



# MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Rotary is an international service organization with more than 46,000 clubs and 1.4 million members in almost every nation. “**Service Above Self**” is the Rotary motto. Belmont Rotary Club is the second oldest in Gaston County and will celebrate its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2025.

Thank you for your interest in becoming a member. Our diverse membership includes people in business at all levels, professionals, public servants and in many other occupations. Common characteristics of members are a desire to make friends and business connections and a passion for serving others on a personal, community or even international level.

Here are some points to remember as you consider applying for membership.

- Membership in Rotary is by invitation only, and new members must be sponsored by a member.
- Meetings are weekly and regular attendance is encouraged.
- Belmont Rotary Club meets for lunch and a short program on important local topics and issues each Wednesday, except holidays, from 12:30 until 1:30 p.m.
- Members are encouraged to take an active role in club leadership, to serve on committees and participate in programs and projects.
- Members, or their employers, are invoiced quarterly for club dues and meals. In many cases, employers pay for, or reimburse, the cost of Rotary Club membership for staff members.
- Here is a summary of customary charges, invoiced quarterly:

Rotary quarterly dues	\$ 46.00
*13 weekly meals @ \$12 ea.	\$156.00
Paul Harris Fellow contribution (optional)	\$ 25.00
Guatemala child sponsorship	\$ 5.00
Quarterly Virtual Fundraiser contribution	<u>\$ 25.00</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$257.00</b>

\*Because of catering requirements, meal charges are due whether or not members attend. No charge when the club fails to meet on a holiday or a meeting is cancelled for another reason.

To learn more about Rotary and potential membership, you should attend meetings. Your first visit is as a guest of the club. If you wish to pursue membership, you should ask a member to sponsor you. The member who sponsors you for membership will advise and support you in the membership application process. Contact any club member for more information. See the member directory on our website under “**Club Links.**”

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

**Thank you for your interest. We look forward to seeing you at a Rotary meeting soon.**