

**Mecklenburg County-South Rotary Club
Prospective Member Information Kit**



**Mecklenburg County-South Rotary Club
Skillet, Friday's at 7:30 AM**

The enclosed material is intended to be a high level introduction to Rotary International and to the Mecklenburg County-South Rotary Club. We welcome you as a visitor and prospective member and hope that you will come again and consider joining our fine organization. The Information is broken up into 7 categories and followed by an Application to join.

1. Facts About Rotary
2. Facts About Mecklenburg County-South Rotary Club
3. What will be expected of me as a Rotary member?
4. What should I expect from Rotary?
5. Membership Application Process
6. Dues Structure
7. Meck-South Leadership





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1) Facts about Rotary:

- Rotary is a worldwide organization of business and professional leaders that provides humanitarian service, encourages high ethical standards in all vocations, and helps build goodwill and peace in the world.
- Approximately 1.2 million Rotarians belong to more than 31,000 Rotary clubs located in 166 countries.
- The first Rotary club was founded in 1905. The name "Rotary" derived from the early practice of rotating meetings among members' offices.
- Rotary is now the largest and most influential civic club in the world
- The Rotary Motto: "Service Above Self"
- **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,
 - 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,
 - The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life.
 - The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.
- **The Four Way Test** of the things we think, say, or do:
 - Is it the Truth?
 - Is it Fair to All Concerned
 - Will it be for Good Will and Better Friendships
 - Will it be Beneficial to All Concerned

For more information on Rotary International visit www.rotary.org or our district web page at www.rotary7680.org.



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2) Facts about Mecklenburg County-South Rotary Club:

- Meet Friday morning at 7:30 AM
- The food is great
- We are not “Your Father’s Rotary Club”
- We are younger and more active than 90% of the clubs in the country
 - Age varies from 26 to 65+
 - High energy
 - Six of eleven club presidents have been less than 38 years old
- We are a club of approximately 18 members. There is opportunity to get noticed and get involved.
- Membership has been very diverse including Male, Female, African-American, & Latin-American.
- Spouses and children are involved in service projects, fund raisers, and multiple social activities
- Community Service projects we have been involved with:
 - Boy Scouts of America
 - Cystic Fibrosis Foundation
 - A Child’s Place
 - Elon Children’s Home
 - Alexander Children’s Home
 - Thompson Child and Family Focus
 - YMCA
 - Parks & Recreation Partner’s for Parks program
 - Habitat House construction
 - McMullen Creek Greenway clean-up
 - Autism Speaks
- International projects:
 - Polio Plus
 - Orphanage in El Salvador
 - Water Project in El Salvador
 - Cornea and Human Tissue Bank in Central America
 - PermaNet Bed Netting in Botswana

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3) What will be expected of me as a Rotary member?

Mecklenburg County-South Rotary has recently implemented a new member “Red Badge” program to help new members get to know club members and Rotary International’s full scope of offerings. New members will wear a red name badge until they complete a list of tasks ranging from attending functions to recruiting new members. The Red Badge program is not meant to be an inhibitor to membership but a tool to make sure that new members are known by older members and that they understand the true commitment of Rotary. An official Blue badge will be issued when the following tasks are completed:

- 1) Complete all of the following during provisional membership:
 - A) Maintain at least 60% attendance
 - B) Pay dues on time
- 2) Complete three Red Badge training meetings
- 3) Get involved by joining a committee
- 4) Bring at least one prospective member to a meeting
- 5) Attend a Meck-South board meeting
- 6) Attend a Rotary meeting at another Rotary club
- 7) Complete at least two of the following:
 - A) Attend a club social event
 - B) Participate in a club community service project
 - C) Participate in a District 7680 or Rotary International event
 - D) Complete an on-line make up
- 8) Conduct Health & Happiness and/or Prayer & Invocation at two meetings
- 9) Assist the Sergeant at Arms at two meetings

4) What should I expect from Rotary?

- A great breakfast every week
- Meetings to end promptly at 8:30 every week
- To make lifelong friendships, and to have fun!
- To make contacts that will help your career.
- A great program each week. Examples include:
 - An Olympic Gold Metal winner
 - Elected Officials: Mayor of Charlotte, NC Secretary of State
 - The President of a local large company
 - A former Panther’s quarterback
 - The Police Chief of Charlotte
 - Local TV personalities
 - The Director of Elon Homes for Children
 - A Program translated from Spanish to English
- Personal Growth and Development



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5) Membership Application and Process:

1. Visit the club: Breakfast is on the club for the first meeting. Subsequent visits are \$12.00 until membership is extended after which, meals are included in dues.
2. Discuss your vocation with the Club’s Membership Director to make sure that the vocational category is open.
3. Review this New Member Packet and study the Rotary International web site at www.rotary.org and the Meck-South web site at www.mecksouthrotary.org to familiarize yourself with Rotary and our club.
4. Fill out the enclosed membership application
5. Have a sit down meeting with the Club’s Membership Director to discuss your commitment to Rotary and what Rotary can do for you.
6. Your membership application is announced to the club at a weekly meeting. Club members have one week to protest a potential new member’s application.
7. Board members have a formal vote to induct all new members.
8. Membership is granted and announced in a formal presentation at a meeting with the new member’s spouse present. A name badge is presented along with a New Member kit.
9. Pay your first quarter dues.
10. Get involved!

6) Dues Structure (2011-2012) *

First Quarter:

Initiation Fee	\$125.00
RI & District Dues	\$ 35.00
Meals	\$165.00
Paul Harris Sustaining Member	\$25 donated by club
Total:	\$325

Other Quarters:

RI & District Dues	\$ 35.00
Meals	\$165.00
Total:	\$200.00

Optional extra dues:

Paul Harris Sustaining	\$25.00 (Voluntary donation)
Polio Plus, Rotary International Charity	\$10.00 (Voluntary donation)
Total:	\$235.00



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7) Mecklenburg County – South Club Leadership (2011-2012):

President:	Bill Woodruff	woodruffunc76@aol.com	704-844-6713
President Elect:	Frank Henry		
Vice President	Beth Trotter		
Past President:	Alan Davidson		
Secretary:	Seth Marlowe		
Treasurer:	Jack Schmoll		
Sgt. At Arms:	Joni Stanley		
Public Relations Chair:	Tenny Shifley		
Administration Chair:	Debbie Corbett		
Service Projects Chair:	Beth Trotter		
Foundation Chair:	Pat O'Brien		
Membership Chair:	Alan Davidson	alan@rpdesign.com	704-543-6592
District Governor:	Alan Langley		
Assit. Dist. Governor:	Luthor Moore		



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Membership Application

Date / /

Name (first, middle initial, last)		Preferred Name
Home Address (street, city, state, zip)		
Home Phone No.	Home Fax No.	Home Email Address
Business Name		Send correspondence to: <input type="checkbox"/> Business <input type="checkbox"/> Home
Occupation	Title	
Business Address (street, city, state, zip)		
Business Phone No.	Business Fax No.	Business Email Address
Cell Phone No.:		
Month & Day of Birth: ___/___		
Month & Day of Anniversary: ___/___ Spouse's Name:		
Children(s) Name(s):		
In what other organizations are you currently involved?		
Have you ever been a member of another Rotary Club? (when and where)		
In what other organizations have you previously been involved?		
Rotary Sponsor:		

Membership Application Agreement

Rotarians are adults of good character and good business and professional reputation, who hold or have held an executive position with discretionary authority in any worthy and recognized business or profession. As an inducement for, and in consideration of your agreeing to review my Membership Application to the Mecklenburg County-South Rotary Club, I agree that I meet the above qualifications, and if accepted, I agree to abide by the Bylaws of the club and of Rotary International. I further agree and covenant not to pursue any legal action against Rotary International, the Mecklenburg County-South Rotary Club, or any other Rotary club, or any Rotary club member(s), for any reasons of rejection.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

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