



# UNION WEST ROTARY

INDIAN TRAIL, NC

## VISITOR INFORMATION GUIDE

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## *A Message from the Club President*

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Welcome to Union West Rotary and thank you for visiting our club. You honor us with your presence and we hope you enjoy yourself. Please take a moment to introduce yourself to the members around you and know that nothing pleases us more than to have guests visit us- to get to know you and for you to get to know us. As you observe our meeting, we encourage you to participate and ask questions. If you want to learn more about what is involved in joining Rotary- and specifically Union West Rotary- please speak to our Club President, our Membership chair, the Sergeant At Arms (greeter) or visit our website at [www.unionwestrotary.com](http://www.unionwestrotary.com). We are always looking for interesting, civic-minded individuals to join our Club and help us further our mission of giving back to our community in the spirit of "Service Above Self".

Once again, we are very happy to have you here with us.

Sincerely,

Club President



# WELCOME TO ROTARY

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We are neighbors, community leaders, and global citizens uniting for the common good. With you, we can accomplish even more

## Explore Rotary Clubs

The heart of Rotary is our clubs—dedicated people who share a passion for both community service and friendship

## Develop Leadership Skills

Whether you're a student or starting your career, there are many ways Rotary can help you become a better leader

### ➤ Seminar for Tomorrow's Leaders (SFTL)

- SFTL is a 4 day/3 night premier leadership experience for high school junior and seniors sponsored by Rotary District 7680 with curriculum designed and facilitator training provided by a global leader in executive training, Center for Creative Leadership
- With FUN and active learning at the core, Rotarian volunteers and SFTL alumni will guide and participate with students in activities, games, small and large group dialogue, role plays, skits, and reflective time to equip our youth with tools to broaden their leadership awareness and ignite their inner capacity to help transform their local and global communities

## Advance your education

From college scholarships to our renowned Peace Fellowships, Rotary supports the educational aspirations of thousands of future leaders

## Discover new cultures

Explore the world through our global network

## Explore our causes

We're committed to taking on some of the world's most pressing challenges

## Join a project

Change your community with us by volunteering on a local project

## Partner with us

We work with groups of all sizes to accomplish even more

# **Union West Rotary – Highlights**

- **We hold a breakfast meeting every Thursday from 7:30-8:30am in the Indian Trail Civic Building (100 Navajo Drive, Indian Trail NC 28079)**
- **Our club was founded in 1996 and currently has 30 members**
- **We are a group of civic-minded citizens and professionals who come together with the goals of:**
  - Volunteering our time and resources to improve our communities
  - Networking, both personally and professionally
  - Raising funds for worthy causes
  - Helping those less-fortunate
  - Carrying out the Rotary motto of “Service Above Self” on a local and global scale
  - Fostering leadership qualities in the youth
  - Having fun in a relaxed atmosphere
- **Activities we commit ourselves to locally:**
  - Old Monroe Road Trash Pick Up
  - Movies In The Park – Crossing Paths Park
  - Indian Trail Fourth of July and Christmas Parades
  - Holiday Cookies With Santa- Indian Trail Library
  - Back Pack Program (food collection for local children in need)
  - Dictionaries to local 3rd graders
  - Annual Mayor’s Tree Education Initiative for local 4th graders
  - Projects sponsored by the District and other local clubs
- **Guest speakers:** Our featured guest speakers are the focal point of most of our meetings. Interested speaker volunteers should contact the Program Coordinator for dates and logistics

# History



*"Whatever Rotary may mean to us, to the world it will be known by the results it achieves."*

—Paul P. Harris

Our 1.2 million-member organization started with the vision of one man—Paul P. Harris. The Chicago attorney formed one of the world's first service organizations, the Rotary Club of Chicago, on February 23<sup>rd</sup> 1905 as a **place where professionals with diverse backgrounds could exchange ideas and form meaningful, lifelong friendships**. Rotary's name came from the group's early practice of rotating meetings among the offices of each member.



A wheel has been the symbol of Rotary since our earliest days. The first design was made by Chicago Rotarian Montague Bear, an engraver who drew a simple wagon wheel, with a few lines to show dust and motion. The wheel was said to illustrate "Civilization and Movement." Most of the early clubs had some form of wagon wheel on their publications and letterheads. Finally, in 1922, it was decided that all Rotary clubs should adopt a single design as the exclusive emblem of Rotarians. Thus, in 1923, the present gear wheel, with 24 cogs and six spokes was adopted by the "Rotary International Association." A group of engineers advised that the geared wheel was mechanically unsound and would not work without a "keyway" in the center of the gear to attach it to a power shaft. So, in 1923 the keyway was added and the design which we now know was formally adopted as the official Rotary International emblem.

# The Object of Rotary

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

1. The development of acquaintances as an opportunity for service
2. High ethical standards in business and professions: the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society
3. The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life

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

# The Structure of Rotary

The Rotary organization is made up of three parts and at the heart of Rotary are our clubs, which are supported by Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation.

**Rotary clubs** bring together dedicated individuals to exchange ideas, build relationships, and take action.

**Rotary International** supports Rotary clubs worldwide by coordinating global programs, campaigns, and initiatives.

**The Rotary Foundation** uses generous donations to fund projects by Rotarians and our partners in communities around the world. As a nonprofit, all of the Foundation's funding comes from voluntary contributions made by Rotarians and friends who share our vision of a better world.

Together, Rotary clubs, Rotary International, and The Rotary Foundation work to make lasting improvements in our communities and around the world.

Once again, welcome to Union West Rotary



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