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**The Rotary Club
of
Mooreville**

Welcomes You!



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Welcome to The Rotary Club of Mooresville, one of the original clubs in Rotary District 7680!

Rotary is an international organization providing the venue for you to share your time, talents, knowledge and wealth in a meaningful manner, while accumulating some of the best friends you will ever have. It is made up of business and professional men and women united worldwide to provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and help build goodwill and peace in the world.

Rotary isn't for everyone. But if you are civic-minded, genuinely concerned about others less fortunate than yourself, and would like to leave the world a better place for future generations, you should consider becoming a Rotarian. We meet *weekly* at 7:30 a.m. on Tuesday's at The Heritage House, 494 E. Plaza Dr., Mooresville, NC. In addition to the fellowship we enjoy, we have programs about community activities, international topics, Rotary's Avenues of Service or a topic of particular timely interest.

We invite you to review the following pages to learn more about our organization to see if you would be interested in becoming a member of The Rotary Club of Mooresville. You just might find the experience "life changing," while determining "what's in it for me?"

While "Service Above Self" is our motto and most important feature of Rotary International, we also work together in fellowship as we develop great camaraderie.

Please accept this invitation to consider becoming a member of The Rotary Club Mooresville.

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ROTARY IS....

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

ROTARY is the world's first service club. The first Rotary club was founded in Chicago, Illinois, USA on 23 February 1905.

ROTARY is more than 1.2 million service-minded men and women belonging to more than 34,000 Rotary clubs in virtually every nation in the world.

ROTARIANS meet weekly for fellowship and interesting and informative programs dealing with topics of local and global importance. Membership reflects a wide cross-section of community representation.

ROTARIANS plan and carry out a remarkable variety of humanitarian, educational, and cultural exchange programs that touch people's lives in their local communities and our world community.

ROTARY is The Rotary Foundation, which each year provides millions for international scholarships, cultural exchanges, and humanitarian projects large and small that improve the quality of life for millions of people.

ROTARY is widely regarded as the world's largest private provider of international educational scholarships.





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Overview of Rotary District 7680

- District 7680 was established on July 1, 1992.
- It serves fourteen counties in the west-central region of North Carolina:
Alexander County, Alleghany County, Anson County, Ashe County, Cabarrus County, Cleveland County, Gaston County, Iredell County, Mecklenburg County, Richmond County, Rowan County, Stanly County, Union County, Wilkes County.
- It encompasses 59 clubs with approximately 2900 members who share similar values and are dedicated to serving the needs of their communities and helping others around the world.
- The Charlotte Rotary Club is the district's oldest club, chartered December 1, 1916.
- District 7680 is noted as "the Birthplace of Rotaract" with the founding of the first Rotaract Club at UNC-Charlotte on March 13, 1968, by the Charlotte North Rotary Club.

Overview of the Rotary Club of Mooresville

WHO ARE WE?

The Rotary Club of Mooresville is part of an international organization of community leaders within the west-central region of North Carolina. We strive to live by the four-way test of truthfulness, fairness, friendship and actions beneficial to all. Through the club, our members lead and participate in strategic humanitarian and community projects; encourage high ethical standards in all vocations; and help build goodwill and peace in our community. Quality weekly programs provide positive professional development, educate members on international, community and business issues while fostering fellowship.

OUR VISION

To be recognized as the leading business/industry Mooresville area service organization admired for its member's fellowship and community service accomplishments.

OUR MISSION

To carry-out significant and meaningful service projects for health/hunger, youth, education and other initiatives while continuing to build friendships among members.

The club was chartered February 1, 1922

For additional information please review our 2016-2019 Strategic Plan.

Brief Listing of typical Community Activities

- Delivering beds to children in need in Iredell County.
- Habitat Build Days in Mooresville.
- Coffee, tea, and grits collection and donation to the Mooresville Soup Kitchen and the Mooresville Christian Mission.



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20 Answers to the Question: Why Join Rotary?

1. **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.
2. **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.
3. **Personal Growth and Development:** Membership in Rotary continues one's growth and education in human relations and personal development.
4. **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.
5. **Citizenship in the Community:** Membership in a Rotary club makes one a better community citizen. The average Rotary club consists of the most active citizens of any community.
6. **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.
7. **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.
8. **Public Speaking Skills:** Many individuals who joined Rotary were afraid to speak in public. Rotary develops confidence and skill in public communication and the opportunity to practice and perfect these skills.
9. **Citizenship in the World:** Every Rotarian wears a pin that says "Rotary International." 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 clubs in the world community.
10. **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.
11. **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.
12. **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.
13. **Family Programs:** Rotary provides one of the world's largest youth exchange programs; high school and college clubs for future Rotarians; opportunities for spouse involvement; and a host of activities designed to help family members in growth and the development of family values.
14. **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.
15. **The Development of Ethics:** Rotarians practice a 4-Way Test that governs one's ethical standards. Rotarians are expected to be ethical in business and personal relationships.
16. **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.
17. **Prestige:** Rotary members are prominent people: leaders of 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.
18. **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 of it is nice to be important but it is important to be nice.
19. **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.
20. **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 return of that satisfaction to one's own life. It is richly rewarding.



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How to Join the Rotary Club of Mooresville

New Candidates

1. New candidates must complete the Membership Proposal Form (following page) and give to the Rotarian sponsoring their candidacy.
2. The sponsoring Rotarian will present the completed Membership Proposal Form to the Board of The Rotary Club of Mooresville.
3. The Membership Proposal will be kept confidential unless the Board instructs otherwise.
4. The Board will ensure that the candidate meets all of Rotary's membership requirements.
5. The Board will approve or reject the candidate's membership within 30 days and will notify the candidate of its decision.
6. If the decision of the Board is favorable, the candidate is:
 - invited to join the club
 - educated about Rotary and membership requirements,
 - asked to sign the Membership Proposal Form,
 - asked to allow his or her name and proposed classification to be conveyed to the club.
7. If no member of the club submits a written objection including reasons for the objection, to the Board within seven days after the club is notified of the candidate, that person is considered to be elected to membership.
8. If an objection has been filed with the Board, the club shall vote on this matter at its next meeting.
 - If approved despite the objection, the candidate is elected to membership.

Transfer Candidates

1. Transfer candidates must complete the Membership Proposal Form (following page) and provide it to the Board of The Rotary Club of Mooresville.
2. When accepting a transferring or former Rotarian, the club must first secure a certificate from the former club confirming that person's membership, as well as, verification that the member does not have any outstanding debts to the club.
3. A transfer candidate cannot join a new club until all debts to the former club have been paid.



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Membership Proposal Form

Last Name: _____ First: _____ Nametag Nickname: _____

Mailing Address: _____ City and Zip: _____

Telephone: Cell _____ Home: _____ Business: _____

Email: _____

Birth place: _____ Birthday: _____ Birthyear: _____

Spouse or partner's name: _____ Married: yes no Anniversary date: _____

Former or Current Business: _____

Classification: _____

Title: _____ Business Website: _____ Employees: _____

If rejoining or a former Rotarian, list most recent club information:

Previous Club Name: _____ Rotary Membership ID: _____

Activities that I would like to consider as a Rotarian:

- _____ Club Service
- _____ Community Service
- _____ International Service
- _____ Youth Service
- _____ Public Relations

I understand that The Rotary Club of Mooresville dues are \$676 annually (\$169 per quarter) which includes a \$100 contribution for the Rotary Foundations' "Every Member Every Year" Campaign as well as a breakfast buffet at each meeting. Quarterly invoices are mailed to each member.

Signature: _____ Date: _____