

Salisbury Rotary Club

Information for Prospective Members

Updated 4/23/2024

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Mission of Rotary

We provide service to others, promote integrity, and advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through our fellowship of business, professional, and community leaders.

Rotary Vision Statement

Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change — across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.

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 the development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service.

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.

Four Way Test

Of the things we think, say or 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. General Information

Meetings:

Tuesdays 12:30---1:30 P.M. at the Rotary Hut on the corner of Liberty and Jackson Streets.
Lunch service begins at 12:20 pm and the President rings the bell for Call to Order at 12:45 am.

Attendance:

The Rotary year is divided into two parts, July 1 through December 31, and January 1 through June 30. Members are encouraged attend a minimum of 60% of the meetings per half year, and not miss more than four consecutive meetings.

Makeup Meetings:

A missed meeting may be made up two weeks before to two weeks after an absence by: attending the meeting of another Rotary club or participating in a zoom meeting from any Rotary Club.

Dues/Fees/Contributions

A one-time initiation fee of \$125.00 is due when the candidate for membership is notified of his/her acceptance by the Club. The initiation fee is not charged for a Rotarian transferring in from another club. Contributions to Rotary Foundation funds enable Rotarians to carry out humanitarian and educational projects. An optional, but suggested contribution of \$25.00 per quarter is also included on quarterly billings. Please see Page 3 of this document for detailed information about dues.

Committees and Service Projects

Each member will select the roles and/or committees on which they wish to participate. Active participation is encouraged. Members can suggest service projects to the Board of Directors, club officers or to committees. Most recent service projects have included, sending english language learning books to Escuela Integrada in Guatemala, participating in the City of Salisbury Blockwork Day, ringing the Salvation Army Bell, and participating in the United Way Day of Caring 2024.

Seating

While there are no assigned seats, some members have been sitting in the same seat for many years. We suggest that new members rotate among all the tables to become more acquainted with members of the Club.

Programs

All members are encouraged to suggest program topics or presenters. The Program Committee works to provide timely and interesting programs that cover the Eight program Categories of Rotary Centric, Education, Business, Current Events, History and the Arts, Natural Resources, Non-Profit, Health and Wellness. Rotary International also has monthly themes that allow us to learn more about Rotary's priorities. The Program Committee welcomes member suggestions. If a member has a special connection to a presenter, the Program Committee may ask the member to assist in planning the program.

There are also programs built into our calendar each year. These include Passing of the Gavel, Recognition of Scholarship Recipients, Recognition of Junior Rotarians (2 fall meetings), Holiday Social (Second Tuesday of December at 5:30 pm), Holiday Soup and Song (last meeting before Christmas), Public Safety Recognition (last meeting of January), Junior Rotarians' Response to Current Events (2 meetings in February), Program by the District 7680 District Governor, Education Scholarship Fundraiser in Spring or Fall.

CART Fund (Cash for Alzheimer's Research Trust)

The club chair for the CART fund will remind the club to make donations to the Blue CART buckets each week. They will also ask for a volunteer to match donations. The maximum match is \$100.

Fundraising

Participation is required in the annual Education Scholarship fundraising activity. Members are required to sell or purchase three raffle tickets and are encouraged to sell four tickets. As of April 2024, Raffle tickets are \$100 per couple.

II. Membership

Proposing new members

Club members are encouraged to submit the name(s) of qualified individuals as prospective new members. Proposed members should believe in the Mission and Vision of Rotary. Proposed members should understand the Object of Rotary and be willing to recite the Four Way Test. When recruiting new members, Rotarians should introduce potential members to other members of the club and members of the Rotary Board of Directors. The latest member application should have an updated copy of "Information for Prospective Members."

Membership Categories

Full Active Member

Member on Leave of Absence- Permitted for 3-month increments up to 12 months.

Business Membership- A primary and secondary member are under one business.

The business pays one full membership and a second membership less meal costs.

For more information on a Business Membership, connect with one of the Club Officers.

Orientation

New members will attend an onboarding session within their first six weeks of membership.

Mentorship (Proposed)

New members will be assigned a club mentor within their first two weeks of membership.

Introduction

At the request of the President, each new member will present a brief introduction of themselves to the Club.

New Member Ribbon

New Members will wear their new member ribbon on their Nametag until they complete the following 5 New Member Initiation Requirements. Approved by the Rotary Board 1/16/24

1. New Members must rotate to a minimum of three tables over three meetings.
2. New Members must visit one other Rotary Club meeting.
3. New Members must select one committee on or project in which to participate.
4. New Members must introduce themselves to the Club from the podium.
5. New Members must suggest one program or speaker to the Program Committee.

III. Financial Responsibilities- updated December 1, 2023

Below is a summary of the costs involved for membership in the Salisbury Rotary Club.

Dues are invoiced at the end of each quarter. The Rotary year begins on July 1st, so the end of the first quarter of the Rotary year is September 30th. Dues invoices are emailed within the first week of each quarter. Three months (one full quarter) without paying dues/fees may serve as a resignation from the Club.

Rotary Hut- Each Rotarian pays \$20 per quarter for maintenance and improvements for the Hut. This amount is included in "Club Dues."

Salisbury Charity League- The Salisbury Charity League ladies volunteer to serve our weekly lunch. Club Dues include \$7 per quarter for this service.

Salisbury Rotary Club Dues are \$45 per year and include- club recognitions, district events for our President or club representative, supplies for meetings and socials, and partial sponsorship of the Rotary Leadership Institute In-Person Training for up to 10 Rotary Member Leadership Candidates.

Rotary International and District Dues are \$175 annually. The club Treasurer invoices 1/4th of the dues each quarter.

Lunches and Socials- The member cost for lunch each week is \$11.00. Social events cost \$15-\$20 per Rotarian or guest. The per-member meal expense, based on average attendance at weekly meetings and social events, is \$143 per quarter.

Guest Meals:

The club pays for the meals for potential Rotary members.

Guests of a member or a visiting Rotarian pay \$15 for lunch. Club Members may choose to be invoiced for guest meals at \$15 per meal. All Rotarians must make a reservation for themselves and any guests by noon on Monday before our meeting on Tuesday.

Rotary Foundation Contribution

It is hoped that members will contribute a minimum of \$100.00 per year to the Rotary Foundation toward a “Paul Harris Fellowship” for themselves or a designee and to become a “Rotary Benefactor” by willing \$1,000.00 to the Foundation upon their death.

To be a 100% Paul Harris Fellow Club, every club member must have contributed \$1,000 to the Rotary Foundation. To be a Paul Harris Fellow requires that members make a \$1,000 contribution. The club hopes that all members will strive to become Paul Harris Fellows. Each member can give \$25 or more through quarterly dues or online giving. You can also set up monthly giving through the Rotary International online giving portal.

Invoice Details for Full Members	Annually	Quarterly
Rotary Hut	\$ 80	\$20 per quarter
Salisbury Charity League-	\$ 28	\$7 per quarter
Lunches and Socials	\$572	\$143. per quarter
Salisbury Club Dues	\$ 45	\$11.25 per quarter
<u>Rotary International and District Dues</u>	<u>\$175</u>	<u>\$43.75 per quarter</u>
Total	\$900	\$225.00 per quarter

Optional

Rotary Foundation Contribution	\$100	<u>\$25 per quarter (you decide the amount)</u>
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Grand Total **\$1000 per year or \$250 per quarter**
includes a \$25 quarterly contribution to the Rotary Foundation

Financial Responsibilities for Members on Leave of Absence

The Board approved a Leave of Absence Membership Category in Fall 2023. Members must apply to the Board for a Leave of Absence. Leave of Absence will be granted in 3-12 months increments.

Invoice Details for Members on Leave of Absence	Annual	Quarterly
Rotary International and District Dues	\$175	\$43.75
<u>Salisbury Rotary Club Dues</u>	\$45	\$11.25
Total	\$220	\$55
<u>Rotary Foundation Contribution Optional</u>	\$	\$

Membership Guidelines

1. Members are welcome to announce or ask the President to announce events for the community or interested persons.
2. Members should not promote the sale of items, but they may put a flyer on each table or provide a flyer to be included in the bulletin.
3. Members may not solicit on behalf of civic groups, committees, or non-profit organizations. (Program presenters are not allowed to solicit donations or sell items.)
4. Members are welcome to invite guests and or individuals running for office. Members may not endorse candidates in a Rotary meeting. Members will be billed \$15 for any guest who is not attending as a potential member.

Please return this page with your application:

You may:

1. Scan in and email your application to your Rotary Sponsor and/or the Club Officers Below
2. Hand deliver your application to your Rotary Sponsor and/or the Club Officers Below
3. Mail your application to: Club Secretary Donny Clement at Donnycle@yahoo.com and Club President Cindy Fink at Cfink@mowrowan.org or Salisbury Rotary Club, PO Box 4092, Salisbury, NC 28145

My signature below indicates my understanding and acceptance of the conditions, financial responsibilities and expectations for membership in the Salisbury Rotary Club. I request the Salisbury Rotary Club Board of Directors (committee for new members) proceed with my application for membership.

Printed Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____