

SERVICE ABOVE SELF

The Rotary movement began in 1905 in Chicago. A young lawyer, Paul P. Harris, brought together business and professional men to recapture the feelings of friendship and fellowship many had known growing up in small towns. Rotary International is the world's first service club organization.

For more than a century since its founding in 1915, the Wilmington Rotary Club has worked to make our community a better place to live, work, and raise families. Rotary's central objective is "Service Above Self." That mission is continuing into the club's second century, through members' volunteer efforts and contributions, and through the club's fundraising projects and grants.

The Wilmington Rotary Club strives to build a community where people unite and take action to create lasting change. We value diversity and celebrate the contributions of people from all backgrounds, regardless of age, ethnicity, race, ability, religion, culture, sex, sexual orientation, and gender identity. We work to cultivate a diverse, equitable and inclusive culture.

Membership is by invitation, based on good character and diverse vocations. Current members sponsor and endorse applicants for membership. Members are expected to meet moderate financial and attendance obligations, and to become involved in the club's service activities.



THE 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?



Rotary



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Rotary Club of Wilmington

meets 12:30 p.m. Tuesdays
Grace United Methodist Church
Activity Center
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Historic Downtown Wilmington
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Established April 1, 1915 as Rotary Club #150

SIX AREAS OF ROTARY FOCUS

The Wilmington Rotary Club chooses local, regional and global projects to address issues that fall under the international Rotary movement's goals.



BASIC EDUCATION & LITERACY

- Six local elementary schools: A long-term partnership provides one-on-one tutoring and helps teachers and librarians obtain books, both for in-school use and to give to children who might not have any books in their homes.
- Williston Middle School: The club has entered a long-term partnership to supplement parental investments of time and resources, and to reward students for positive behaviors. Tutoring; donations of school supplies; clothing for low-income students; support for fitness, science, math and music programs; and regular teacher-appreciation events are some of the contributions the club has made.
- Cape Fear Literacy Council: The club supports adult literacy programs to help underemployed adults help themselves to break the cycle of poverty.
- Rookie Teacher of the Year awards: To encourage beginning educators, in partnership with New Hanover County Schools, the club recognizes the work of five first-year teachers with cash awards each year.
- Boys & Girls Home at Lake Waccamaw: The club has a longstanding relationship with the Boys & Girls Home. It helped build and maintain the Rotary Cottage, which houses high school boys, and still supports the Home financially.



DISEASE PREVENTION & TREATMENT

- End Polio Now: At the forefront of the Rotary Foundation's service projects is the campaign to eradicate polio worldwide. Our members donate to this cause; some have participated in national immunization days overseas.
- Dental clinics: The club has sponsored free dental screenings for children both here in Wilmington and in Ukraine, in partnership with other Rotary Clubs and with help from local dental hygiene students.

MATERNAL & CHILD HEALTH

- Nourish NC: The club has made an active effort to help the poorest of public school pupils learn, by ensuring they have enough to eat on weekends and during school breaks.



SANITATION & HYGIENE

- Clean Water & Sanitation: The club has been especially active in recent years, partnering with Rotary Clubs in developing countries to provide water-treatment systems for villages, schools and orphanages. Over 30 water systems have been installed in Honduras, India and Guyana.

ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

- Rural development in Africa: The club has participated in a project to help develop sustainable agriculture and rebuild health-care systems in the war-ravaged West African nation of Sierra Leone.
- Rotary Wheel and Garden: The club is responsible for building the Greenfield Lake Amphitheater and the Rotary Wheel Garden at Greenfield Park. The club continues to maintain and beautify the garden as a public amenity.
- Community Development: In its early years, the club actively worked to encourage development of parks and modernizing the region's transportation infrastructure.



PEACE & CONFLICT PREVENTION/RESOLUTION

- Rotary Youth Exchange: Each year, over 8,000 high school students visit other countries to educate themselves and promote appreciation of cultural diversity.
- Rotary Peace Centers: Located at seven universities world-wide, including Duke and UNC-Chapel Hill, this program develops leaders who become catalysts for peace and conflict prevention in communities around the globe.
- Service Above Self awards: In recognition of the role that police and other first responders play in preventing and resolving conflict, the club and the District Attorney's Office collaborate annually to present public-safety officers with these awards, named for Rotary's motto.
- Paws4People: This Wilmington-based non-profit trains assistance dogs to help people with physical and psychological disabilities, including veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder. The club provides financial support and volunteer work.



OTHER ROTARY PROJECTS

- Rotary Youth Leadership Awards bring promising high school juniors together with Rotarians and other community volunteers to discuss leadership and the students' educational and career aspirations. RYLA is a collaboration among the region's Rotary Clubs.



We are neighbors, community leaders, and global citizens united for the common good.