

## What is Rotary

Rotary is a diverse global network of 1.2 million neighbors, friends, leaders, and problem-solvers who see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change. For more than 115 years, Rotary clubs have used their passion, energy, and intelligence to take action on sustainable projects around the world. Rotarians are always working to better the world in Rotary's seven areas of focus which are – promoting peace, fighting disease, providing clean water, sanitation, and hygiene, saving mothers and children, supporting education, growing local economies and protecting the environment.

Rotary's mission is to “provide service to others, promote integrity, and advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through our fellowship of business, professional, and community leaders.” With more than 35,000 Rotary Club's scattered throughout the world, its vision is “together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change — across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.” For more information visit [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org)

Being a Rotarian is an honorable, worthwhile experience with a commitment to practice the Four Way Test as we serve the local and global communities, which states:

Of the things we think say and 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?*

## Rotary Club of Lancaster South

**Goals** - Lancaster South's goals include supporting local community initiatives/projects and global projects through fundraising and service projects; providing opportunity for networking and fellowship at club meetings, events and social activities and finally expanding one's knowledge/awareness through guest speakers. Our club enjoys meeting together and also working together on service projects, fundraisers and social events in our community. For more information visit our website – [www.lancsouthrotary.org](http://www.lancsouthrotary.org)

**Involvement** - Every club member is expected to participate in fundraisers and service projects. Fundraisers support local and global projects, an important aspect of the Rotary's mission. Members interested in pursuing leadership roles, are encouraged to attend the Rotary Leadership Institute. Members are welcome to attend Rotary clubs both nationally and internationally, Rotary Means Business (RMB) meetings, Rotary Foundation or District seminars, and District meetings. Club members are also expected to join a club committee. Committees include:

1. Communications – oversees Club communications to its members, manages the Club's website and releases publications of service projects, club activities, etc. to the media
2. Membership – oversees the Club's efforts to recruit new members and retain current members.
3. Club Operations – executes regular Club functions including meeting setup and teardown
4. Philanthropy – reviews applications for Club grants and submits for Board approval, assists with fundraising, manages charitable initiatives and program initiatives.
5. Foundation – develops and implements plans to support The Rotary Foundation through financial contributions and program participation.
6. Speakers – schedule speakers for club meetings.

**Projects** - Projects include awarding college scholarships to local high school students; supporting the Literacy Council, Garrett Park, Santa's Helpers, Lampeter-Strasburg YMCA, COVID response, West Lampeter Fair, Youth Baseball/Softball Association, high school Rotary Interact Clubs, Student of the Month, Food Banks and other local charities. Our Club has also joined with other Rotary Clubs in the area to support global projects. The most recent was helping to purchase a bus to transport students to school in Liberia, Africa. Details about specific ways to get involved in service and fundraising projects are provided during Club meetings.

**Attendance** - Club members are expected to attend club meetings on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month. Meetings begin at 7:30 and end promptly at 8:30. Members currently pay \$15.00 for breakfast served at each meeting. During meetings, members receive club updates and guest speakers address various topics and programs of interest in the local community and around the world. All members are encouraged to identify potential speakers. Club meetings are held at Meadia Heights Golf Club, 402 Golf Road, Lancaster, PA 17602. During COVID-19, the club met on-line via ZOOM.

**Dues** - Club dues are currently \$200 annually, paid in July. Club members are encouraged to support the Rotary International Foundation with an annual tax

deductible donation in November. The suggested donation is \$125.00, but all donations are appreciated. Donations to the Rotary Foundation are tax deductible and voluntary.

### **New Member Expectations**

1. Serve as a periodic greeter to get to know club members.
2. Participate in fundraisers and service projects.
3. Have breakfast or lunch with sponsoring member to continue club orientation (e.g. websites) and review Rotary responsibilities.
4. Give personal background speech as an introduction to fellow club members.
5. Assist in identifying diverse members of our community to become Rotarians.

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