

# 2017-2018 Reference Manual

## Rotary Club of Charlotte-South

Club Number 21570 ♦ Chartered January 30, 1984

District 7680 ♦ Zone 33

[www.charlottesouthrotary.com](http://www.charlottesouthrotary.com)



# ROTARY: MAKING A DIFFERENCE

*Service Above Self*

*The Four-Way Test*

...of the things we think, say and do:

1. Is it the truth?
2. Is it fair to all concerned?
3. Will it build goodwill and better friendship?
4. Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

Weekly luncheons every Monday at 12:30pm  
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# Rotary Club of Charlotte-South's 2017-2018 Goals

*"We are a diverse fellowship of service-oriented professionals actively committed to improving our community and the world."*

## **Earn the Presidential Citation**

- See *Presidential Citation Criteria*.

## **Earn the District Club of Excellence Award**

- See *District Club of Excellence Award Criteria*

## **Support and Strengthen the Club**

- Conduct a Healthy Club Survey
- Update our Club's Strategic Plan
- Increase Club membership to 65 members
  - Increase female membership
  - Increase under 40 membership
  - Increase Club diversity
- Two members attend Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI)
- Engage 75% of Active membership in activities outside of regular club meetings
  - Minimum 6 service opportunities throughout the year
  - Minimum 4 socials plus new member/prospective member events

## **Focus and Increase Humanitarian Service**

- **Support the Rotary Foundation and the Charlotte-South Foundation**
  - **The Rotary Foundation**
    - *Annual Fund* - \$150 per capita of Active membership
    - *Every Rotarian Every Year* - 100% of Active membership
    - *Sustaining* - 65% of Active membership
    - *Paul Harris Fellow* - 50% of Active membership
    - *Paul Harris Society* – Add two new members
    - *Bequest Society* – Add two new members
    - *End Polio Now or Polio Plus* - \$50 per capita of Active membership
    - *Rotary Direct* – 25% of Active membership
  - **The Charlotte-South Foundation**
    - \$100 per capita of Active membership
- Contribute \$25 per capita to Coins for Alzheimer's Research Trust or CART
- Participate in a Peace event
- Promote awareness for End Polio Now
  - Host event for World Polio Day
- Participate in one "new to our Club" hands-on project
- Participate in one environmental service project

## **Enhance Rotary's Public Image and Awareness**

- Use Rotary branding in all communication to members via social media, emails and hard copy
- Obtain media coverage of club projects and events
- Promote members wearing Rotary pins at Rotary events and in the community
- Wear Rotary shirts at events in the community

## **Rotary Club of Charlotte-South Officers**

President	Hadley Perry Pacheco
President-Elect	Pam Jepsen
Vice President	Paul Bill
Secretary	Lynne Shillinglaw
Treasurer	David Kostmayer
Sergeant-at-Arms	Jan Richards
Immediate Past President	Josh Hall

## **Directors**

Club Administration	Rich Bett
Membership	Bill Ferguson
Public Image	Julie Freeland
Service Projects	Justin Dick
The Rotary Foundation	Marc Friedland



## **Charlotte-South Rotary Charitable Foundation, Inc.**

President	Mike Walker
Secretary	Karen Pike
Treasurer	Dave Ritchie
Directors	IPP Josh Hall
	Joe Canady
	Cindy Clark
	Jerry East
	Curt Oliver
	Steve Onxley
	Mary Staton



## **Rotary District 7680**

Governor	Scott Van Der Linden
Governor-Elect	David Hare
Governor-Nominee	Beth Trotter
Governor-Nominee Designate	tba
Immediate Past Governor	Tom Smith
Secretary	Wally Olson
Treasurer	Phil Volponi
Assistant Governor	Mike Walker

## Operating Budget

### REVENUES

Active Member Dues	58 @ \$344 (\$86/quarter)	\$ 19,952
Meals		
Members	54* @ \$20.27/meal, for 44 luncheons	48,162
Guests and Visiting Rotarians	3.5 @ \$20.00/meal, for 44 luncheons	<u>3,080</u>
<b>Total Projected Income</b>		<b>\$ 71,194</b>

### EXPENSES

Committees		
Club Administration		\$ 6,000
Fellowship		1,000
Membership		1,000
Public Image		1,000
President's Fund		1,000
Dues		
District 7680	58 @ \$45	2,610
Rotary International	58 @ \$60	3,480
RI Council on Legislation**	58 @ \$1.50	
Rotarian Magazine	58 @ \$12	696
Meals	45 @ \$20.27/meal, for 44 luncheons	39,243
Training		
District Conference (Charleston, SC)		2,500
International Convention (Toronto, Canada)		5,000
PETS or President-Elect Training Seminar		1,000
RLI or Rotary Leadership Institute (6 @ \$95)		<u>570</u>
<b>Total Projected Expenses</b>		<b>\$ 65,099</b>

\* 4 – Rule of 85 Members

\*\*RI *Council on Legislation* is every three years, hence only charged every three years (last charged on the July, 2015 Semi-Annual Dues Statement, for the April, 2016 *Council on Legislation*).

## Service Budget

### REVENUES

Charlotte-South Foundation	60 @ \$100 (\$25/quarter)	\$ 6,000	
District Grant (DDF)		1,750*	
Golf Tournament	October 9, 2017	25,000	
Individual Pledges		2,500	
Rotary Foundation	53 @ \$120 (\$30/quarter)	6,360	
	7 @ \$1,000	7,000	
Weekly Raffle	\$15 net/week for 44 luncheons	<u>660</u>	
<b>Total Projected Revenues</b>			<b>\$ 49,270</b>

### OUTLAYS

<i>Dedicated Funds</i>			
Beach Blast		\$ 17,500	
CARTS ( <i>Weekly Raffle</i> )		660	
Charlotte-South Foundation ( <i>Quarterly Statements</i> )		6,000	
End Polio Now ( <i>Individual Pledges</i> )		2,500	
Rotary Foundation* ( <i>Quarterly Statements &amp; Rotary Direct</i> )	13,360		
Scholarships ( <i>Charlotte-South Foundation</i> )			
<i>District/Joint Projects</i>			
District Global Project		500	
RISE of Peace Summit		500	
South Mecklenburg High School Interact Club		500	
SFTL or Seminar for Tomorrow's Leaders		500	
NewGen Peacebuilders		500	
Trees Charlotte (environment)		500	
<i>Other</i>			
Member Project Funding Requests		<u>6,250</u>	
<b>Total Projected Outlays</b>			<b>\$ 49,270</b>

\*A minimum of 25% will be available for our use as a DDF Grant in three years. In 2014-2015, our Club gave \$6,915.  $x 0.25 = \$1,729$  minimum will be granted for the 2017-2018 Rotary year. We have submitted a request in the amount of \$6,000 for our Beach Blast Project.

## Calendar (with monthly emphasis)

### June, 2017

- 17 Governor Scott Van Der Linden's  
Installation at Providence Country Club

### July, 2017-New Rotary Year Begins

- 3 No Meeting-July 4<sup>th</sup> Weekend  
9 Joint Board Meeting  
10 Installation of New Officers & Directors  
and Quarterly Club Assembly  
13-16 Seminar for Tomorrow's Leaders (SFTL)

### August, 2017-Membership & Extension

- 5 Dove's Nest Club Service Opportunity  
8 Board Meeting

### September, 2017-Basic Education & Literacy

- 4 No Meeting-Labor Day  
9 District Membership Summit  
12 Board Meeting  
23 Rise Against Hunger Meal Packing Event  
25 Quarterly Club Assembly  
30 Paul Harris Society, Major Donors, &  
Bequest Society Cruise

### October, 2017-Economic & Community Development

- 7 RLI in Charlotte, NC  
9 Beach Blast Golf Classic- Providence  
Country Club - No Meeting  
17 Board Meeting  
24 World Polio Day

### November, 2017-Rotary Foundation

- 13 District Governor's Visit and Board Meeting  
17 District Foundation Banquet at the  
Ballantyne Resort  
20 No Meeting-Thanksgiving Week

### December, 2017-Disease Prevention & Treatment

- 4 Quarterly Club Assembly and Elections  
12 Board Meeting  
18 Holiday Luncheon  
25 No Meeting-Christmas Day

### January, 2018-Vocational Service

- 1 No Meeting-New Year's Day  
5 Board Meeting and Proposal Review  
15 No Meeting-MLK Day  
tba District Guatemala Service Trip  
tba Global Swimathon to *End Polio Now*  
tba Mid-Year District Assembly followed by  
Pre-PETS at UNCC downtown

### February, 2018-Peace & Conflict Prevention/Resolution

- 6 Board Meeting  
19 No Meeting-President's Day  
23 Rotary's 113<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
tba District Foundation Grant Training

### March, 2018-Water & Sanitation

- 5 Quarterly Club Assembly  
13 Board Meeting  
15-17 PETS in Greensboro, NC  
tba Trees Charlotte  
tba District Grant Training  
tba Rotaract's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary @ UNCC

### April, 2018-Maternal & Child Health

- 2 No Meeting-Easter Weekend  
7 RLI in Mooresville, NC  
10 Board Meeting  
tba Peace Symposium in Chapel Hill, NC

### May, 2018-New Generations

- tba Beach Blast  
18-20 District Assembly followed by District  
Conference in Charleston, SC  
21 Quarterly Club Assembly  
22 Board Meeting  
24 RLI in Pinehurst, NC  
28 No Meeting-Memorial Day

### June, 2018-Rotary Fellowships

- tba Joint Board Meeting  
24-27 RI Convention in Toronto, Canada



## Club, District and Rotary International Webpages

Club: [www.charlottesouthrotary.com](http://www.charlottesouthrotary.com)

District: [www.rotary7680.org](http://www.rotary7680.org)

Rotary International: [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org)

### **District/Club Database login:**

From our club webpage, select **Member Login** (lower left)

<**User Name**> is your email address

<**Password**> is your RI ID (found on the mailing label of Rotary Magazine)

<**Club Number**> is 21570

Select **My Club**

From the district webpage, select **District Database** (upper right)

<**User Name**> is your email address

<**Password**> is your RI ID (found on the mailing label of Rotary Magazine)

<**Club Number**> is 21570

Select **My Club**

### **Rotary International webpage login:**

Go to [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org)

Select **My Rotary** (upper middle)

Select **Create Account**

<**District Number**> 7680

<**Club Number**> 21570

<**Membership ID**> is your RI ID (found on the mailing label of Rotary Magazine)

<**Sign-in email**> is your email address

<**Password**> must be at least eight characters and contain one lowercase and one number. It cannot include any part of your sign-in email address.

## Social Media

From our club webpage select **Follow us on Facebook** or **LinkedIn** or **on Twitter** hyperlinks (located on the lower left)

Or

**Facebook:** [www.facebook.com/CLTSouthRotary](http://www.facebook.com/CLTSouthRotary)

**LinkedIn:** [www.linkedin.com/groups/CharlotteSouth-Rotary-Club-2237701?homeNewMember=&gid=2237701&trk=&fromEmail=&ut=19hIDc\\_NpJDSs1](http://www.linkedin.com/groups/CharlotteSouth-Rotary-Club-2237701?homeNewMember=&gid=2237701&trk=&fromEmail=&ut=19hIDc_NpJDSs1)

**Twitter:** <https://twitter.com/CLTSouthRotary>

## Other Charlotte-Mecklenburg Rotary Clubs

### MONDAY

#### Charlotte Top of the Week

Monday, 7:30am

UNC-Charlotte Uptown

320 E. 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Charlotte

[www.topoftheweekrotary.com](http://www.topoftheweekrotary.com)

#### Charlotte North

Monday, 12:30pm

*Byron's South End*

101 W. Worthington Avenue, Charlotte

[www.charlottenorthrotaryclub.org](http://www.charlottenorthrotaryclub.org)

#### Davidson

Monday, 1:00pm

*North Harbor Club*

100-D N. Harbor Place, Cornelius

[www.davidsonrotaryclub.org](http://www.davidsonrotaryclub.org)

#### Matthews

Monday, 12:30pm

*Levine Center*

1050 DeVore Lane, Matthews

[www.matthewsrotary.org](http://www.matthewsrotary.org)

#### Huntersville Happy Hour

Monday, 5:30pm

*Spare Time Bowling Alley*

16317 Old Statesville Road, Huntersville

[www.rotary-happy-hour.org](http://www.rotary-happy-hour.org)

#### Charlotte Evening

Monday, 6:15pm

*Duckworth's*

330 north Tryon Street, Charlotte

(1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays @ Duckworth's, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>

Mondays are socials or service per website)

[www.charlotteeveningrotary.com](http://www.charlotteeveningrotary.com)

#### Charlotte International

Monday, 6:00pm

*Pfeiffer University*

4701 Park Road, Charlotte

(2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Monday meetings are at Pfeiffer

University; but the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday meeting is

12:00noon at Vapiano's, 201 S. Tryon Street,

Charlotte)

[www.charlotteinternationalrotary.org](http://www.charlotteinternationalrotary.org)

### TUESDAY

#### Charlotte University City

Tuesday, 7:30am

*Hilton-University City*

8629 JM Keynes Drive, Charlotte

[www.ucrotary.com](http://www.ucrotary.com)

#### Charlotte

Tuesday, 12:30pm

*Fairfield Inn & Suites-Charlotte Uptown*

201 S. McDowell Street, Charlotte

[www.charlotterotary.org](http://www.charlotterotary.org)

### WEDNESDAY

#### Charlotte West

Wednesday, 12:15pm

*The Morehead Inn*

1122 E. Morehead Street, Charlotte

Club Phone Number: 704-357-8011

#### North Mecklenburg County

Wednesday, 12:15pm

*The Peninsula Club*

Highway 73W, Cornelius

[www.northmeckrotary.org](http://www.northmeckrotary.org)

### THURSDAY

#### Charlotte Providence

Thursday, 12:30pm

*Red Rocks Café*

Strawberry Hill Shopping Center

4223 Providence Road, Charlotte

[www.charlotteprovidencerotary.org](http://www.charlotteprovidencerotary.org)

#### Lake Norman-Huntersville

Thursday, 7:30am

*Northstone Country Club*

15801 Northstone Drive, Huntersville

[www.lakenormanrotary.org](http://www.lakenormanrotary.org)

**FRIDAY****Charlotte South Park Breakfast**

Friday, 7:30am

*Doubletree Guest Suites-Charlotte SouthPark*

6300 Morrison Boulevard, Charlotte

[www.charlottesouthparkrotary.com](http://www.charlottesouthparkrotary.com)**Mecklenburg County South**

Friday, 7:30am

*Another Broken Egg Restaurant*

11324 N. Community House Road, Charlotte

[www.mecksouthrotary.org](http://www.mecksouthrotary.org)**Charlotte Dilworth South End**

Friday, 12:15pm

*Dilworth Neighborhood Grill*

911 E. Morehead Street, Charlotte

[www.charlottedilworthrotary.org](http://www.charlottedilworthrotary.org)**Ballantyne**

Friday, 12:30pm

*Ballantyne Country Club*

11120 Ballantyne Crossing Avenue, Charlotte

[www.ballantynerotaryclub.org](http://www.ballantynerotaryclub.org)**SATURDAY****Charlotte End of the Week**

Saturday, 10:00am

*Myers Park United Methodist Church*

1501 Queens Road, Charlotte

[www.cltendoftheweekrotary.org](http://www.cltendoftheweekrotary.org)

## RI Presidential Citation Criteria

### Required Activities

**Club must achieve both of the following goals:**

- Pay semiannual dues to RI on time in July and January.
- Report volunteer hours and service project contributions in Rotary Club Central. This allows us to measure and publicize Rotary's impact around the world.

### Support and Strengthen Clubs

*Having members with different perspectives and backgrounds fuels innovation and gives your club a broader understanding of your community's needs. To strengthen your club and its ability to make a positive difference, involve members, use their unique skills and interests, and give them a voice in the club's future.*

*Increase membership, diversity, and engagement.*

**Club must achieve 4 of the following goals:**

- Set at least 10 goals in Rotary Club Central.
- Update or develop your club's strategic plan. *Report your achievement in Rotary Club Central.*
- Achieve a net gain in membership. Clubs with up to 50 members must have at least one more member listed in Rotary's records on 1 July 2018 than they did on 1 July 2017; clubs with 51 or more members must have at least two more members listed in Rotary's records.
- Achieve a net gain in female members. Clubs with up to 50 members must gain at least one female member; clubs with 51 or more members must gain at least two female members.
- Achieve a net gain in members under age 40. Members who were born after 1 July 1977 and join between 1 July 2017 and 1 July 2018 count. Clubs with up to 50 members must gain at least one member under age 40; clubs with 51 or more members must gain at least two members under age 40.
- Engage members in activities outside regular club meetings. *In Rotary Club Central, either record at least one club social activity or indicate that more than 50 percent of your club's members participated in club service activities.*
- Sponsor or co-sponsor a new Rotary club or a Rotary Community Corps to expand Rotary's reach in your community. *To sponsor an RCC, complete the Rotary Community Corps organization form and submit it to RI. Clubs that sponsor new Rotary clubs will be reported when the new club submits the application.*
- Sponsor or co-sponsor an Interact or Rotaract club to involve young people in Rotary. *Report by submitting the Interact and Rotaract Sponsorship and Co-Sponsorship form to [interact@rotary.org](mailto:interact@rotary.org) or [rotaract@rotary.org](mailto:rotaract@rotary.org).*

### Focus and Increase Humanitarian Service

*Through local and international service projects, clubs address global humanitarian challenges by promoting peace, fighting disease, providing clean water, saving mothers and children, supporting education, growing local economies, protecting the environment, and ending polio.*

*Make a difference in your community and across the globe by engaging Rotarians, young people, Rotary alumni, and the public in Rotary programs, our six areas of focus, and Rotary Foundation giving opportunities.*

**Club must achieve 4 of the following goals:**

- Sponsor, or have club members participate in a polio-related fundraising or awareness event. Find resources at [endpolio.org](http://endpolio.org). *Report your achievement by posting the event on Rotary Showcase, using the polio category.*
- Partner with The Rotary Foundation by sponsoring at least one project funded by a global grant or a district grant. Find out how at [www.rotary.org/grants](http://www.rotary.org/grants).
- Carry out at least one project focused on the environment. *Report in Rotary Showcase, using the environment category.*
- Make a bigger difference by working together. Collaborate with other Rotary clubs in your region to increase a project's scope and visibility. *Report in Rotary Club Central or Rotary Showcase.*
- Include the family of Rotary in sustainable projects. Involve Rotaractors, Interactors, Rotary Community Corps members, or Rotary alumni in club projects and events. *Report in Rotary Club Central.*
- Help Rotary do more by increasing your club's total giving to The Rotary Foundation by at least 10 percent over 2016-17, as calculated in your local currency. *Report in Rotary Club Central.*
- Increase the number of members who give US\$25 or more to any Rotary Foundation fund.
- Attain a minimum Annual Fund contribution of US\$100 per capita.
- Use Rotary's crowdsourcing platform, Rotary Ideas, to contribute to a project or seek resources for your club's local or international projects.

## Enhance Rotary's Public Image and Awareness

*A positive public image improves your club's relationship with your community and attracts prospective members.*

*Enhance your club's public image and build awareness of Rotary in your community by telling compelling stories about club activities that are making a positive difference.*

**Club must achieve 4 of the following goals:**

- Use Rotary's brand guidelines, templates, and other resources in all your communications to strengthen Rotary's image. Find them at [www.rotary.org/brandcenter](http://www.rotary.org/brandcenter). *Report in Rotary Club Central.*
- Regularly update your club website and social media accounts to showcase club activities and illustrate Rotary's impact both locally and throughout the world. *Report in Rotary Club Central.*
- Host and promote a community event to support World Polio Day, and register it on [endpolio.org](http://endpolio.org).
- Engage your community by hosting at least one networking event for local professionals, community organizations, or Rotary alumni. *Report in Rotary Club Central.*
- Establish or continue a partnership with one or more corporate or government entities or nongovernmental organizations and work on a project together. *Report in Rotary Club Central.*
- Host a community forum or seminar about an issue that's important in your community; highlight your club's work to bring people together to find solutions. *Report in Rotary Club Central.*
- Have local media cover a club project, event, or fundraiser. *Report in Rotary Showcase or Rotary Club Central.*
- Promote peace and develop future leaders by sponsoring or hosting at least one Rotary Youth Exchange student or sponsoring at least one participant in a RYLA event. *Report in Rotary Club Central.* **Note: in District 7680, SFTL has replaced RYLA.**

## District 7680 *Club of Excellence Award Criteria*

Deliver your completed *Club of Excellence* criteria to District Awards Chair Barbara Dresser by May 1, 2018. Goal achievement will be based on the honor system (remember the Four-Way Test). Contact Barbara at [barbara@dresser.cc](mailto:barbara@dresser.cc) or 704.813.0644.

### Rotary International

Achieved [ ]

**Clubs must achieve this goal:**

- Achieve the Presidential Citation

### Support and Strengthen Clubs

Achieved [ ]

**Clubs must achieve 4 of the following goals:**

- At least one member attending RLI for small clubs (50 and under), and two for large clubs (51 and more). It is suggested your club pay for their attendance.
- Attend the district's Membership Seminar, then implement.
- Conduct a Healthy Club Survey.
- Engage new members by giving each a responsibility, (assigning to a committee only counts if the new member is given a responsibility).
- Participate in a YP event (Young Professionals).
- Provide a structured Orientation program for every new member.

### Focus and Increase Humanitarian Service

Achieved [ ]

**Clubs must achieve 4 of the following goals:**

- Add one new Bequest Society member for small clubs (50 and under), or two new Bequest Society members for large clubs (51 and more).
- Add one new Paul Harris Society member for small clubs (50 and under), or two new Paul Harris Society members for large clubs (51 and more).
- Attain 25% of members using *Rotary Direct* for their Rotary Foundation giving.
- Contribute \$25/member to C.A.R.T. or Coins for Alzheimer's Research Trust.
- Participate in a Peace event (such as attending the *Annual Rotary Peace Conference* in Chapel Hill, sponsoring a *NewGen Peacebuilders* or *EarlyAct* Program, or having a guest speaker focused on Peace).
- Participate in one new "hands-on" project in your local community.

### Enhance Rotary's Public Image and Awareness

Achieved [ ]

**Clubs must achieve 4 of the following goals:**

- Invite the top elected officials from your community to a club event.
- Place Rotary signage at all permanent structures built or funded by your club.
- Place signage indicating your Rotary club "meets here".
- Promote members wearing their Rotary pins at both Rotary events and in the community.
- Provide your members with a Rotary logo/your Rotary club apparel such as a Polos/Golf, Button-down or "Rotarians at Work" Tee Shirt.
- Wear your "Rotarians at Work" tee shirts at a "hands-on" event in the community.

## What is Rotary?

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

## 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 fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

## Rotarian Code of Conduct

As a Rotarian I will:

1. Act with integrity and high ethical standards in my personal and professional life.
2. Deal fairly with others and treat them and their occupations with respect.
3. Use my professional skills through Rotary to: mentor to young people, help those with special needs, and improve people's quality of life in my community and the world.
4. Avoid behavior that reflects adversely on Rotary or other Rotarians.

## Rotary's Core Values

**Service** We believe that our service activities and programs bring about greater world understanding and peace. Service is a major element of our mission. Through the plans and actions of individual clubs, we create a culture of service throughout our organization that provides unparalleled satisfaction for those who serve.

**Fellowship** We believe that individual efforts focus on individual needs, but combined efforts serve humanity. The power of combined efforts knows no limitation, multiplies resources, and broadens our lives and perspectives. Fellowship leads to tolerance and transcends racial, national, and other boundaries.

**Diversity** We believe Rotary unifies all people internationally behind the ideal of service. We encourage diversity of vocations within our membership and in our activities and service work. A club that reflects its business and professional community is a club with a key to its future.

**Integrity** We are committed to and expect accountability from our leaders and fellow members, both in the results of our efforts and in the processes we use to accomplish our goals. We adhere to high ethical and professional standards in our work and personal relationships. We are fair and respectful in our interactions, and we conscientiously steward the resources entrusted to us.

**Leadership** We are a global fellowship of individuals who are leaders in their fields of endeavor. We believe in the importance of leadership development and in leadership as a quality of our members. As Rotarians, we are leaders in implementing our core values.

## Rotary's Early History

The first Rotary Club was formed when attorney Paul Harris called together three business acquaintances in Chicago, at Gustave Loehr's office on February 23, 1905. In addition to Harris and Loehr (a mining engineer), Silvester Schiele (a coal merchant), and Hiram Shorey (a tailor) were the other two who attended this first meeting.

The members chose the name Rotary because initially they *rotated* weekly club meetings to each other's offices. They also sought business acquaintances to represent different vocations-the foundation of Rotary's *classification principle*.

The next four Rotary Clubs were organized in cities in the western United States, beginning with San Francisco, then Oakland, Los Angeles, and Seattle. The National Association of Rotary Clubs in America was formed in 1910. On February 22, 1911, the first organizational meeting of the Rotary Club Dublin was held in Dublin, Ireland. In April 1912, Rotary chartered a club in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, marking the first establishment of an American-style service club outside the United States. To reflect the addition of a club outside of the United States, the name was changed to the International Association of Rotary Clubs in 1912.

In August 1912, the Rotary Club of London received its charter from the Association, marking the first acknowledged Rotary club outside North America. It later became known that the Dublin club in Ireland was organized before the London club, but the Dublin club did not receive its charter until after the London club was chartered.

By World War I, Rotary in Britain increased from 9 to 22 clubs, and early clubs in other nations included those in Cuba in 1916, Philippines in 1919 and India in 1920. The Rotary Club of Charlotte was chartered on December 1, 1916.

In 1922, the name was changed to Rotary International. By July 1925, Rotary had grown to more than 2,000 clubs and an estimated 108,000 members on six continents.

Today, Rotary International is a global network of over 1.2 million members from 35,000+ clubs around the world.

## Rotary and the Easter Seals Society

After losing a son to a streetcar accident in 1908, Rotarian Edgar Allen of the Rotary Club of Elyria, OH became interested in serving crippled children. The result was the 1915 opening of the Gates Hospital for Crippled Children in Elyria. He first solicited building funds from his Rotary Club, then his Rotary District, then the National Association of Rotary Clubs in America. Allen was the first President of the Ohio Society for Crippled Children and the National Crippled Children's Society (US).

Allen led the organization of the International Society for Crippled Children and was its President from its inception until 1934. He became fondly known as "Daddy" Allen. Rotary Founder Paul Harris and numerous Rotary District Governors also served the organizations for crippled children.

In 1922 Rotary International passed a resolution encouraging Rotary Clubs throughout the world to take on crippled children's work. RI acted as a clearinghouse for information while individual clubs were to inaugurate their own projects. These projects rapidly became surveys, clinics, publicity, lobbying and enlisting hospitals and surgeons to join the crusade. In fact, the very first donation by the Rotary Foundation was awarded to the Crippled Children's Society in 1929.

Locally, the Crippled Children's Clinic was established under the auspices of the Mecklenburg County Board of Health (headed pro bono by Dr. Alonzo Myers, a member of the Rotary Club of Charlotte).

A 1934 fund raising program, the sale of seals (stamps), combined the needs of the handicapped with the Easter season. This began the transition for the society to become The Easter Seal Society.

*(It must be pointed out that Rotary International was never officially connected to any crippled children's society. The position of RI was to encourage and help each autonomous Rotary Club pursue projects, which helped the handicapped. In many areas of the country, significant work was also done through Kiwanis, woman's organizations, veteran's groups, churches, and fraternal organizations).*



## Rotary and the United Nations

The tragic impact of two World Wars within the forty-year life-span of Rotary had directed the thoughts of many leaders toward the age-old problem of discovering some method by which international disputes might be settled without resort to bloodshed. Symptomatic of this interest, in 1942, Rotary clubs from 21 nations organized a conference in London where ministers of education developed ideas for advancing education, science and culture across nations. This meeting was the seed of UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization).

Rotary International issued, under the title of *Essentials for an Enduring World Order*, two booklets setting forth articles interpreting the Dumbarton Oaks Proposals. The principal objective was to stimulate discussion by Rotarians everywhere on the newly proposed world organization. Two pamphlets entitled *Pattern for San Francisco* and *The Bretton Woods Proposals* also were sent to all clubs, with the result that the proposals were discussed worldwide.

At the organizing conference of the United Nations held in San Francisco in 1945, the United States delegation invited Rotary International to appoint consultants. Additionally, 49 Rotarians helped draft the UN charter, with resulting influence on the humane aspects of the Charter, (in particular, framing the provisions for the Economic and Social Council). As the UN turned into an ideological battleground, Rotary's direct participation decreased in keeping with its policy against political involvement.

Rotary International was granted consultative status, and through the years prominent Rotarians have served as observers at various important meetings. Even today, Rotary holds the highest consultative status offered to a non-governmental organization by the UN's Economic and Social Council, which oversees many specialized UN agencies. Rotary maintains and furthers its relationship with a number of UN bodies, programs, commissions and agencies. November 14, 2014 was this year's annual *Rotary Day* at the UN.

## Rotary Involvement in Polio Eradication

In the 1950's and 60's, virtually every person knew someone in their family or circle of friends who had polio. In the early 1950s, there were annually over 55,000 cases of polio in the United States. Worldwide there were perhaps 500,000 cases of polio. Of that number 50,000 children a year would die from polio and thousands more would be crippled, paralyzed or suffer lifelong disabilities.

What started as a one-time polio immunization day in the Philippines in 1978, was adopted by RI in 1982, became *Polio Plus* in 1985, partnered with the World Health Organization, UNICEF and the CDC in 1987, supported by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation starting in 2012, and is now considered one of Rotary's greatest humanitarian programs.

In 1988, polio was in 125 nations and it was estimated that there were 350,000 cases of polio in the world every year. Rotary's first big immunization day was in Mexico-13 million children. Then Central America and South America. One nation after another became "polio free".

Rotary Clubs became *Polio Plus Partners* to raise funds for National Immunization Days. The Partners purchased ice boxes, colorful vests, caps, leaflets, street banners and many other items needed to mobilize whole nations to immunize their children. Local Rotarians managed logistics, recruited volunteers and managed the immunization process.

One day in India, over 125 million children received the two drops of polio vaccine. Rotarians have gone to some of the most poverty stricken areas of the Philippines, Ethiopia, Turkey and other nations to assist in National Immunization Days. The project is an amazing and complicated one. Rotarians and health workers have to go to the most remote areas of the world by canoe, camels, elephants, horseback, motorbikes, and every other conceivable vehicle to reach all the world's children.

Even in China, Laos, Vietnam, Cuba, Myanmar and other areas where there is no Rotary, we worked freely to distribute the vaccine. Very simply, Rotary is often accepted where no other organization is allowed.

Over 99% of the children of the world have received the polio vaccine. In 2014 polio can be found in only 3 nations, not the 125 countries when we started. Only Nigeria, Pakistan and Afghanistan persist. Over 2½ billion children have received Rotary's polio vaccine-and they are now living a life without the fear of paralysis and death from polio. We are on the verge of eradicating this dreaded disease.

## Rotary Structure

### **Club**

The Rotary Club is the basic unit of Rotary activity, and each club determines its own membership. Clubs originally were limited to a single club per city, municipality, or town, but Rotary International has encouraged the formation of additional clubs to create opportunities for service. Most clubs meet weekly, usually at a mealtime on a weekday in a regular location, when Rotarians can enjoy fellowship and hear from a variety of guest speakers.

Each club also conducts various service projects within its local community, with other clubs in the local area, and with clubs around the world. Most clubs also hold social events at least quarterly and in some cases more often.

Each club elects its own president and officers among its active members, serving a one-year term. The governing body of the club is the Club Board, consisting of the President, Vice President, President-elect, Secretary, Treasurer, Directors and Immediate Past President. The President usually appoints the Directors to serve as chairs of the major club committees.

As a Rotarian you are welcome to attend weekly meetings at any Rotary club around the world.

### **District**-*supports the Clubs*

The District Governor is an officer of Rotary International and represents the RI Board of Directors in the field, and leads their respective Rotary District. Our club belongs to District 7680, which is comprised of 59 clubs with a total membership of roughly 3,000, residing in 14 counties (from the VA state line to the SC state line, and from Boiling Springs to Hamlet).

### **Zone**-*supports the Districts and clubs*

The Zone Director serves as a member of the RI Board of Directors, and heads two zones. Our district belongs to Zone 33 which is roughly 34,500 members from 15 districts or 790 clubs in MD, DE, DC, VA, WV, NC, SC and parts of TN.

### **Rotary International**-*supports the Zones, Districts and Clubs*

Rotary International is governed by the Board of Directors composed of the International President, the President-Elect, RI's General Secretary, and 17 Zone Directors. The International Board meets quarterly to establish policies and make recommendations to the overall governing bodies, the RI Convention and the RI Council on Legislation.

The chief operating officer of RI is the General Secretary, who heads a staff of about 800 working at the international headquarters in Evanston and in seven international offices around the world. There are roughly 1,225,827 Rotarians worldwide from 530 districts or 35,015 clubs in 200 countries or territories.

## The Rotary Foundation

At the 1917 convention in Atlanta, GA, outgoing RI President Arch C. Klumph proposed to set up an endowment “*for the purpose of doing good in the world*”. The stated mission is to “*enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty*”. When Rotary founder Paul Harris died in 1947, contributions began pouring in to Rotary International, and the Paul Harris Memorial Fund was created to build the Foundation.

The Rotary Foundation is governed by the Board of Trustees consisting of the Trustee Chair, 14 Trustees, and RI’s General Secretary (who is the only person serving on both the RI Board of Directors and the Rotary Foundation’s Board of Trustees). The Rotary Foundation operates separately from Rotary International.

### Evolution of the Rotary Foundation

- 1928 Renamed the *Rotary Foundation* when the endowment fund had grown to \$5,739, and it became a distinct entity within Rotary International.
- 1929 First gift of \$500 to the *International Society for Crippled Children*, (later the *Easter Seals Society*).
- 1947 The Rotary Foundation established its first program, *Fellowships for Advance Study*, later known as *Ambassadorial Scholarships*.
- 1957 *Paul Harris Fellow* designation created to recognize gifts totaling \$1,000.
- 1965 Three programs were launched: *Group Study Exchange*, *Awards for Technical Training*, and *Grants for Activities in Keeping with the Objective of The Rotary Foundation*, which was later called *Matching Grants*.
- 1978 Rotary introduced the *Health, Hunger and Humanity (3-H) Grants*. The first 3-H Grant funded a project to immunize 6 million Philippine children against polio.
- 1985 The *Polio Plus* program was launched to eradicate polio worldwide. Also, the *Benefactor* designation was created to recognize \$1,000 gifts from estate plans.
- 1986 *Rotary Grants for University Teachers* introduced.
- 1987 The first peace forums were held, leading to *Rotary Peace Fellowships*.
- 1991 *Major Donor* designation was created to recognize gifts of \$10,000.
- 1999 Six *Rotary Centers for International Studies in Peace and Conflict Resolution* were established (one center is a partnership between Duke University and UNC). Also, the *Bequest Society* was created to recognize \$10,000 gifts from estate plans.
- 2003 *Diversified Simple Grants* and *Individual Grants* program were introduced, the latter providing continued support for *Rotary Volunteers*.
- 2013 *Future Vision Plan* simplifies all programs-now *District Designated Funds (DDF)* and *World Funds* enable Rotarians around the world to respond to the world’s greatest needs. These replaced *Diversified Simple Grants*, *Individual Grants*, *Matching Grants*, *Ambassadorial Scholarships*, *Health, Hunger and Humanity Grants (3-H)*, and *University Teachers Grants*. *Vocational Training Teams (VTT)* replaced *Group Study Exchange (GSE)* with a continued emphasis on simplification and local decision making. The new *Rotary Foundation Areas of Focus* are:
  - Peace and conflict prevention/resolution
  - Disease prevention and treatment
  - Water and sanitation
  - Maternal and child health
  - Basic education and literacy
  - Economic and community development

Since the Rotary Club of Kansas City, MO first donation of \$26.50 in 1918, (their remaining convention budget), the Rotary Foundation has received contributions exceeding \$1 billion.

## Charlotte-South History 1984-2016

The Rotary Club of Charlotte-Pineville was chartered on January 5, 1984 at Cedarwood Country Club; luncheons held at Quincy's Restaurant on Highway 51, (Carmel Commons Shopping Center). The Rotary Club of Dilworth was our sponsor, and Thurston St. Clair the primary organizer.

### Charter Members

David Altenburg	Peter Dortschy	Warren Phillips
Al Barfield	Charles Gaddy-Vice President	Lou Russo
Ken Barrett	Mel Helms	Jerry Sullivan
Mack Brown-Sgt. at Arms	Harold James	Bob Weber
Doug Browning-Secretary	George McBain-Treasurer	Jack Williams
Harold Couick	Vance McGee	Wynn Yates
Ney Couick	Joe Owen-President	

### Charter Gifts

1. Charlotte area clubs donated our *Lectern, Gavel, Badges & Badges Case, Club Banner* and *Charter Pins*.
2. North Wilkesboro donated *Object of Rotary* plaques and *Guest Badges*.
3. Monroe donated *Getting Started in Rotary* brochures.
4. Monroe-Union donated *Four Way Test* plaques.
5. Forest City donated *Sing, Rotarians, Sing* song books.
6. Gaston East donated our *Four Way Test* banner.
7. Hendersonville-Sunset and Haywood County donated the *Rotary Basic Library* (2).
8. Mount Holly donated *New Member Kit* covers.
9. Granite Falls, Tryon and West Ashville donated our *Secretary's Record System*.
10. Shelby donated our *Scrap Book* and *Guest Register*.
11. C. W. (Pat) Gilchrist donated our *Bell*.
12. Cash donations from other District 767 clubs donated our *Treasurer's Record System* and *Flag Poles & Flag Bases*.

The area wasn't ready to support a Rotary Club, so the charter was relinquished after 6 months. Yet members persisted and we were re-chartered (sort of) as the Rotary Club of Charlotte-South on June 20, 1985; luncheons held at Morrison's Cafeteria in SouthPark Mall. Hence we are one of only a few clubs worldwide with two charters, and two club names!

By 1988, luncheons were held at the Guest Quarters Hotel and in 1997 moved to La Biblioteque where our reputation for the district's best food sprouted. After an interim stay at Red Rocks Café in 2006, we moved to Zebra Restaurant in 2007. Again, a couple of interim luncheons at Rooster's, then a new home at Del Frisco's in 2016. Our reputation remains intact!

### Fund Raising

It was in 1985 that our club's primary annual fund raiser began-the golf tournament. Initially held at Cedarwood Country Club, the *Rotary Arthritis Foundation Golf Tournament* raised upwards of \$2,400 by 1988. Moving to the Peninsula Country Club in 1990, the name was changed to the *Charlotte-South Rotary Golf Classic* so the increasing proceeds could benefit other club activities. Since children received much of our focus, the name was changed in 1993 to the *Children's Golf Classic*, held at Highland Creek Golf Course. Proceeds in 1993 were \$14,600.

Moving to Providence Country Club in 1996, the name was changed to the *Stu Wood Rotary Golf Classic*, (later *Stu Woods Memorial Golf Classic*), honoring this special Rotarian. Proceeds in 1999 were \$27,250 and our tournament was arguably the best non-professionally operated charity golf tournament in Charlotte. In 2003 the name was changed to the *Dick Keffer Rotary Golf Classic*, to once again honor a special Rotarian. Moving to Firethorn Country Club in 2004, proceeds were \$30,600. *Audi of Charlotte Rotary Golf Classic* in 2013 was our

first venture selling naming rights, but by 2014 *Charlotte-South Rotary Golf Classic* returned. We moved back to Providence Country Club in 2015.

Other fund raising through the years include \$1 fines for not wearing your Rotary pin; \$5 for a member's positive printed press, (or selfless promotion); \$1 for Health & Happiness moments; \$1/year of marriage on a member's anniversary (woe to the cheapskate who underpays their years); Aunt Mildred's Attic Sale (auction) at our Christmas Party; occasional auctions of donated items such as Panther tickets; and the World Wine Tasting Tour (which yielded over \$20,000 in 2011 and we were able to donate \$10,000 to Rotary's signature project-*End Polio Now*). For the next few years we partnered with the Rotary Club of Charlotte-North, with much success.

### **Significant Service**

One Rotarian, Dick Keffer, had an idea. Another Rotarian, Peter Dortschy, ran with the idea and in 1989 our club's signature project was born... *Beach Blast!* Working with Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools' Beverly Mauldin (and future Club President), we transport roughly 400 excited middle school students to a South Carolina beach-most have never seen the beach before this fascinating adventure. Teachers use the *Beach Blast* to motivate students throughout the year, and they may be surprised to meet various Panthers or even Muhammad Ali! After 25 years, we have hosted more than 10,000 students. The Rotary Clubs of Waccamaw and Myrtle Beach Surfside are now our partners at Huntington Beach State Park.

College scholarships were later offered to select, worthy *Beach Blast* participants. What a thrill when our first recipient earned her medical degree. She has truly represented Rotarian values in her professional endeavors. Over \$100,000 in scholarships have been awarded.

*Give Kids the World* provides terminally-ill children and their family a last opportunity to make memories at this unique resort adjacent to the Magic Kingdom, MGM, Epcot and Sea World in Kissimmee, FL. Initiated by Ken Barrett in 1995, and coordinated by Beverly Mauldin for many years, this relatively simple project continues to impact so many, so dearly. Sad letters of a child's passing are usually accompanied by memories the brothers and sisters will hold for a lifetime.

Rotarians offer solutions where there are needs, so in 1996 we built the first wheelchair accessible playground in Mecklenburg County at the Harris YMCA, benefiting 8,500 wheelchair bound children. In addition to sweat equity, our club of roughly 40 members committed \$28,000 over five years-which was financially another turning point for our club.

Tony Bikhazi's mentor helped charter the Rotary Club of Beirut Cosmopolitan, Lebanon and we quickly agreed to be *Sister Clubs* in 1996. For many years we have supported their efforts to educate war orphans-Christian, Jewish and Muslim children in the same classroom. Other benefits of our *Sister Club* relationship have also included cultural, youth and vocational exchanges.

New clubs offer an opportunity for others to serve, so we answered District Governor Jim Stump's plea to sponsor the *Rotary Club of Mecklenburg-South* in 1997. Their unique character impacts many as they have also earned multiple Mark Markanda Trophies and other district awards. As our membership exceeded 90 in 2001, we sponsored the *Rotary Club of Charlotte-SouthPark (breakfast)*. In 2013 we sponsored the *Rotary Club of Charlotte End-of-the-Week*, which is the district's only Saturday club.

Charlotte-South hosted the *2004 International Golfing Fellowship of Rotary World Championship*, partnering with other area clubs to raise seed money and operate this massive project. Scott Cottrill chaired the committee starting in 2001, first recruiting area Rotarians to raise sponsors/seed money for their attempt to complete *100 Holes of Golf* at Raintree Country Club (three years running). Five other country clubs hosted golfers for the Championship; spouses were entertained with shopping at SouthPark, Stowe Botanical Gardens and the Biltmore House in Asheville. Charlotte Mayor Pat McCrory (former NC Governor), was on-hand at the Omni Hotel for the awards banquet. But the Tournament Champion announcement was continually delayed as auditors verified results. Our own Lindsey McAlpine was the victor! \$48,000 proceeds were contributed to the Rotary Foundation.

In August, 2011 Macon Dunnagan was a Guest Speaker regaling tales of climbing Mount Kilimanjaro-which led to (1) Macon becoming a Rotarian, (2) Mike Walker suggesting Macon lead a team from our club to climb Mount Kilimanjaro and (3) President Janet Newton recommending the district join in the fun. By September, 2012 a 28-person team from 14 clubs raised over \$135,000 for Rotary's *End Polio Now* campaign, as they reached the Roof of Africa. Additional district teams ascended Mount Kilimanjaro in 2013, 2014, 2015 and

2016, again led by Charlotte-South, and increasing total contributions to over \$195,000. Our club truly made history and changed the world.

Charlotte-South has received many Rotary International Foundation grants, enabling us to build a blood bank for Pushpa Mission Hospital, and working together with clubs in Turkey to teach 101 literacy courses, and another grant to provide desks for school children in Madhya Pradesh, India. Locally we were awarded grants to support the YMCA Y-Readers Program, our annual Beach Blast and give children a cultural experience with the Charlotte Symphony program for elementary schools.

In 2016, we partnered with Charlotte Dilworth SouthEnd Club and Charlotte SouthPark Club to establish the Interact Club of South Mecklenburg High School.

### **Club Excellence**

District 7680 was established in 1992 and we earned our first district award for Community Service for the Beach Blast project. Since the true objective of awards and trophies are to motivate clubs, 1994-1995 President Linda Loftis-Vrooman focused our attention on winning the Mark Markanda Trophy for the best club with fewer than 50 members. We responded, and earned the Mark Markanda Trophy a record four consecutive years before competing in the large club division, and earning multiple Governors' Trophies. Thus began our tradition of district recognition and club excellence. As we have grown, (and shrunk), our club has remained financially stable, relevant, vibrant, respected and rounded in all areas-thanks in part, to a focus on awards.

As our profile grew throughout the district, so has the district's desire for our leadership. This culminated with Bill Belk becoming the District Governor in 2003-2004, and Mary Ellis serving as the Governor's Aide. Mary later served as District Secretary in 2009-2011. Previously Linda Loftis-Vrooman and Dick Vrooman Co-Chaired the District Conferences in 2000 and 2001. Mary Staton was the Team Leader for the District's Group Study Exchange (or GSE), to Turkey in 2011. Janet Newton was the District Chairperson for the 2012 Mount Kilimanjaro climb to *End Polio Now*, and Mike Walker replaced her for the 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016 climbs. Mike is currently serving as Assistant Governor for 2015-2018. Tom Smith served as an Assistant District Governor, from 2012-2015 before serving as District Governor in 2016-2017. Janet Newton served as the Governor's Aide in 2016-2017, and Mary Staton served as the District Foundation Banquet Chairperson in 2016. Scott Van Der Linden helped charter 14 new clubs between 1997 and 2014, and currently serves as District Governor for 2017-2018.

## **Charlotte-South Rotary Charitable Foundation, Inc.**

Established June 28, 1999, the *Charlotte-South Rotary Charitable Foundation, Inc.* (CSRCF) is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization, created by the Rotary Club of Charlotte-South to serve the same purposes as *The Rotary Foundation*, but on a more local basis.

The role of the CSRCF is to:

- Send terminally ill children and their families to *Give Kids the World* in Kissimmee, FL for a week of making memories.
- Financially support selected Rotary Club of Charlotte-South approved projects, including the Beach Blast.

CSRCF is governed by the Board of Directors, who must be active members of the Rotary Club of Charlotte-South. The Charlotte-South Rotary Charitable Foundation, Inc. operates separately from the Rotary Club of Charlotte-South.

## Beneficiaries through the Years

A Child's Place	Hurricane Katrina Relief
Adult Care & Share Center	IGFR World Championship or International Golfing Fellowship of Rotary with other area Rotary clubs
Alexander Children's Home Crisis Shelter	International House
Myers Park Campus' Entrance Gate (Selwyn Elementary, Alexander Graham Middle and Myers Park High)	Junior Achievement
Ambassadorial Scholarships	LDA or Learning Disability Association
American Red Cross	Lifespan
Angel Food Ministries	Literacy courses for Istanbul, Turkey with the Rotary Club of Faith
Arthritis Foundation	Literacy programs at CPCC
Bangladesh-Food for Children	Literacy programs for Liberia, Africa with World Mission Outreach
Beach Blast	Little Hearts Honduras
Beds for Kids	Loaves for Fishes
Bolivian Salt Fluoridation	Lupus Foundation of America
Buenos Aires, Argentina-Prosthetics	March of Dimes-Immigrant Immunization
Chameleon's Journey Camp	McClintock School Partnership/Christ Lutheran
Camp Lurecrest	McLeod Center
Carolina Raptor Center	Med Assist of Mecklenburg
CART or Coins for Alzheimer's Research Trust	Medical Clinic in Argentina
Charlotte Catholic Interact Club	Myers Park High School Chamber Choir
Charlotte Community Health Clinic	Navy Seal Legacy Foundation
Charlotte Eagles Summer Camp	NC Air National Guard
Charlotte Flights Track and Field Club	NC SOAR-Learning Disabilities
Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools	New Outreach Ministries
Charlotte Rescue Mission	Olympic High School Career Day
Charlotte Symphony Orchestra	Operation Christmas Child
Charlotte Urban Ministries	Patriot's Path
Charlotte-Mecklenburg Council on Aging	Promising Pages
Children's Theater of Charlotte	Pushpa Mission Hospital (India) blood bank with Rotary clubs in Italy and India
Community Link	Rama Road Elementary
Cooper-Riis Residential Mental Health	Replacing America Flags at CMS schools
Crisis Assistance Ministries	RISE of Peace Summit
Eastover Elementary students greeted by President Clinton in the White House	Ronald McDonald House of Charlotte
Education for war orphans in Beirut, Lebanon	Rotary Boy Scout Expo
Ein Gedi at the Charlotte Jewish Day School	Run for Peace Scholarships
Empty Stocking Fund	RYE or Rotary Youth Exchange
End Polio Now and Polio Plus	RYLA or Rotary Youth Leadership Awards
Ethiopian WASH Project (clean water)	Salvation Army
Explorer Scouts Vocational Speakers	San Miguel, Mexico-clinic in partnership with Carolinas Medical Center
Flight of Honor-World War II Veterans	Scholarships for Beach Blast participants
Girl Scouts Hornets' Nest Council	Science Laboratory in Swaziland
Give Kids the World	Sedgefield Elementary
GSE or Group Study Exchange	SFTL or Seminar for Tomorrow's Leaders
Habitat for Humanity	Shelter Boxes
Haiti	Sowing Seeds to Fight Hunger Worldwide
Hands on Charlotte	Special Olympics
Harris YMCA Handicapped Children's Playground	Stop Hunger Now
Hear Cricket Fund-Hearing Aids	Supportive Housing Communities
Helping Hearts Crèche in Poriyar, India	The Family Center
Holy Angels	
Hospice and Palliative Care	



The Harvest Center  
 Think Caribbean! (satellite phones)  
 Thompson Children's Home  
 Trees Charlotte  
 USO at Charlotte-Douglas International  
 Wesley Nursing Home  
 West Mecklenburg High School HOSA or Health  
 Occupation Students Awards

Wheelchair Foundation  
 Wild Acres Music Camp  
 Wings of Hope  
 World Affairs Council  
 YMCA Camp Thunderbird  
 YMCA YReaders Program  
 Youth Homes Incorporated

## New Rotary Clubs Sponsored

1997 Rotary Club of Mecklenburg-South  
 2001 Rotary Club of Charlotte SouthPark Breakfast  
 2013 Rotary Club of Charlotte End-of-the-Week

## Past Presidents

1984	Joe Owen
1984-1985	Vance McGee
1985-1986	Ed Bohannon
1986-1987	Mel Helms
1987-1988	Phil Bailey
1988-1989	Ed Rankin
1989-1990	David Vrooman
1990-1991	Dale Witt
1991-1992	Dick Healy
1992-1993	Ken Barrett
1993-1994	George Edmiston
1994-1995	Linda Loftis-Vrooman
1995-1996	Josh Henninger
1996-1997	Scott Van Der Linden
1997-1998	Lindsey McAlpine
1998-1999	Tom Walker
1999-2000	Bill Belk
2000-2001	Susan Burgess
2001-2002	Bill Kearney
2002-2003	Carl Rogers
2003-2004	Beverly Mauldin
2004-2005	Jim Burrier
2005-2006	Bonnie Hunter
2006-2007	Greg Close
2007-2008	Mary Ellis
2008-2009	Treana Watson
2009-2010	Tom Smith
2010-2011	Mary Staton
2011-2012	Janet Newton
2012-2013	Karen Pike
2013-2014	Mike Walker
2014-2015	Andy Bach
2015-2016	Ruth Samuelson
2016-2017	Josh Hall
2017-2018	Hadley Perry Pacheco

## Distinguished Rotarians

Dick Keffer  
 Peter Dortschy  
 David Vrooman  
 Scott Van Der Linden  
 Beverly Mauldin  
 Linda Loftis-Vrooman  
 Bill Belk  
 Bonnie Hunter  
 Bill Kearney  
 John Brinton  
 Mary Ellis  
 Scott Cottrill  
 Jim Burrier  
 Greg Close  
 LuAnn Peters  
 Andy Jones  
 Joe Canady  
 Tom Smith  
 Mary Staton  
 Janet Newton  
 Mike Walker  
 Curt Oliver  
 Julie Freeland

## District 7680 Awards

1992-1993			Community Service- (Beach Blast)
1993-1994			Conference Attendance
1994-1995	Mark Markanda Trophy		
1995-1996	Mark Markanda Trophy	Presidential Citation	Conference Attendance Paul Harris Foundation Environmental Service- (Raptor Center)
1996-1997	Mark Markanda Trophy	Presidential Citation	Community Service- (YMCA Handicapped Children' Park) Club Bulletin Leadership in New Clubs
1997-1998	Mark Markanda Trophy	Presidential Citation	International Service- (Education for War Orphans in Beirut, Lebanon)
1998-1999			
1999-2000			
2000-2001	Governor's Trophy		
2001-2002			
2002-2003			
2003-2004	Ineligible due to being the Governor's home club	Presidential Citation	Foundation Per Capita-1 <sup>st</sup> Foundation Aggregate-2 <sup>nd</sup>
2004-2005			
2005-2006	Club of Excellence-Overall Best Club		
2006-2007	Club of Excellence		
2007-2008	Gold Club		Weekly Attendance Community Service
2008-2009	Gold Club-Best of the Best		Weekly Attendance Community Service Youth Service Club Service
2009-2010	Gold Club-Best of the Best		
2010-2011	Gold Club-Best of the Best	Presidential Citation	International Service
2011-2012	Gold Club		
2012-2013	Gold Club		Interactive Club
2013-2014	Gold Club with Distinction	Presidential Citation	
2014-2015		Presidential Citation	
2015-2016	Gold Club	Presidential Citation	
2016-2017	Gold Club with Distinction	Presidential Citation	Governor's Appreciation Award
2017-2018			

## Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) Graduates

Josephine Friedland  
Marc Friedland

Tom Smith  
Scott Van Der Linden

Mike Walker  
Ed Dement

### District 7680 Leadership

1988-1989	Dave Vrooman	Charlotte Area Joint Rotary Council President
1997-1998	Scott Van Der Linden	Charlotte Area Joint Rotary Council President
1999-2001	Linda Loftis	District Conference Co-Chairperson
	Dave Vrooman	District Conference Co-Chairperson
2001-2004	Scott Cottrill	IGFR World Championship Chairman
2000-2001	Bill Belk	Assistant District Governor
2003-2004	Bill Belk	District Governor
2003-2004	Mary Ellis	Governor's Aide
2003-2005	Scott Van Der Linden	District Extension Chairman
2007-2008	Scott Van Der Linden	District Membership Chairman
2009-2011	Mary Ellis	District Secretary
2010-2012	Bill Belk	District Extension Co-Chairman
	Scott Van Der Linden	District Extension Co-Chairman
2010-2011	Mary Staton	GSE Team Leader to Turkey
2011-2012	Mary Staton	Foundation Alumni Chairperson
2011-2012	Janet Newton	Kilimanjaro Climb to <i>End Polio Now</i> Chairperson
2012-2014	Scott Van Der Linden	District Membership Chairman
2012-2016	Mike Walker	Kilimanjaro Climb to <i>End Polio Now</i> Chairman
2012-2015	Tom Smith	Assistant District Governor
2015-2018	Mike Walker	Assistant District Governor
2016-2017	Tom Smith	District Governor
2016-2017	Janet Newton	Governor's Aide
2016-2017	Mary Staton	District Foundation Banquet Chairperson
2017-2018	Scott Van Der Linden	District Governor
2017-2018	Curt Oliver	District Governor Installation Banquet Chairperson

## Paul Harris Fellows

*\*moved to another Rotary club*

David Altenburg	Nicolle Gainey*	Warren Phillips
John Ashworth	John Giattino*	Karen Pike
Andy Bach	Paul Greenberg	Bob Pinner
Phil Bailey	Dennis Grills	Chet Rabon
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# Constitution of the Rotary Club of Charlotte-South

(The Bylaws of Rotary International provide that each club admitted to membership in RI shall adopt the prescribed standard Club Constitution. The prescribed Club Constitution may be updated after each *Council on Legislation*, which convenes every three years. Next *Council on Legislation* is 2019).

## Article 1 Definitions

As used in this constitution, unless the context otherwise clearly requires, the words in this article shall have the following meanings:

1. Board: The Board of Directors of this club.
2. Bylaws: The bylaws of this club.
3. Director: A member of this club's Board of Directors.
4. Member: A member, other than an honorary member, of this club.
5. RI: Rotary International.
6. Year: The twelve-month period, which begins on July 1.

## Article 2 Name

The name of this organization shall be Rotary Club of Charlotte-South, NC, USA (Member of Rotary International).

## Article 3 Purposes

The purposes of this club are to pursue the Object of Rotary, carry out successful service projects based on the Five Avenues of Service, contribute to the advancement of Rotary by strengthening membership, support The Rotary Foundation, and develop leaders beyond the club level.

## Article 4 Locality of the Club

The locality of this club is as follows: SouthPark and other areas in south Charlotte, NC.

## Article 5 Object

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 fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

## Article 6 Five Avenues of Service

Rotary's Five Avenues of Service are the philosophical and practical framework for the work of this Rotary club.

*Club Service*, the first Avenue of Service, involves action a member should take within this club to help it function successfully.

*Vocational Service*, the second Avenue of Service, has the purpose of promoting high ethical standards in businesses and professions, recognizing the worthiness of all dignified occupations, and fostering the ideal of service in the pursuit of all vocations. The role of members includes conducting themselves and their businesses in accordance with Rotary's principles and lending their vocational skills to club-developed projects in order to address the issues and needs of society.

*Community Service*, the third Avenue of Service, comprises varied efforts that members make, sometimes in conjunction with others, to improve the quality of life of those who live within this club's locality or municipality.

*International Service*, the fourth Avenue of Service, comprises those activities that members do to advance international understanding, goodwill, and peace by fostering acquaintance with people of other countries, their

cultures, customs, accomplishments, aspirations, and problems, through reading and correspondence and through cooperation in all club activities and projects designed to help people in other lands.

*Youth Service*, the fifth Avenue of Service, recognizes the positive change implemented by youth and young adults through leadership development activities, involvement in community and international service projects, and exchange programs that enrich and foster world peace and cultural understanding.

#### **Article 7**      **Exceptions to Provisions on Meetings and Attendance**

The bylaws may include rules or requirements not in accordance with article 8, section 1; article 12; and article 15, section 4, of this constitution. Such rules or requirements shall supersede the rules or requirements of these sections of this constitution; a club, however, must meet at least twice per month.

#### **Article 8**      **Meetings**

**Section 1** — *Regular Meetings.* [See article 7 for exceptions to the provisions of this section.]

(a) *Day and Time.* This club shall hold a regular meeting once each week on the day and at the time provided in the bylaws. Attendance may be in person, through an online meeting, or using an online connection for members whose attendance otherwise would be precluded. Alternatively, a club shall hold a meeting once each week or during the week(s) chosen in advance by posting an interactive activity on the club's website. The latter type of meeting shall be considered as held on the day that the interactive activity is to be posted on the website.

(b) *Change of Meeting.* For good cause, the board may change a regular meeting to any day during the period commencing with the day following the preceding regular meeting and ending with the day preceding the next regular meeting, or to a different hour of the regular day, or to a different place.

(c) *Cancellation.* The board may cancel a regular meeting if it falls on a legal holiday, including a commonly recognized holiday, or during the week which includes a legal holiday, including a commonly recognized holiday, or in case of the death of a club member, or of an epidemic or of a disaster affecting the whole community, or of an armed conflict in the community which endangers the lives of the club members. The board may cancel not more than four regular meetings in a year for causes not otherwise specified herein provided that this club does not fail to meet for more than three consecutive meetings.

**Section 2** — *Annual Meeting.* An annual meeting for the election of officers shall be held not later than 31 December as provided in the bylaws.

**Section 3** — *Board Meetings.* Written minutes should be provided for all board meetings. Such minutes should be available to all members within 60 days of said meeting.

#### **Article 9**      **Exceptions to Provisions on Membership**

The bylaws may include rules or requirements not in accordance with Article 10, sections 2 and 4 - 8 of this constitution. Such rules or requirements shall supersede the rules or requirements of these sections of this constitution.

#### **Article 10**      **Membership** [See article 9 for exceptions to sections 2 and 4 - 8 of this article.]

**Section 1** — *General Qualifications.* This club shall be composed of adult persons who demonstrate good character, integrity, and leadership; possess good reputation within their business, profession, and/or community; and are willing to serve in their community and/or around the world.

**Section 2** — *Kinds.* This club shall have two kinds of membership, namely: active and honorary.

**Section 3** — *Active Membership.* A person possessing the qualifications set forth in article 5, section 2 of the RI constitution may be elected to active membership in this club.

**Section 4** — *Satellite Club Membership.* Members of a satellite club shall also be members of the sponsor club until such time as the satellite club shall be admitted into membership of RI as a Rotary club.

**Section 5** — *Dual Membership.* No person shall simultaneously hold active membership in this and another club other than a satellite of this club. No person shall simultaneously be a member and an honorary member in this club.

**Section 6** — *Honorary Membership.*

(a) *Eligibility for Honorary Membership.* Persons who have distinguished themselves by meritorious service in the furtherance of Rotary ideals and those persons considered friends of Rotary for their support of

Rotary's cause may be elected to honorary membership in this club. The term of such membership shall be as determined by the board. Persons may hold honorary membership in more than one club.

(b) *Rights and Privileges.* Honorary members shall be exempt from the payment of dues, shall have no vote, and shall not be eligible to hold any office in this club. Such members shall not hold classifications, but shall be entitled to attend all meetings and enjoy all the other privileges of this club. No honorary member of this club is entitled to any rights and privileges in any other club, except for the right to visit other clubs without being the guest of a Rotarian.

**Section 7 —  *Holders of Public Office.*** Persons elected or appointed to public office for a specified time shall not be eligible to active membership in this club under the classification of such office. This restriction shall not apply to persons holding positions or offices in schools, colleges, or other institutions of learning or to persons who are elected or appointed to the judiciary. Members who are elected or appointed to public office for a specified period may continue as such members in their existing classifications during the period in which they hold such office.

**Section 8 —  *Rotary International Employment.*** This club may retain in its membership any member employed by RI.

## **Article 11     Classifications**

### **Section 1 — *General Provisions.***

(a) *Principal Activity.* Each member shall be classified in accordance with the member's business, profession, or type of community service. The classification shall be that which describes the principal and recognized activity of the firm, company, or institution with which the member is connected or that which describes the member's principal and recognized business or professional activity or that which describes the nature of the member's community service activity.

(b) *Correction or Adjustment.* If the circumstances warrant, the board may correct or adjust the classification of any member. Notice of a proposed correction or adjustment shall be provided to the member and the member shall be allowed a hearing thereon.

**Section 2 —  *Limitations.*** This club shall not elect a person to active membership from a classification if the club already has five or more members from that classification, unless the club has more than 50 members, in which case, the club may elect a person to active membership in a classification so long as it will not result in the classification making up more than 10 percent of the club's active membership. Members who are retired shall not be included in the total number of members in a classification. The classification of a transferring or former member of a club, or a Rotaractor or Rotary alumnus as defined by the board of directors of RI, shall not preclude election to active membership even if the election results in club membership temporarily exceeding the above limitations. If a member changes classification, the club may continue the member's membership under the new classification notwithstanding these limitations.

## **Article 12     Attendance [See article 7 for exceptions to the provisions of this article.]**

**Section 1 —  *General Provisions.*** Each member should attend this club's regular meetings, or satellite club's regular meetings if provided in the bylaws, and engage in this club's service projects, other events and activities. A member shall be counted as attending a regular meeting if the member is present in person or using an online connection for at least 60 percent of the meeting, or is present and is called away unexpectedly and subsequently produces evidence to the satisfaction of the board that such action was reasonable, or participates in the regular meeting posted on the club's website within one week following its posting, or makes up for an absence in any of the following ways:

(a) *14 Days Before or After the Meeting.* If, within fourteen (14) days before or after the regular time for that meeting, the member

- 1) attends at least 60 percent of the regular meeting of another club, of a satellite club meeting of another club, or of a provisional club; or
- 2) attends a regular meeting of a Rotaract or Interact club, Rotary Community Corps, or Rotary Fellowship or of a provisional Rotaract or Interact club, Rotary Community Corps, or Rotary Fellowship; or
- 3) attends a convention of RI, a council on legislation, an international assembly, a Rotary institute for past and present officers of RI, a Rotary institute for past, present, and incoming officers of RI,



- or any other meeting convened with the approval of the board of directors of RI or the president of RI acting on behalf of the board of directors of RI, a Rotary multizone conference, a meeting of a committee of RI, a Rotary district conference, a Rotary district training assembly, any district meeting held by direction of the board of directors of RI, any district committee meeting held by direction of the district governor, or a regularly announced intercity meeting of Rotary clubs; or
- 4) is present at the usual time and place of a regular meeting or satellite club meeting of another club for the purpose of attending such meeting, but that club is not meeting at that time or place; or
  - 5) attends and participates in a club service project or a club-sponsored community event or meeting authorized by the board; or
  - 6) attends a board meeting or, if authorized by the board, a meeting of a service committee to which the member is assigned; or
  - 7) participates through a club website in an interactive activity requiring an average of 30 minutes of participation.

When a member is outside the member's country of residence for more than fourteen (14) days, the time restriction shall not be imposed so that the member may attend regular meetings or satellite club meetings in another country at any time during the travel period, and each such attendance shall count as a valid make-up for any regular meeting missed during the member's time abroad.

(b) *At the Time of the Meeting.* If, at the time of the meeting, the member is

- 1) traveling with reasonable directness to or from one of the meetings specified in sub-subsection (a)(3) of this section; or
- 2) serving as an officer or member of a committee of RI, or a trustee of The Rotary Foundation; or
- 3) serving as the special representative of the district governor in the formation of a new club; or
- 4) on Rotary business in the employ of RI; or
- 5) directly and actively engaged in a district-sponsored or RI- or Rotary Foundation-sponsored service project in a remote area where making up attendance is impossible; or
- 6) engaged in Rotary business duly authorized by the board which precludes attendance at the meeting.

**Section 2** — *Extended Absence on Outposted Assignment.* If a member will be working on an outposted assignment for an extended period of time, attendance at the meetings of a designated club at the site of the assignment will replace attendance at the regular meetings of the member's club, provided there is a mutual agreement between the two clubs.

**Section 3** — *Excused Absences.* A member's absence shall be excused if

(a) the absence complies with the conditions and under circumstances approved by the board. The board may excuse a member's absence for reasons which it considers to be good and sufficient. Such excused absences shall not extend for longer than twelve months. However, if the leave is for a medical reason or after the birth, the adoption, or foster care of a child that extends for more than twelve months such leave may be renewed by the board for a period of time beyond the original twelve months.

(b) the aggregate of the member's years of age and years of membership in one or more clubs is 85 years or more, the member has been a member of one or more clubs for at least 20 years, and the member has notified the club secretary in writing of the member's desire to be excused from attendance and the board has approved.

**Section 4** — *RI Officers' Absences.* A member's absence shall be excused if the member is a current officer of RI or a Rotarian partner of a current officer of RI.

**Section 5** — *Attendance Records.* When a member whose absences are excused under the provision of subsection 3(a) of this article fails to attend a club meeting, the member and the member's absence shall not be included in the attendance records. In the event that a member whose absences are excused under the provisions of subsection 3(b) or section 4 of this article attends a club meeting, the member and the member's attendance shall be included in the membership and attendance figures used to compute this club's attendance.

## **Article 13**    **Directors and Officers and Committees**

**Section 1** — *Governing Body.* The governing body of this club shall be the board constituted as the bylaws may provide.

**Section 2** — *Authority.* The board shall have general control over all officers and committees and, for good cause, may declare any office vacant.

**Section 3 — *Board Action Final.*** The decision of the board in all club matters is final, subject only to an appeal to the club. However, as to a decision to terminate membership, a member, pursuant to article 15, section 6, may appeal to the club, request mediation, or request arbitration. If appealed, a decision of the board shall be reversed only by a two-thirds vote of the members present, at a regular meeting specified by the board, provided a quorum is present and notice of the appeal has been given by the secretary to each member at least five (5) days prior to the meeting. If an appeal is taken, the action taken by the club shall be final.

**Section 4 — *Officers.*** The club officers shall be a president, the immediate past president, a president-elect, a secretary, and a treasurer, and may include one or more vice-presidents, all of whom shall be members of the board. The club officers shall also include a sergeant-at-arms, who may be a member of the board as the bylaws shall provide. Club officers shall regularly attend satellite club meetings.

**Section 5 — *Election of Officers.***

(a) *Terms of Officers other than President.* Each officer shall be elected as provided in the bylaws. Except for the president, each officer shall take office on 1 July immediately following election and shall serve for the term of office or until a successor has been duly elected and qualified.

(b) *Term of President.* The president shall be elected as provided in the bylaws, not more than two (2) years but not less than eighteen (18) months prior to the day of taking office and shall serve as president-nominee upon election. The nominee shall take the title of president-elect on 1 July in the year prior to taking office as president. The president shall take office on 1 July and shall serve a period of one (1) year or until a successor has been duly elected and qualified.

(c) *Qualifications.* Each officer and director shall be a member in good standing of this club. A candidate for the office of president shall have served as a member of this club for at least one year prior to being nominated for such office, except where service for less than a full year may be determined by the district governor to satisfy the intent of this requirement. The president-elect shall attend the district presidents-elect training seminar and the district training assembly unless excused by the governor-elect. If so excused, the president-elect shall send a designated club representative who shall report back to the president-elect. If the president-elect does not attend the presidents-elect training seminar and the district training assembly and has not been excused by the governor-elect or, if so excused, does not send a designated club representative to such meetings, the president-elect shall not be able to serve as club president. In such event, the current president shall continue to serve until a successor who has attended a presidents-elect training seminar and district training assembly or training deemed sufficient by the governor-elect has been duly elected.

**Section 6 — *Governance of a Satellite Club of This Club (When Applicable).*** A satellite club shall be located in the same locality as this club or in the surrounding area.

(a) *Satellite Club Oversight.* This club shall provide such general oversight and support of a satellite club as is deemed appropriate by the board.

(b) *Satellite Club Board.* For the day-to-day governance of a satellite club, it shall have its own annually elected board drawn from its members and comprising the officers of the satellite club and four to six other members as the bylaws shall provide. The highest officer of the satellite club shall be the chair and other officers shall be the immediate past chair, the chair-elect, the secretary and the treasurer. The satellite board shall be responsible for the day-to-day organization and management of the satellite club and its activities in accordance with Rotary rules, requirements, policies, aims and objectives under the guidance of this club. It shall have no authority within, or over, this club.

(c) *Satellite Club Reporting Procedure.* A satellite club shall, annually, submit to the president and board of this club a report on its membership, its activities and programs, accompanied by a financial statement and audited accounts, for inclusion in this club's reports for its annual general meeting and such other reports as may, from time to time, be required by this club.

**Section 7 — *Committees.*** This club should have the following committees:

1. Club Administration
2. Membership
3. Public Image
4. Rotary Foundation
5. Service Projects

Additional committees may be appointed as needed.

**Article 14**    **Dues**

Every member shall pay annual dues as prescribed in the bylaws.

**Article 15**    **Duration of Membership**

**Section 1** — *Period.* Membership shall continue during the existence of this club unless terminated as hereinafter provided.

**Section 2** — *Automatic Termination.*

(a) *Membership Qualifications.* Membership shall automatically terminate when a member no longer meets the membership qualifications, except that

- 1) the board may grant a member moving from the locality of this club or the surrounding area a special leave of absence not to exceed one (1) year to enable the member to visit and become known to a Rotary club in the new community if the member continues to meet all conditions of club membership;
- 2) the board may allow a member moving from the locality of this club or the surrounding area to retain membership if the member continues to meet all conditions of club membership.

(b) *How to Rejoin.* When the membership of a member has terminated as provided in subsection (a) of this section, such person, provided such person's membership was in good standing at the time of termination, may make new application for membership, under the same or another classification.

(c) *Termination of Honorary Membership.* Honorary membership shall automatically terminate at the end of the term for such membership as determined by the board. However, the board may extend an honorary membership for an additional period. The board may revoke an honorary membership at any time.

**Section 3** — *Termination for Non-payment of Dues.*

(a) *Process.* Any member failing to pay dues within thirty (30) days after the prescribed time shall be notified in writing by the secretary at the member's last known address. If the dues are not paid on or before ten (10) days of the date of notification, membership may terminate, subject to the discretion of the board.

(b) *Reinstatement.* The board may reinstate the former member to membership upon the former member's petition and payment of all indebtedness to this club. However, no former member may be reinstated to active membership if the former member's classification is in conflict with article 11, section 2.

**Section 4** — *Termination for Non-attendance. [See article 7 for exceptions to the provisions of this section.]*

(a) *Attendance Percentages.* A member must

- 1) attend or make up at least 50 percent of club regular meetings or satellite club meetings, or engage in club projects, other events and activities for at least 12 hours in each half of the year, or a proportionate combination of both;
- 2) attend at least 30 percent of this club's regular meetings or satellite club meetings, or engage in club projects, other events and activities in each half of the year (assistant governors, as defined by the board of directors of RI, shall be excused from this requirement).

If a member fails to attend as required, the member's membership may be subject to termination unless the board consents to such non-attendance for good cause.

(b) *Consecutive Absences.* Unless otherwise excused by the board for good and sufficient reason or pursuant to article 12, sections 3 or 4, each member who fails to attend or make up four consecutive regular meetings shall be informed by the board that the member's non-attendance may be considered a request to terminate membership in this club. Thereafter, the board, by a majority vote, may terminate the member's membership.

**Section 5** — *Termination for Other Causes.*

(a) *Good Cause.* The board may terminate the membership of any member who ceases to have the qualifications for membership in this club or for any good cause by a vote of not less than two-thirds of the board members present and voting, at a meeting called for that purpose. The guiding principles for this meeting shall be article 10, section 1; The Four-Way Test; and the high ethical standards that one should hold as a Rotary club member.

(b) *Notice.* Prior to taking any action under subsection (a) of this section, the member shall be given at least ten (10) days' written notice of such pending action and an opportunity to submit a written answer to the board. The member shall have the right to appear before the board to state the member's case. Notice shall be by personal delivery or by registered letter to the member's last known address.

(c) *Filling Classification.* When the board has terminated the membership of a member as provided for in this section, this club shall not elect a new member under the former member's classification until the time for hearing any appeal has expired and the decision of this club or of the arbitrators has been announced. However, this provision shall not apply if, by election of a new member, the number of members under the said classification would remain within provided limitations even if the board's decision regarding termination is reversed.

**Section 6 — Right to Appeal, Mediate or Arbitrate Termination.**

(a) *Notice.* Within seven (7) days after the date of the board's decision to terminate or suspend membership, the secretary shall give written notice of the decision to the member. Within fourteen (14) days after the date of the notice, the member may give written notice to the secretary of the intention to appeal to the club, request mediation, or to arbitrate as provided in article 19.

(b) *Date for Hearing of Appeal.* In the event of an appeal, the board shall set a date for the hearing of the appeal at a regular club meeting to be held within twenty-one (21) days after receipt of the notice of appeal. At least five (5) days' written notice of the meeting and its special business shall be given to every member. Only members shall be present when the appeal is heard.

(c) *Mediation or Arbitration.* The procedure utilized for mediation or arbitration shall be as provided in article 19.

(d) *Appeal.* If an appeal is taken, the action of the club shall be final and binding on all parties and shall not be subject to arbitration.

(e) *Decision of Arbitrators or Umpire.* If arbitration is requested, the decision reached by the arbitrators or, if they disagree, by the umpire shall be final and binding on all parties and shall not be subject to appeal.

(f) *Unsuccessful Mediation.* If mediation is requested but is unsuccessful, the member may appeal to the club or arbitrate as provided in subsection (a) of this section.

**Section 7 — Board Action Final.** Board action shall be final if no appeal to this club is taken and no arbitration is requested.

**Section 8 — Resignation.** The resignation of any member from this club shall be in writing, addressed to the president or secretary. The resignation shall be accepted by the board if the member has no indebtedness to this club.

**Section 9 — Forfeiture of Property Interest.** Any person whose club membership has been terminated in any manner shall forfeit all interest in any funds or other property belonging to this club if, under local laws, the member may have acquired any right to them upon joining the club.

**Section 10 — Temporary Suspension.** Notwithstanding any provision of this constitution, if in the opinion of the board

(a) credible accusations have been made that a member has refused or neglected to comply with this constitution, or has been guilty of conduct unbecoming a member or prejudicial to the interests of the club; and

(b) those accusations, if proved, constitute good cause for terminating the membership of the member; and

(c) it is desirable that no action should be taken in respect of the membership of the member pending the outcome of a matter or an event that the board considers should properly occur before such action is taken by the board; and

(d) that in the best interests of the club and without any vote being taken as to his or her membership, the member's membership should be temporarily suspended and the member should be excluded from attendance at meetings and other activities of this club and from any office or position the member holds within the club;

the board may, by a vote of not less than two-thirds of the board, temporarily suspend the member as aforesaid for a reasonable period of time not to exceed 90 days and on such further conditions as the board determines. A suspended member may appeal or refer to mediation or arbitration the suspension as provided in article 15, section 6. During the suspension, the member shall be excused from fulfilling attendance responsibilities. Prior to the expiration of the suspension period, the board must either proceed to terminate the membership of the suspended Rotarian or reinstate the suspended Rotarian to full regular status.

**Article 16 Community, National, and International Affairs**

**Section 1 — Proper Subjects.** The merits of any public question involving the general welfare of the community, the nation, and the world are of concern to the members of this club and shall be proper subjects of

fair and informed study and discussion at a club meeting for the enlightenment of its members in forming their individual opinions. However, this club shall not express an opinion on any pending controversial public measure.

**Section 2 — *No Endorsements.*** This club shall not endorse or recommend any candidate for public office and shall not discuss at any club meeting the merits or demerits of any such candidate.

**Section 3 — *Non-Political.***

(a) *Resolutions and Opinions.* This club shall neither adopt nor circulate resolutions or opinions, and shall not take action dealing with world affairs or international policies of a political nature.

(b) *Appeals.* This club shall not direct appeals to clubs, peoples, or governments, or circulate letters, speeches, or proposed plans for the solution of specific international problems of a political nature.

**Section 4 — *Recognizing Rotary's Beginning.*** The week of the anniversary of Rotary's founding (23 February) shall be known as World Understanding and Peace Week. During this week, this club will celebrate Rotary service, reflect upon past achievements, and focus on programs of peace, understanding, and goodwill in the community and throughout the world.

## **Article 17     Rotary Magazines**

**Section 1 — *Mandatory Subscription.*** Unless, in accordance with the bylaws of RI, this club is excused by the board of directors of RI from complying with the provisions of this article, each member shall, for the duration of membership, subscribe to the official magazine or to the magazine approved and prescribed for this club by the board of directors of RI. Two Rotarians residing at the same address have the option to subscribe jointly to the official magazine or the Rotary magazine approved and prescribed by the board for their club or clubs. The subscription shall be paid on such dates as established by the board for the payment of per capita dues for the duration of membership in this club.

**Section 2 — *Subscription Collection.*** The subscription shall be collected by this club from each member in advance and remitted to the Secretariat of RI or to the office of such regional publications as may be determined by the board of directors of RI.

## **Article 18     Acceptance of Object and Compliance with Constitution and Bylaws**

By payment of dues, a member accepts the principles of Rotary as expressed in its object and submits to and agrees to comply with and be bound by the constitution and bylaws of this club, and on these conditions alone is entitled to the privileges of this club. Each member shall be subject to the terms of the constitution and bylaws regardless of whether such member has received copies of them.

## **Article 19     Arbitration and Mediation**

**Section 1 — *Disputes.*** Should any dispute, other than as to a decision of the board, arise between any current or former member(s) and this club, any club officer or the board, on any account whatsoever which cannot be settled under the procedure already provided for such purpose, the dispute shall, upon a request to the secretary by any of the disputants, either be resolved by mediation or settled by arbitration.

**Section 2 — *Date for Mediation or Arbitration.*** In the event of mediation or arbitration, the board shall set a date for the mediation or arbitration, in consultation with disputants, to be held within twenty-one (21) days after receipt of the request for mediation or arbitration.

**Section 3 — *Mediation.*** The procedure for such mediation shall be that recognized by an appropriate authority with national or state jurisdiction or be that recommended by a competent professional body whose recognized expertise covers alternative dispute resolution or be that recommended by way of documented guidelines determined by the board of RI or the trustees of The Rotary Foundation. Only a member of a Rotary club may be appointed as mediator(s). The club may request the district governor or the governor's representative to appoint a mediator who is a member of a Rotary club and who has appropriate mediation skills and experience.

(a) *Mediation Outcomes.* The outcomes or decisions agreed between the parties as a result of mediation shall be recorded and copies held by each party, the mediator(s) and one copy given to the board and to be held by the secretary. A summary statement of outcomes acceptable to the parties involved shall be prepared for the information of the club. Either party, through the president or secretary, may call for further mediation if either party has retracted significantly from the mediated position.

(b) *Unsuccessful Mediation.* If mediation is requested but is unsuccessful, any disputant may request arbitration as provided in section 1 of this article.

**Section 4 — Arbitration.** In the event of a request for arbitration, each party shall appoint an arbitrator and the arbitrators shall appoint an umpire. Only a member of a Rotary club may be appointed as umpire or as arbitrator.

**Section 5 — Decision of Arbitrators or Umpire.** If arbitration is requested, the decision reached by the arbitrators or, if they disagree, by the umpire shall be final and binding on all parties and shall not be subject to appeal.

**Article 20 Bylaws**

This club shall adopt bylaws not inconsistent with the constitution and bylaws of RI, with the rules of procedure for an administrative territorial unit where established by RI, and with this constitution, embodying additional provisions for the government of this club. Such bylaws may be amended from time to time as therein provided.

**Article 21 Interpretation**

Throughout this constitution, the terminology “mail,” “mailing,” and “ballot-by-mail” will include utilization of electronic mail (e-mail) and internet technology to reduce costs and increase responsiveness.

**Article 22 Amendments**

**Section 1 — Manner of Amending.** Except as provided in section 2 of this article, this constitution may be amended only by the council on legislation in the same manner as is established in the bylaws of RI for the amendment of its bylaws.

**Section 2 — Amending Article 2 and Article 4.** Article 2 (Name) and Article 4 (Locality of the Club) of the constitution shall be amended at any regular meeting of this club, a quorum being present, by the affirmative vote of not less than two-thirds of all voting members present and voting, provided that notice of such proposed amendment shall have been mailed to each member and to the governor at least ten (10) days before such meeting, and provided further, that such amendment shall be submitted to the board of directors of RI for its approval and shall become effective only when so approved. The governor may offer an opinion to

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# Bylaws of the Rotary Club of Charlotte South

## **Article 1 Definitions**

1. Board: The Board of Directors of this club.
2. Director: A member of this club's Board of Directors.
3. Member: A member, other than an honorary member, of this club.
4. RI: Rotary International.
5. Year: The twelve month period that begins on the 1<sup>st</sup> of July.

## **Article 2 Board**

The governing body of this club shall be the board consisting of eleven (11) members of this club, namely, the president, president-elect (or president-nominee, if no successor has been elected), secretary, treasurer, the sergeant-at-arms and the five (5) directors elected in accordance with Article 3, Section 1 of these bylaws, and the immediate past president.

## **Article 3 Election of Directors and Officers**

**Section 1** At a regular meeting one (1) month prior to the meeting for election of officers, the presiding officer shall ask for nominations by members of the club for president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer and five (5) directors. The nominations may be presented by a nominating committee or by members from the floor, by either or by both as a club may determine. If it is determined to use a nominating committee, such committee shall be appointed as the club may determine. The nominations duly made shall be placed on a ballot in alphabetical order under each office and shall be voted for the annual meeting. The candidates for president, secretary, and treasurer receiving a majority of the votes shall be declared elected to their respective offices. The five (5) candidates for director receiving a majority of the votes shall be declared elected as directors. The candidate for president elected in such balloting shall be the president-nominee and serve as a director for the year commencing on the first (1<sup>st</sup>) day of July next following the election, and shall assume office as president on the first (1<sup>st</sup>) of July immediately following that year. The president-nominee shall take the title of president-elect on the first (1<sup>st</sup>) of July in the year prior to taking office as president.

**Section 2** The officers and directors, so elected, together with the immediate past president shall constitute the board.

**Section 3** A vacancy in the board or any office shall be filled by action of the remaining directors.

**Section 4** A vacancy in the position of any officer-elect or director-elect shall be filled by action of the remaining directors-elect.

## **Article 4 Duties of Officers**

**Section 1 *President*.** It shall be the duty of the president to preside at meetings of the club and the board and to perform other duties as ordinarily pertains to the office of president.

**Section 2 *President-elect*.** It shall be the duty of the president-elect to serve as a director and to perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the president or the board.

**Section 3 *Vice-President*.** It shall be the duty of the vice-president to preside at meetings of the club and the board in the absence of the president and to perform other duties as ordinarily pertains to the office of vice-president.

**Section 4 *Secretary*.** It shall be the duty of the secretary to keep membership records; record attendance at meetings; send out notices of club, board, and committee meetings; record and preserve the minutes of such meetings; report as required to RI, including the semiannual reports of membership on the first (1<sup>st</sup>) of January and the first (1<sup>st</sup>) of July of each year, which shall include *per capita* dues for all members and prorated dues for active members who have been elected to membership in the club since the start of the July or January semiannual reporting period; report changes in membership; provide the monthly attendance report, which shall be made to the district governor within fifteen (15) days of the last meeting of the month; collect and remit RI official magazine subscriptions; and perform other duties as usually pertain to the office of secretary.

**Section 5 *Treasurer*.** It shall be the duty of the treasurer to have custody of all funds, accounting for it to the club annually and at any other time upon demand by the board, and to perform other duties as pertain to the

office of treasurer. Upon retirement from office, the treasurer shall turn over to the incoming treasurer or to the president all funds, books of accounts, or any other club property.

**Section 6 *Sergeant-at-Arms.*** The duties of the sergeant-at-arms shall be such as are usually prescribed for such office and other duties as may be prescribed by the president or the board.

## **Article 5 Meetings**

**Section 1 *Annual Meeting.*** An annual meeting of this club shall be held during the first (1<sup>st</sup>) week of December in each year, at which time the election of officers and directors to serve for the ensuing year shall take place.

**Section 2** The regular weekly meetings of this club shall be held on Monday at 12:30 p.m. Due notice of any changes in or canceling of the regular meeting shall be given to all members of the club. All members excepting an honorary member (or member excused pursuant to the standard Rotary club constitution) in good standing in this club, on the day of the regular meeting, must be counted as present or absent, and attendance must be evidenced by the member's being present for at least sixty percent (60%) of the time devoted to the regular meeting, either at this club or at any other Rotary club, or as otherwise provided in the standard Rotary club constitution, Article 9, Sections 1 and 2.

**Section 3** One-third (1/3) of the membership shall constitute a quorum at the annual and regular meetings of this club.

**Section 4** Regular meetings of the board shall be held monthly at a time and location determined by the president and board. Special meetings of the board shall be called by the president, whenever deemed necessary, or upon the request of two (2) directors, due notice having been given.

**Section 5** A majority of the directors shall constitute a quorum of the board.

## **Article 6 Fees and Dues**

**Section 1** The admission fee shall be determined at the first (1<sup>st</sup>) board meeting of directors in July to be paid before the applicant can qualify as a member, except as provided for in the standard Rotary club constitution, Article 11.

**Section 2** The membership dues shall be determined at the first board meeting of directors in July per annum, payable quarterly on the first (1<sup>st</sup>) day of July, October, January and April, with the understanding that a portion of each quarterly payment shall be applied to each member's subscription to the RI official magazine.

## **Article 7 Method of Voting**

The business of this club shall be transacted by *via voice* vote except the election of officers and directors, which shall be by ballot. The board may determine that a specific resolution be considered by ballot rather than by *viva voce* vote.

## **Article 8 Four Avenues of Service**

The four (4) Avenues of Service are the philosophical and practical framework for the work of this Rotary club. They are Club Service, Vocational Service, Community Service, and International Service. This club will be active in each of the four (4) Avenues of Service.

## **Article 9 Committees**

Club committees are charged with carrying out the annual and long-range goals of the club based on the four (4) Avenues of Service. The president-elect, president, and immediate past president should work together to ensure continuity of leadership and succession planning. When feasible, committee members should be appointed to the same committee for three (3) years to ensure consistency. The president-elect is responsible for appointing committee members to fill vacancies, appointing committee chairs, and conducting planning meetings prior to the start of the year in office. It is recommended that the chair have previous experience as a member of the committee. Standing committees should be appointed as follows:

- **Membership** This committee should develop and implement a comprehensive plan for the recruitment and retention of members.
- **Club Public Relations** This committee should develop and implement plans to provide the public with information about Rotary and to promote the club's service projects and activities.



- **Club Administration** This committee should conduct activities associated with the effective operation of the club.
- **Service Projects** This committee should develop and implement educational, humanitarian, and vocational projects that address the needs of its community and communities in other countries.
- **The Rotary Foundation** This committee should develop and implement plans to support The Rotary Foundation through both financial contributions and program participation.

Additional *ad hoc* committees may be appointed as needed.

- (a) The president shall be an *ex officio* member of all committees and, as such, shall have all the privileges of membership thereon.
- (b) Each committee shall transact its business as is delegated to it in these bylaws and such additional business as may be referred to it by the president or the board. Except where special authority is given by the board, such committees shall not take action until a report has been made and approved by the board.
- (c) Each chair shall be responsible for regular meetings and activities of the committee, shall supervise and coordinate the work of the committee, and shall report to the board on all committee activities.

### **Article 10 Duties of Committees**

The duties of all committees shall be established and reviewed by the president for his or her year. In declaring the duties of each, the president shall reference to appropriate RI materials. The service projects committee will consider the Avenues of Vocational Service, Community Service, and International Service when developing plans for the year.

Each committee shall have a specific mandate, clearly defined goals, and action plans established by the beginning of each year for implementation during the course of the year. It shall be the primary responsibility of the president elect to provide the necessary leadership to prepare a recommendation for club committees, mandates, goals, and plans for presentation to the board in advance of the commencement of the year as noted above.

### **Article 11 Leave of Absence**

Upon written application to the board, setting forth good and sufficient cause, leave of absence may be granted excusing a member from attending the meetings of the club for no longer than twelve (12) months.

Any member requesting a leave of absence must submit a request in writing or by email to the club president. Dues must be current, and the leave of absence period will begin on the first day of the next quarter. A leave of absence can be requested for a minimum of three months and no more than 12 months.

The purpose of the Leave of Absence policy is to grant relief for the meal charges when extenuating financial, personal or business obligations prevent a member from participation for a short period of time. Examples would be loss of job, temporary extended business travel and health related issues.

### **Article 12 Finances**

**Section 1** Prior to the beginning of each fiscal year, the board shall prepare a budget of estimated income and expenditures for the year, which shall stand as the limit of expenditures for these purposes, unless otherwise ordered by action of the board. The budget shall be broken into two (2) separate parts: one in respect of club operations and one in respect of charitable/service operations.

**Section 2** The treasurer shall deposit all club funds in a bank, named by the board. The club funds shall be divided into two (2) separate parts: club operations and service projects.

**Section 3** All bills shall be paid by the treasurer or other authorized officer only when approved by two (2) officers or directors.

**Section 4** A thorough review of all financial transactions by a qualified person shall be made once each year.

**Section 5** Officers having charge or control of club funds shall give bond as required by the board for the safe custody of the funds of the club, cost of bond to be borne by the club.

**Section 6** The fiscal year of this club shall extend from the first (1<sup>st</sup>) of July to the thirtieth (30<sup>th</sup>) of June, and for the collection of members' dues shall be divided into two (2) semiannual periods extending from the first (1<sup>st</sup>) of July to the thirty-first (31<sup>st</sup>) of December, and from the first (1<sup>st</sup>) of January to the thirtieth (30<sup>th</sup>) of June. The

payment of *per capita* dues and RI official magazine subscriptions shall be made on the first (1<sup>st</sup>) of July and the first (1<sup>st</sup>) of January of each year on the basis of the membership of the club on those dates.

### **Article 13 Method of Electing Members**

**Section 1** The name of a prospective member, proposed by an active member of the club, shall be submitted to the board in writing, through the club secretary. A transferring or former member of another club may be proposed to active membership by the former club. The proposal shall be kept confidential except as otherwise provided in this procedure.

**Section 2** The board shall ensure that the proposal meets all the classification and membership requirements of the standard Rotary club constitution.

**Section 3** The board shall approve or disapprove the proposal within thirty (30) days of its submission and shall notify the proposer, through the club secretary, of its decision.

**Section 4** If the decision of the board is favorable, the prospective member shall be informed of the purposes of Rotary and of the privileges and responsibilities of membership, following which the prospective member, that person, upon payment of the admission fee (if not honorary membership), shall be considered to be elected to membership.

**Section 5** If no written objection to the proposal, stating reasons, is received by the board from any member (other than honorary) of the club within seven (7) days following publication of information about the prospective member, that person, upon payment of the admission fee (if not honorary membership), as prescribed in these bylaws, shall be considered to be elected to membership.

If any such objection has been filed with the board, it shall vote on this matter at its next meeting. If approved despite the objection, the proposed member, upon payment of the admission fee (if not honorary membership), shall be considered to be elected to membership.

**Section 6** Following the election, the president shall arrange for the new member's induction, membership card, and new member Rotary literature. In addition, the president or secretary will report the new member information to RI and the president will assign a member to assist with the new member's assimilation to the club as well as assign the new member to a club project or function.

**Section 7** The club may elect, in accordance with the standard Rotary club constitution, honorary members proposed by the board.

### **Article 14 Resolutions**

The club shall not consider any resolution or motion to commit the club on any matter until the board has considered it. Such resolutions or motions, if offered at a club meeting, shall be referred to the board without discussion.

### **Article 15 Order of Business**

Meeting called to order.

Introduction of visitors.

Correspondence, announcements, and Rotary information.

Committee reports, if any.

Any unfinished business.

Any new business.

Address or other program features.

Adjournment.

### **Article 16 Amendments**

These bylaws may be amended at any regular meeting, a quorum being present, by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of all members present, provided that notice of such proposed amendment shall have been mailed (via regular U.S. mail or electronically by email) to each member at least ten (10) days before such meeting. No amendment or addition to these bylaws can be made which is not in harmony with the standard Rotary club constitution and with the constitution and bylaws of RI.