to the Rotary Foundation is expected from each Rotarian in the Club. By donating a little less than merely \$2 a week, Rotarians can immediately improve the lives of others. Money given to the Foundation "Annual Fund" comes back to our District and allotments of these funds are used directly by our Club through District Grants for world or community projects.

Listed below are just some of the ways the Rotary Club of Sylva makes a difference through fundraising efforts and how we support our community here and abroad.

Local Projects Over the Years: New Century Scholars, Southwestern Community College Foundation, Interact Club Sponsorship, Daniel Boone Council Boy Scouts, Community Table, Good Samaritan Clinic, Veteran's Restoration, Neighbors In Need, Rotary Island Clean-up, Operation Christmas Boxes, Individual Student Scholarships, Poteet Park, Honor Air Flights, Ramps for Elderly, Rotarians Against Hunger, HUB, Thanksgiving Meals, CART (Coins Alzheimer Research Trust), RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Academy), Student of the Month Recognition, Barium Springs, and more.

International Projects: Rotarians Against Hunger, Wheelchair Foundation, Bridges to Prosperity, Panama Project, Participating in Rotary International's goal of eradicating polio and other childhood diseases and Support the Work of the Rotary International Foundation.

THE FOUR WAY TEST: The Four-Way Test is a nonpartisan and nonsectarian ethical guide for Rotarians to use for their personal and professional relationships. The following is recited at the end of each Rotary Club of Sylva meeting to remind us of this ethical guide.

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?

To find out more about Rotary visit our club website: www.sylvarotaryclub.org Contact Current President: Eddie Wells eddiewells@jacksonnc.org or 631-8036