

A photograph of three people—two women and one man—collaborating at a table outdoors. The woman on the left is smiling and looking at a document. The woman in the center is focused on writing on a document. The man on the right is smiling and looking at a document. They are all wearing light blue shirts. The table has various items on it, including a bowl of orange fruit, a silver teapot, and several white cups and saucers. In the background, there is a yellow sign with the word "Terra" and some greenery.

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There are countless ways to engage with Rotary and your Rotary club. You choose how — and how much — to get involved.

Rotary

Club of Georgetown



Dear Prospective Member:

We appreciate your inquiry about becoming a member of the Rotary Club of Georgetown. We know that attracting new members is a vital part of keeping our club strong and vibrant, and we thank you for your interest!

There are several ways to find out more about who we are and what we do:

- ❖ **First, please continue to come to meetings!** Joining us for meetings is the best way to get a feel for our club's "personality" and to consider whether we are a good fit for you. Yes, all Rotary clubs have somewhat different cultures and personalities and we are proud to describe our club as "Not your grandfather's Rotary!" That is probably quite obvious upon even one visit!

Our meetings are held at Friendship Place located at 1423 Front Street, Georgetown, SC, on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month beginning at 1 pm. We begin gathering around 12:15-12:30 pm for a little social time prior to the meeting.

We do require that you come as a current member's guest. This is so we have a member contact for you and to make sure you receive a guest lunch, which is paid for by our club. If you continue to come after the initial two meetings, we ask that you pay for your lunch upon arrival.

- ❖ **Second, sign up to be on our "Friends" mail list when you sign in with our Sergeant of Arms at the door.** You will then receive information about upcoming meetings and especially about where we are meeting - we may not always meet at Root.
- ❖ **Third, we invite you to visit our website:** www.georgetownrotaryclub.org which is full of information, including photos and videos about our recent service activities. Also, follow us on Facebook at @georgetownrotaryclub.
- ❖ **Fourth, you may also like to look over the Rotary International website:** www.rotary.org. This is an easy way for you to begin to realize that we are a huge global organization (1.2 million members, 35,000+ clubs in more than 200 countries) – and an organization which is impacting the world in profound ways through our many service projects and financial support.

- ❖ **Fifth, although we try to make sure our prospective members have an opportunity to talk with many members, feel free to ask questions of anyone!**

IF YOUR INTEREST CONTINUES, HERE'S HOW OUR MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION PROCESS WORKS...

- ✓ You will need to identify a member who is willing to be your sponsor. He/she will then notify our Membership Chair that you are interested in applying and you will be sent an application. Your completed application should then go to our Membership Chair or to your sponsor.
- ✓ Once your application has been submitted to the Membership Chair (or your sponsor,) it will be submitted to the Board of Directors at their next scheduled board meeting.
- ✓ Once your application is approved by the Board of Directors, there will be two readings at our club meeting to assure there are no objections to your membership (rarely, if ever, are there objections.) You will then pay the \$100 initiation fee.
- ✓ Then you will be inducted at our regular meeting and receive your membership material. And finally, after you give your classification talk (the time when we really get to hear about you!) you will become a full official member.

I hope this provides you with all the information you need and that you continue your interest... We look forward to having you as a member!

Best regards,

The Rotary Club of Georgetown

“Whatever Rotary may mean to us,
to the world it will be known by
the results it achieves.”

— Paul Harris, 1914

WHAT'S ROTARY?

Rotary is an international membership organization made up of people who share a passion for and commitment to enhancing communities and improving lives across the world. Rotary clubs exist in almost every country. Our members change lives locally and connect with other clubs to work on international projects that address today's most pressing challenges. Being a member is an opportunity to take action and make a difference, and it brings personal rewards and lifelong friendships in the process.

DID YOU KNOW?

The name *Rotary* was selected by early members because meeting locations rotated among their offices.

WHAT WE VALUE

Rotary was founded on principles that remain at the heart of the organization today. These principles reflect our core values — integrity, diversity, service, leadership, and fellowship, or friendship. Our core values emerge as themes in our guiding principles.

AVENUES OF SERVICE

We channel our commitment to service through five Avenues of Service, which are the foundation of club activity.

- Club Service focuses on making clubs strong. A thriving club is anchored by strong relationships and an active membership development plan.
 - Vocational Service calls on all Rotarians to work with integrity and contribute their expertise to the problems and needs of society.
 - Community Service encourages every Rotarian to find ways to improve the quality of life of people in their communities and to serve the public interest.
 - International Service exemplifies our global reach in promoting peace and understanding. We support this avenue by sponsoring or volunteering on international projects, using local member expertise to build long-term partnerships for sustainable projects, seeking service partners abroad, and more.
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- Youth Service recognizes the importance of empowering youth and young professionals through leadership development programs such as **Rotaract, Interact, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards**, and **Rotary Youth Exchange**.

DID YOU KNOW?

Rotary's motto, Service Above Self, reflects our belief in unselfish volunteer service.

AREAS OF FOCUS

The causes we target to maximize our impact are called our areas of focus. Our most successful and sustainable projects and activities fall within these areas. Through global grants and other resources, we help clubs focus their service efforts in the following areas:

- Promoting peace
- Fighting disease
- Providing clean water
- Saving mothers and children
- Supporting education
- Growing local economies

Projects that focus on these causes are eligible for global grant funding from The Rotary Foundation.



Areas of focus icons

THE FOUR-WAY TEST

Early Rotary members emphasized the importance of acting responsibly and ethically and using our professions as an opportunity to serve. Honoring our commitments, however bold, is an ideal characteristic of a Rotarian. In 1932, The Four-Way Test was developed by Herbert Taylor, a Rotary Club of Chicago member and 1954-55 RI president, to guide his attempt to save a faltering aluminum company. Rotary later adopted it, and it underscores Rotary's value of integrity. The Four-Way Test has long served as an ethical guide for members to live by in their personal and professional relationships.

OF THE THINGS WE THINK, SAY OR DO:

1. Is it the **TRUTH**?
 2. Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
 3. Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
 4. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?
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OBJECT OF ROTARY

In Rotary's first decade, members set out guiding principles that evolved into what is now known as the Object of Rotary. They added the advancement of peace in 1921 and made the language more gender-neutral in 1989 and 1995.

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:

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.

DIVERSITY

As an international organization, Rotary values its diversity around the world and within each club. Each club strives to reflect the diversity of its community by including members from a mix of professions, genders, ages, and ethnicities. Having members with different backgrounds and viewpoints gives your club a broader understanding of the community and its problems, and better equips it to find solutions. Equally important is fostering a culture of inclusion, where these differences are respected, supported, and valued. Rotary is apolitical and nonreligious, and it does not discriminate on the basis of gender, race, color, faith, national origin, or sexual orientation.



Clubs are most successful
when they reflect the
community they serve.

THE ROTARY FOUNDATION

In 1917, Rotary President Arch Klumph announced his idea for an endowment fund dedicated to “doing good in the world.” With this short statement, Klumph inspired the establishment of The Rotary Foundation. Today, The Rotary Foundation helps clubs and districts work together to perform meaningful, sustainable service. Our top-rated, award-winning Foundation has spent more than \$3.7 billion on life-changing, sustainable projects that help people in need around the world get clean water, medical care, literacy classes, and other essentials.

Our members’ and others’ contributions to the Foundation allow us to bring sustainable change to communities in need. Ask our club’s Rotary Foundation committee chair or visit **rotary.org/donate** to learn how you can support our Foundation.



Rotarian administering
polio vaccine in Nigeria,
Africa

ERADICATING POLIO WORLDWIDE

One benefit of being a Rotarian is that you can take pride in being part of an organization that truly makes a difference in the world. Since 1985, Rotarians have served as community-based mobilizers for polio eradication, motivating international groups, governments, private organizations, communities, and individuals to join the global effort to rid the world of polio. Rotary works with partners in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI), including the World Health Organization (WHO), the U.S.

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, and the governments of the world to achieve this historic public health goal.

As part of the effort, Rotarians contribute their time and money to the cause, raising funds, advocating for government support, serving as volunteers to help immunize children, and raising awareness in their communities. Rotary's contributions to the global polio eradication effort now exceed \$1.6 billion, including matching funds from the Gates Foundation. Hundreds of thousands of volunteers have supported National Immunization Days. Since 1988, more than 2 billion children have received oral polio vaccine, and we've achieved a 99.9 percent reduction in polio cases. It may be considered the greatest humanitarian service the world has ever seen, and every Rotarian can take pride in the achievement.

To learn how you can support Rotary's efforts to eradicate polio, visit **endpolio.org**.

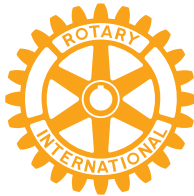
DID YOU KNOW?

Rotary International began its fight against polio in 1979 with a multiyear immunization project in the Philippines.

ROTARY'S IMAGE

A positive public image of Rotary enhances our ability to do good in the world. As a Rotarian, your words and actions represent Rotary, and joining Rotary means committing to live by Rotary's values. Each of us also has the ability to improve the public's understanding of Rotary by telling the Rotary story and why we're proud to be a part of it. By telling our stories, we make sure Rotary is recognized for the good work we do. As a member, you can propose new members to your club. Talk to your club leaders to learn how.

Rotary



Rotary's masterbrand signature is the main logo available for use by all Rotary clubs around the world.

AN INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE

Another benefit of being a Rotary club member is the opportunity to have international experiences and connections. Whether you host a youth exchange student, attend an international Rotary meeting, or partner with a club in another country on a project, Rotary offers many ways to connect with people from around the world.



Rotary is a network of members around the world working together to exchange ideas and take action.

THE ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

The Rotary International Convention takes place each May or June and welcomes all members and their families. It's generally held in a different world city each year and is attended by 20,000 to 40,000 people. The convention is an opportunity to celebrate Rotary and to network and connect with Rotarians from around the world.

DID YOU KNOW?

The first Rotary Convention was held in Chicago, Illinois, USA, in August 1910.

STRENGTHENING OUR YOUTH

We believe in investing in our future by empowering young leaders, helping them learn leadership skills, and giving them opportunities to have cross-cultural experiences.



Rotaract members
meet yearly before the
convention.

ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE

Rotary Youth Exchange promotes international understanding and lifelong friendships by letting young people see another part of the world. Exchanges can be long-term or short-term. Short-term exchanges last from a few days to several months and often take place when school is not in session. Students typically stay with a local family in the host country, but they might also attend a youth camp or tour the country with other foreign students. During a long-term exchange, students spend a year in another country, attending school and living with host families. Exchanges vary widely among districts, so contact your district's Youth Exchange chair to learn what's available in your area.

INTERACT AND ROTARACT

Interact clubs give young people 12-18 years old the chance to work together and have fun while learning about service and promoting international understanding. Each club is required to complete at least two major projects each year, one to serve the community and the other to promote international understanding.

Rotaract clubs are service clubs for young people ages 18-30 that emphasize the importance of leadership and community involvement. Rotaractors can join Rotary clubs and enjoy dual membership until they leave Rotaract.



RYLA events instill values of service and leadership at an early age.

ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARDS (RYLA)

Each year, thousands of young people are selected to attend Rotary-sponsored leadership camps or seminars through Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA). In an informal atmosphere, groups of outstanding people ages 14-30 spend several days in a challenging program of leadership training, facilitated discussions, inspirational addresses, and social activities designed to enhance personal development, leadership skills, and good citizenship.

TRAINING AND SKILL BUILDING

Our club offers new members a formal orientation to acquaint them with Rotary and the club. Members can also take courses on topics that interest them in the **Learning Center** (learn.rotary.org) or join Rotary discussion groups to learn more.

Our district also runs seminars on Rotary topics such as membership, public image, The Rotary Foundation, and grant management. All districts also hold annual district conferences to celebrate the year's accomplishments. Rotary members and their families are invited to attend and enjoy the inspirational speeches and entertainment and the acquaintances they make. These in-person training meetings and events are great ways to meet people who share an interest in service and the community.

Districts also hold role-based training events for club presidents, secretaries, treasurers, and committee chairs and for members serving as assistant governors and district committee chairs. When you get involved as a speaker or trainer, you'll learn skills, like project management, public speaking, and event planning, that can also help you in your personal and professional life.

DID YOU KNOW?

You can learn more about Rotary by taking courses on Rotary's **Learning Center**.

OUR CLUB SERVICE PROJECTS

Our club looks for ways to make a difference in our community and communities around the world. We use our knowledge of local issues to identify areas of need, then apply our expertise and diverse perspectives to find a solution. Service projects may change from year-to-year, based on the needs of our community.

Below is a list of activities of the Rotary Club of Georgetown:

Fundraisers

Annual Golf Tournament
Annual Shag Festival
Harborwalk Lights 5K
Harbor Night / Shag Festival

Service Projects

Bus Shelter Clean Up

Our club adopted a bus shelter beside Piggly Wiggly in Georgetown and Rotarians volunteer several times a year to clean the area and make any needed repairs.

Dictionary Project

Our club provides dictionaries to second graders at elementary schools in Georgetown County.

Rotary Readers

Our Rotarians volunteer to read to students on an assigned day each week in Georgetown County elementary schools.

Luggage of Love

Our club has partnered with the Family Justice Center of Georgetown and Horry Counties and the Georgetown County Sheriff's Department to provide care bags to children and families who have been removed from their homes in emergency situations due to no fault of their own.

Scholarships

Our club provides college scholarships each year to three seniors attending high school in Georgetown County.

Past Service Projects

YMCA Splash Program
Operation Warm Coat
Happy Feet
Foster Children's Christmas
American Red Cross Blood Drive

AND SO MUCH MORE!

WHAT DOES IT COST?

One of the concerns about joining Rotary is the cost. The cost to belong to a Rotary Club somewhat depends on one's level of participation and their level of involvement. Rotary is trying to make an impact on our community and the world. To achieve these results requires a commitment. Membership in the Rotary Club of Georgetown requires a commitment of both money and time.

First, is the financial commitment for belonging to our club. The initiation fee for new members is \$100, which includes a Rotary pin, certificate, and other introductory Rotary materials.

Annual dues for our club, the District and Rotary International are approximately \$896 per year, and also includes the cost of lunch twice per month. To simplify accounting, our members are billed \$224 quarterly. These quarterly payments cover the cost of all meals and dues, achieving 'Sustaining Member' status in the Rotary Foundation, and other miscellaneous charges including a subscription to the monthly Rotarian magazine.

At our weekly meetings, members are asked to donate any amount to the CART "Coins for Alzheimer's Research" bucket, Happy Bucks (share something you're happy about that week and make a donation of any amount), and participate in our club 50/50 raffle.

Our members are also expected to make a commitment of their time, by participating in local or international activities and projects of the club. These include both service projects and social events. In addition, we encourage members to aspire to leadership or committee roles within both our club and our Rotary district.

Unfortunately, many clubs have some members who come for the meal, talk to a few people, and then leave without becoming truly involved in the work of Rotary. These people have earned the nickname, RINOS. The term RINO is the acronym for Rotarian In Name Only, someone whose name is on the club roll but whose attendance and participation are minimal. In most clubs, there are at least some RINOS, but we continually strive not to have any RINOS in our club.

Rotarians quickly find that they get far more back from their involvement, than what they have put into Rotary.

WHAT'S NEXT?

The key to getting the most out of your membership is to get involved in ways that suit your interests. The time and energy you invest in Rotary will yield rich rewards. You can shape your club experience by talking with club leaders about your ideas, and as a member, you, too, are eligible to be a club leader. Over time, active members find that the connections they make through Rotary become lifelong friendships.

DID YOU KNOW?

Members are eligible for discounts on a variety of services all over the world through **Rotary Global Rewards**. Visit the **Member Center** on [Rotary.org](https://www.rotary.org) to learn more.

OPTIMIZE YOUR MEMBERSHIP EXPERIENCE

- Attend as many club meetings and events as you can. Connect with different people each time.
 - Volunteer your skills and take on a role such as committee member, greeter, or webmaster.
 - Identify a need in your community and suggest a hands-on project that addresses it.
 - Participate in, or offer your expertise to, a club leadership development program.
 - Tell friends and colleagues how your club is giving back to your community, and emphasize the unique opportunity Rotary provides for networking with leaders in many professions.
 - Get involved with your club's international service projects.
 - Browse Rotary service projects worldwide at **rotary.org/showcase**.
 - Join a Rotary **discussion group** to connect with others who share your interests.
 - Discover Rotary voices from around the world at **blog.rotary.org**.
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- Stay up-to-date by subscribing to newsletters from Rotary International at **rotary.org/newsletters**, reading your club and district newsletters, and visiting your club and district websites and **Rotary.org**.
 - Help your club or district raise funds to eradicate polio.
 - Set a personal contribution goal in support of your club's Annual Fund giving goal, or donate through The Rotary Foundation's recurring giving program, Rotary Direct.
 - Propose a friend or colleague for membership in your club.
 - Ask your club leaders how you can get involved in Rotary Youth Exchange, Interact, or Rotaract.
 - Talk to club leaders about where your expertise is most needed.
 - Visit Rotary Ideas to get ideas for club projects or contribute to another club's project.
 - Post a finished service project on Rotary Showcase to share your success and inspire others.
 - Attend your club's next assembly and help plan club activities.
 - Volunteer to help with your club's signature project — one your club is known for in the community.
 - Check out the Member Center and other resources on **Rotary.org**.
 - Join a Rotary Fellowship and meet Rotarians from other countries who share your interests.
 - Go to your district conference and the Rotary International Convention.
 - Check out another Rotary club's meeting. Contact its leaders first to make arrangements.
 - Take a course on the **Learning Center**.
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