

**T**he Rotary motto Service Above Self conveys the humanitarian spirit of the organization's more than 1.2 million members. Strong fellowship among Rotarians and meaningful community and international service projects characterize Rotary worldwide.

**W**hat Rotarians get out of Rotary depends largely on what they put into it. Many membership requirements are designed to help club members more fully participate in and enjoy their Rotary experience.

**A**ttending weekly club meetings allows members to enjoy fellowship, enrich their professional and personal knowledge, and meet other business leaders in their community.

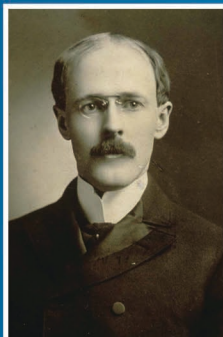
### What is the membership process?

Attend 75% of meetings weekly for your waiting period and participate in (2) club service projects. After the waiting period your sponsor will formally complete an application. Upon board approval and club approval, you will be inducted.

### What else can I do?

Encourage your sponsor to share information and answer your questions about Rotary International Network! Jump in, have fun and get to know club members.

"You will profit from Rotary in proportion to what you put into your efforts."



**Paul Harris**  
Rotary Founder

### The Rotary Club of Bluffton

Meetings Wednesday 7:30 AM  
Bluffton Community Center  
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Helpful Information if you are considering...



### Becoming a Rotarian

#### An Introduction to Rotary

Bluffton, South Carolina





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 32,000 clubs in more than 200 countries and geographical areas.

Our local Rotary Club of Bluffton averages 75 members who meet weekly with a common bond of fellowship taking to heart the motto of Rotary Clubs, "service above self." Historically, our local club has an outstanding reputation for supporting and helping our community while upholding the loftier goals of Rotary International to make a difference in the world. The present club has around eighty members, the common bond is care for our community, the children, a willingness to take a few minutes each week to fellowship.

#### Historically, Bluffton Rotary has contributed to:

- The Bluffton Community Center at Oscar Frazier Park
- The "Field of Dreams" for outdoor concerts and picnics
- Polio Plus
- Happy Feet
- Christmas Gifts for less fortunate families
- Sponsoring Rotary Exchange Students
- Rotary Readers
- Relief funds for disaster victims, Hurricane Katrina,
- Hugo, Haiti
- Scholarships
- Charitable community organizations
- Bluffton Oyster Roast
- Bluffton Village Festival
- Historic Bluffton Arts and Seafood Festival
- International Water Projects

So many projects have taken place since the inception of this club in 1988. Each year is filled with an unbelievable amount of dedication towards our world, our country, and our own community.

#### What is the cost to join?

There is a cost of membership in two areas, financial and time commitment. The financial cost includes a one time initiation fee that covers Rotary magazine, badge and pin and quarterly dues. This includes your breakfast and the Paul Harris Sustaining Membership fee. Social events may have an additional cost. Equally as important as the financial commitment is that of time. Each Rotarian is expected to maintain at least 80% attendance at meetings, although 100% is desired. Make-ups can be an approved activity, including attending a committee or board meeting or visiting another rotary club. Service projects are the backbone of the Rotary Organization and participation by all able members is expected.

**Come join us at Bluffton Rotary!**

