



Welcome to the Summerville Evening Rotary Club! Both you and our community will benefit from your involvement in helping others who may not be in a position to help themselves.

As a new member, this document contains some information about our Club that you should find helpful. Rotary International is our governing body, but Clubs have a lot of autonomy, which is why each Club is so unique. As questions come up, reach out to anyone on the Board or the member sitting next to you at a meeting.

- Club website: [www.summervilleeveningrotary.org](http://www.summervilleeveningrotary.org)
- District website: [www.rotary7770.org](http://www.rotary7770.org)
- Rotary International website: [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org)
- Club meetings are held weekly on Monday evenings. Social time begins at 5:30 and the meeting starts at 5:45 and runs for one hour. We meet at Summerville Country Club located at 400 Country Club Boulevard. Our Club does not serve a meal. If you would like food or refreshments, feel free to order from the bar. Many Federal holidays fall on a Monday; you will be notified via email if we are not meeting on any particular day.
- Attend meetings as often as your schedule permits. As with most things, what you get out of something is directly related to what you put into it.
- As a Rotarian, you now have an open invitation to visit any Rotary Club in the world. It's a great way to connect with others in your community and when travelling. Rotary International (RI) has a website that lists where and when every Club around the world meets. This information can be found on the RI website [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org) by clicking on the magnifying glass and doing a "search by club" parameter.
- Club dues are \$100 per quarter which covers our District 7770 dues, as well as your Rotary International (RI) dues. These cover expenses such as The Rotary Magazine, insurance, and a \$25 quarterly donation to the Paul Harris Foundation. You will receive an email from our Club Treasurer with a link if you wish to pay your dues on-line. Checks are also accepted and can be given directly to the Treasurer.
- New members also have an initial \$100 membership application fee to support our club's operating expenses.
- The Rotary Foundation: Generous gifts by Rotarians around the globe (as well as matching grants from businesses and individuals alike) allow us the opportunity to help those in need. Each member is requested to give a minimum of \$100 per year to be a "sustaining member" in the Foundation under the Sustaining Club status. To achieve this goal, \$25 per quarter is included in your quarterly invoice. However, you can pay for it separately if you wish. You will receive a statement for tax purposes as these contributions are donated to a 501c(3).
  - The Summerville Evening Rotary Club Foundation: Our Rotary Club took the necessary steps to form our own Foundation. This allows us more opportunities to receive donations and sponsorships for our Fundraisers as we are a 501c(3). Our Club's Foundation is completely independent of our Club's administrative finances and our Treasurer keeps two sets of books in accordance with IRS tax law.
- Rotary originally started as a networking group using a business model developed over 100 years ago. Members are assigned to a classification according to their occupation. Today, we don't consider ourselves a networking group, but Rotarians do business with Rotarians. The networking and business relationships will fall into place.



- Our Club loves service projects! Yes, we write checks too, but our members really enjoy engaging with each other and our community. Anyone in the Club can bring a project idea to the Club. Just to name a few of our long-standing projects would include:
  - ❖ The Dictionary Project. All third graders in DD2 receive a free dictionary from one of the three Rotary Clubs in Summerville. We visit the classrooms and distribute the books.
  - ❖ Happy Feet – children deemed in need by the guidance counselors direct these families to us and we set aside a Saturday to shop for shoes and socks that the children receive for free.
  - ❖ Back Pack Buddies – Several times a year, we stock the pantry at Alston Bailey Elementary School. Children with food insecurities are sent home with a discreet backpack of food on Fridays to get them through the weekend.
- Fellowship and Socials are a great time to bond with fellow Rotarians. Some of our gatherings have included RiverDogs and Stingrays games. Oyster Roasts, Happy Hour, Bowling, Ice Skating, BBQ's and Cookouts. We also have a Christmas Party. Your significant other is always welcome and your children as well. Our Rotary year spans July 1st to June 30<sup>th</sup>. That's when the President and Officers rotate on or off the Board. To celebrate this milestone, we hold an Installation Banquet in June to celebrate the year.
- Once you are inducted, new members engage in a 60 day session we call the "Red Badge Program". It's a kickstart to nudge you along in your engagement with the Club and your new Rotary family. After 60 days and/or the completion of these requirements, you will receive your Blue Badge. The following pages explain what is expected of you in your role as a new Rotarian.

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

Induction Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Complete the mandatory requirements to receive your Blue Badge:

Requirement:	Date(s)
1. Pay dues and your one-time \$100 membership application fee. (Dues are \$100 per quarter which includes a \$25 Paul Harris Foundation Contribution)	_____
2. Get involved by joining a committee.	_____
3. Attend a Board Meeting. The first Monday of every month – TBD.	_____
4. Attend a Rotary meeting at another club.	_____
5. Meet four members and get their pertinent information and a signature.	_____
6. Acknowledge by signature our Fundraising Events Agreement.	_____
7. Attend a Service Project or Social.	_____
8. Give a "Member Minute" talk to the Club about yourself and your vocation.	_____
9. Lead the club in the 4 Way Test.	_____

New Member Signature/ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Club Secretary Signature/ Date \_\_\_\_\_



## **MEET A MEMBER**

Name:

Occupation:

How long have you been a member?

Why did you join Rotary?

Positions Held

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## **FUNDRAISING PARTICIPATION**

Without fundraising, we can't help those in need. Without your time and talent, we can't hold a fundraiser. We have two major fundraisers each year that are announced months in advance and hope you can make these a priority. As a member of the Summerville Evening Rotary Club, you are encouraged to participate and attend both events:

1. Oktoberfest (Always on a Saturday – either the end of September or beginning of October).
2. Annual Golf Tournament (Spring).

I pledge myself to "SERVICE ABOVE SELF" and by that agree to do my very best to attend service projects and other events sponsored by my club. I understand that, as a member of Rotary it is my DUTY to serve in my vocation, my club, and my community.

New Member Signature/Date

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