

## What is Rotary?

Rotary International is a service organization whose stated purpose is to bring together business and professional leaders to provide humanitarian services, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and advance goodwill and peace around the world. It is a non-political and non-sectarian organization open to all people regardless of race, color, creed, religion, gender, or political preference. There are approximately 35,000 clubs worldwide with 1.4 million Rotarians. These Rotarians represent various professions, businesses, and professional activities in their communities.

## What is Object of Rotary?

The 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:

- \* Relationships
- \* Ethical standards
- \* Services
- \* Understanding, goodwill, and peace

## What is Rotary Foundation?

The Rotary Foundation transforms your gifts into service projects that change lives both close to home and around the world.

Since it was founded more than 100 years ago, the Foundation has spent more than \$4 billion on life-changing, sustainable projects.

With your help, we can make lives better in your community and around the world.

**Rotary's moral code for personal and business relationships.**

### **THE FOUR-WAY TEST** of the things we think, say or do

*first*  
**Is it the TRUTH?**

*second*  
**Is it FAIR to all concerned?**

*third*  
**Will it build GOOD WILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIP?**

*fourth*  
**Will it be BENEFICAL to all concerned?**

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<https://www.rotarymhc.org/>

<https://www.facebook.com/RotaryMoreheadCity1st>

Rotarians providing  
Service Above Self Since 1925  
for local and global communities

## What are the benefits of Rotary membership?

- Enjoy friendship with other leaders in the community
- Discuss the community's needs and develop creative ways to meet them
- Connect with other leaders—local, national, and international— who are changing the world
- Expand leadership and professional skills
- Catch up with good friends and meet new ones

## What are my responsibilities as a Rotarian?

- Attend club meetings
- Participate in club sponsored projects
- Contribute to club meetings activities
- Pay club, district, and Rotary International dues
- Rotarians are encouraged to volunteer for leadership roles .
- Rotarians are encouraged to make gifts to the Foundation and Rotary International programs such as its Polio eradication efforts.



## What are some club projects?

March 8, 2024, was the eighth year the Rotary Club of Morehead City had sponsored the Balsam Range. All proceeds from the 2024 Balsam Range fundraiser were given to support Alzheimer's Research and the CG Foundation supporting epilepsy in eastern NC. These Balsam Range fundraisers have raised more than \$77,300 for Rotary's CART Fund providing grants for cutting edge Alzheimer's disease research and \$32,500 for local charities.



The Rotary Club of Morehead City, North Carolina, began its annual Holiday Wreath Fundraiser in 2019 with proceeds being given to local non-profit charity organizations and to serve our neighbors in need.



Please refer to [rotarymhc.org/overview.html](http://rotarymhc.org/overview.html) for other current and past service projects.

## Where and what time are meetings?

Every Thursday evening 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Cox Family Restaurant, 4109 Arendell Street Morehead City, N.C., except for the second Thursday when the club has an outing to various locations.

Zoom on-line and audio by phone connections to our meetings are an alternate to in-person attendance. Call or text 252.342.5055 or email [dswalczak@gmail.com](mailto:dswalczak@gmail.com) for information on virtual access to our meetings.

## What does it cost to be a member?

Members receive a \$280.00 bill twice a year unless the member wishes to change their donations to the Foundation and Polio Plus program. This bill includes \$205.00 for Club, District, and International dues, \$50.00 for the Rotary foundation, and \$25.00 for the Polio Plus program. The Morehead City Rotary Club recognizes the importance of the Rotary Foundation and Polio Plus program by suggesting that each member contribute to each of these Rotary International programs.

Member dues are discounted 50% for a spouse (partner) and 30% for a member under the age of 36.

A corporate membership is available for \$600.00 per year.

## How do I express my interest to become a member?

Attend a club meeting as a visitor or send an email via [rotarymhc.org/contact.html](http://rotarymhc.org/contact.html)