

Rotary Club of Greenville

Rotary is an organization of business and professional men and women united worldwide who provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and help build goodwill and peace in the world. The first Rotary Club was organized in Chicago in 1905 by Paul P. Harris. Currently there are over 30,000 clubs with about 1.2 million members throughout 168 countries. Chartered in 1916, the Rotary Club of Greenville is the largest of 54 clubs in the District and the top 30 internationally in membership.

The Privileges in Rotary

The privilege of . . .

- **SERVICE** to the community
- **DEVELOPING INTERNATIONAL GOODWILL** and **UNDERSTANDING**
- Helping **BUILD HIGHER ETHICAL STANDARDS** within your vocation

through the common bond of Rotary

Five Avenues of Service

- (1) **CLUB:** The development of acquaintance and networking as opportunities for service.
- (2) **VOCATIONAL:** High ethical standards in business and professions, recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations, and the dignifying by each Rotarian of his or her occupation as an opportunity to serve society.
- (3) **COMMUNITY:** The application of the ideal of service by every Rotarian to their personal, business and community life.
- (4) **INTERNATIONAL:** The advancement of international understanding, good will, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional people, united in the ideal of service.
- (5) **NEW GENERATIONS:** Recognizes the positive change implemented by youth and young adults through leadership development activities, service projects and exchange programs.

Local Focus

Fellowship and Networking Opportunities

- Regular club meetings – two per month 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month
- Health and Happiness social reception – one per month
- New Member Lunch – one per month

Community Service Projects Holiday Lights started in 1991

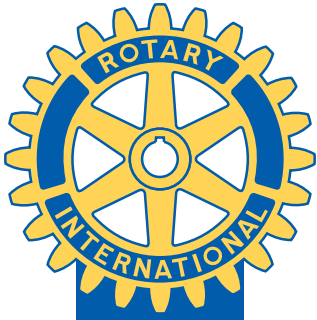
- Last year over 18,000 cars rolled through to see the show
- Since 1991 we have raised more than \$1,500,000, split with Roper Mountain Science Center Association

Read to Me

- Rotarians read to disadvantaged Preschool and Elementary aged children
- Last year more than 100 Rotarians touched the lives of over 3,000 disadvantaged children in the Upstate, instilling in them a love of reading

Youth Court

- A restorative justice program for middle and high school students started with 2 schools in 2002
- Program in 11 schools by 2004



Club Scholarships

- We award up to 7 four-year College scholarships each year (\$1,000/year)

Centennial Project Commemorating Rotary's 100th Anniversary in 2005

- A joint effort with YWCA and Greenville Literacy to create the Rotary Family Literacy Center

Vocational Day

- Local students shadow a Rotarian for the day and learn about their respective fields

Teacher Recognition Day

- Recognition for respected teachers' service in our county's schools

Law Day - 3 Officers of the Year Awards

- Awarded to Greenville City Police, County Sheriff's Office & Federal Law Enforcement Agency

International Focus

The Rotary Foundation International Service Projects

- World Community Service - matching grants to support the poor in third-world countries
- Nutrition/feeding programs
- Educational assistance
- Avoidable blindness
- Medical missions
- Water wells

Youth Exchange

- Each year, we send a local 16- to 18-year-old student abroad, and in exchange, host a foreign student for the year. Members host these young people in their homes for 3 to 4 months each.

Polio Plus Campaign

- In 1985, Rotary launched the Polio Plus program to protect children worldwide from the cruel and fatal consequences of polio. Since that time, Rotary's efforts have achieved a 99% reduction in the number of polio cases worldwide.

Your Obligations in Rotary

To be a Rotarian you must give of your time and talents in community work, social functions, and Club and District activities.

New Member Expectations (First Year)

1. Attend (or make up) at least 75% of all Rotary luncheon meetings in first 12 months (18 of 24 meetings)
2. Attend at least two Health & Happiness Hours
3. Act as Greeter for one regularly scheduled Rotary meeting
4. Attend at least four New Member Luncheons
5. Participate in one set up and one event night for Holiday Lights, our largest service project
6. Actively participate in the work of at least one committee (may be the same as above)

Membership Investment 2011-2012:

Meals	\$432
Scholarship & RI Fund Donations	\$150
Member Club Dues	\$180
Initiation Fee	\$150
Total	\$912