**Rotary Club of Charlotte Providence**

Dear Prospective Member,

Thank you for your interest in the Rotary Club of Charlotte Providence (formerly Charlotte East Rotary). Rotary is an international organization of business and professional persons united to provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations and help build goodwill and peace throughout the world. The organization is comprised of over 31,000 clubs in 163 countries, with a total membership of over

1.2 million.

The Charlotte Providence Rotary Club’s membership is about 40 members, representing professionals, business owners and managers of large to small businesses in the Charlotte area.

The information you provide on the attached application will be reviewed by our Board of Directors. When approval is granted by the Board, your information will be published to the general club membership. Membership is approved (if there are no objections received) within 2 weeks.

Rotary offers each member unique opportunities and responsibilities. Members of Charlotte Providence Rotary are expected to actively and financially support club projects, support The Rotary Foundation, adhere to membership guidelines set forth by Rotary International, and help keep the organization viable by identifying and inviting prospective members to join the club.

Member Financial Commitments:

Annual Club Dues - $50/quarter ($200 annual)

Meals - $245/quarter ($980 annual)

Rotary Foundation $25/quarter ($100) OPTIONAL BUT HIGHLY ENCOURAGED \*

TOTAL - $320 / quarter - $1280 annual (50% for new members first year [Bill Keenan’s Donation])

 \*This assures the EREY (Every Rotarian Every Year) Foundation Donation that is promoted by our district to be considered for any award and/or Presidential Citation.

OTHER:

Fundraising Events

 Cotswold Farmers Market – club members encourage to volunteer for set-up and take down

           Pancake Breakfast – club members encouraged to sell 10 tickets each @$10

           Oyster Roast – club members encouraged to sell 4 tickets each @$35

Members are encouraged to contribute to the Rotary Foundation over and above the $100/year but it is a highly individual decision.

*“Some join because they expect a good meal once a week; in this they may be disillusioned. Others for sordid business reasons; for this they will be forgiven. Yet sooner or later, sipping the pleasant wine of Rotary acquaintance each will discover what he seeks: the warmth* *of Rotary fellowship, the wealth of information, the wisdom of life that is a force for service in a world of forces for self.”* (John Paul Lucas, Jr. 1908-­1979)

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**WHY JOIN ROTARY?**

**Friendship:** In an increasingly complex world, Rotary provides one of the most basic human needs: the need for friendship and fellowship. It is one of two reasons why Rotary began in 1905.

**Business Development:** The second original reason for Rotary’s beginning is business development. Everyone needs to network. Rotary consists of a cross section of every business community. Its members come from all walks of life. Rotarians help each other and collectively help others.

**Personal Growth and Development:** Membership in Rotary continues one’s growth and education in human relations and personal development.

**Leadership Development:** Rotary is an organization of leaders and successful people. Serving in Rotary positions is like a college education. Leadership: learning how to motivate, influence, and lead leaders.

**Citizenship in the Community:** Membership in a Rotary club makes a better community citizen. The average Rotary club consists of the most active citizens of any community.

**Continuing Education:** Each week at Rotary there is a program designed to keep one informed about what is going on in the community, nation, and world. Each meeting provides an opportunity to listen to different speakers and a variety of timely topics.

**Fun:** Rotary is fun, a lot of fun. Each meeting is fun. The club projects are fun. Social activities are fun. The service is fun.

**Public Speaking Skills:** Many individuals who joined Rotary were afraid to speak in public. Rotary develops confidence and skills in public communication and the opportunity to practice and perfect these skills.

**Citizenship in the World:** Every Rotarian wears a pin that says “Rotary Intern national.” There are few places on the globe that do not have a Rotary club. Every Rotarian is welcome – even encouraged – to attend any of the more than 33,000 clubs in over 200 nations and geographical regions. This means instant friends in both one’s own community and in the world community.

**Assistance When Traveling:** Because there are Rotary clubs everywhere, many a Rotarian in need of a doctor, lawyer, hotel, dentist, advice, etc., while traveling has found assistance through Rotary.

**Entertainment:** Every Rotary club and district has parties and activities that provide diversion in one’s business life. Rotary holds conferences, conventions, assemblies, and institutes that provide entertainment in addition to Rotary information, education, and service.

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**The Development of Social Skills:** Every week and at various events and functions, Rotary develops one’s personality, social skills and people skills. Rotary is for people who like people.

**Family Programs:** Rotary provides one of the world’s largest youth exchange programs; high school and college clubs for future Rotarians; opportunities for spouse or partner involvement; and a host of activities designed to help family members in growth and the development of family values.

**Vocational Skills:** Every Rotarian is expected to take part in the growth and development of his or her own profession or vocation; to serve on committees and to teach youth about one’s job or vocation. Rotary helps to make one a better doctor, lawyer, teacher, etc.

**The Development of Ethics:** Rotarians practice a 4­Way Test that governs one’s ethical standards. Rotarians are expected to be ethical in business and personal relationships.

**Cultural Awareness:** Around the world, practically every religion, country, culture, race, creed, political persuasion, language, color, and ethnic identity is found in Rotary. It is a cross section of the world’s most prominent citizens from every background. Rotarians become aware of their cultures and learn to love and work with people everywhere. They become better citizens of their countries in the process.

**Prestige:** Rotary members are prominent people: leaders in business, the professions, art, government, sports, military, religion, and all disciplines. Rotary is the oldest and most prestigious service club in the world. Its ranks include executives, managers, professionals – people who make decisions and influence policy.

**Nice People:** Rotarians above all are nice people – the nicest people on the face of the earth. They are important people who follow the policy that it is nice to be important, but it is important to be nice.

**The Absence of an “Official Creed”:** Rotary has no secret handshake, no secret policy, no official creed, no secret meeting or rituals. It is an open society of men and women who simply believe in helping others.

**The Opportunity to Serve:** Rotary is a service club. Its business is mankind. Its product is service. Rotarians provide community service to both local and international communities. This is perhaps the best reason for becoming a Rotarian: the chance to do something for somebody else and to sense the self-­fulfillment that comes in the process and the return of that satisfaction to one’s own life. It is richly rewarding.

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**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

**Personal Information**

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| Name  |  |
| Nickname  |  |
| Street Address  |  |
| City, State, Zip Code  |  |
| Home Phone  |  |
| Cell Phone  |  |
| Email Address  |  |
| Preferred Form of Contact  |  |
| Date of Birth  |  |
| Name of Spouse  |  |
| Date of Anniversary  |  |
| Children Names/Ages |  |

**Education**

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| High School(Graduation Year) |  |
| College/University (Degree/Graduation Year)  |  |
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| Military Service (Branch of Service/Rank)  |  |

**Employment Information**

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| Name of Employer  |  |
| Title/Position  |  |
| Type of Business  |  |
| Proposed Classification  |  |
| Street Address  |  |
| City, State, Zip Code  |  |
| Work Phone  |  |

**Transferring Rotarian?**

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| Previous Club Name  |  |
| Dates of Membership  |  |
| Contact Person at Previous Club  |  |
| Positions Held  |  |
| Paul Harris Fellow  |  |

**Special Interests -** Please describe your special interests, hobbies, and talents.

 **Community Involvement -** Summarize your past and present community involvement.

 **Desire to Become a Rotarian -** Please elaborate on why you want to be a Rotarian.

**Involvement as a Rotarian**The Rotary Club of Charlotte Providence has many activities for Rotarian involvement. All members are encouraged to participate actively. Examples of areas for involvement within Rotary’s Avenues of Service are listed below. Please indicate your area(s) of interest:

**🞎Club Service** (activities that relate to our club)
Coordination of fellowship and social events for members; Communications to members via email, newsletters, and website; New member recruitment and retention activities; Media and public service announcements for club activities and community service projects.

🞎 **Vocational Service** (projects relating to work and preparation for employment)
Monthly speakers at Hickory Grove Christian School’s Interact Club

🞎**Community Service** (Activities that focus on the needs of our community)
Cotswold Farmers Market; Building Habitat for Humanity house; Fall Festival to benefit local charities; Pancake Breakfast to benefit local charities; Salvation Army Christmas Bell Ringing, Auto Bell ticket sales.

**🞎International Service** (Service in other countries throughout the world)
Bands Together concert and food packaging event to support Stop Hunger Now (and local food banks); Little Hearts pediatric cardiology clinic in Honduras; Group Study Exchange, etc.

**🞎New Generations** (Projects concerning youth)
Rotary Youth Exchange; Seminar for Tomorrow’s Leaders; scholarships for Interact Club students

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**Agreement and Signature**

By submitting this application, I affirm that the facts set forth in it are true and complete.

* I agree to submit a current resume along with this application to the Club Secretary.
* I understand that it will be my duty, if selected, to exemplify Rotary’s 4 Way Test in my daily contacts and activities.

**Of the things we think, say, and do: Is it the truth? Is it fair to all concerned? Will it build goodwill and better friendships? Will it be beneficial to all concerned?**

* I agree to pay the quarterly fees for dues and meals.
* I will be committed to the goal of Every Rotarian Every Year through my optional yearly gift to the Rotary Foundation.
* I confirm my commitment to meet Rotary’s attendance requirement of attending or making up at least 50% of the regular weekly club meetings in each half of the Rotary Year. I understand that if I am absent from a weekly meeting, I can make up the meeting two weeks prior or two weeks after the missed meeting by (1) a attending a meeting of any other Rotary club in the world, (2) attending a club committee meeting or board meeting, (3) attending a district conference, convention, or meeting, (4) participating in a club service project, or (4) attending a virtual meeting on Rotary eClub One (www.rotary eclubone.org). I will notify the Club’s Sergeant of Arms or Club Secretary of any and all make­ups in a timely manner.
* I agree to help raise money towards whatever club goal is set for the current year for our Rotary club’s charitable contributions.
* I accept my responsibility to be an active club member by serving on club committees and meeting the other new member requirements as outlined in the accompanying letter provided to me.
* I grant permission to have my name and pertinent information circulated to the club membership prior to the club voting on my nomination.

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| Name (printed)  |  |
| Signature  |  |
| Date  |  |