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**Prospective Member Information Kit**

**Mecklenburg County-South Rotary Club  
“Another Broken Egg” Restaurant, Fridays at 7:15am**

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 presented in 7 categories and is followed by an application to join.

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## 1) Cool Rotary trivia!:

- 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 33,000 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](http://www.rotary.org) or our district web page at [www.rotary7680.org](http://www.rotary7680.org) or [www.mecksouthrotary.org](http://www.mecksouthrotary.org)

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## 2) Secrets to the success of Mecklenburg County-South Rotary Club:

- We meet every Friday morning at 7:15 AM
- The food is great & the membership interaction is fun & informative
- 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
  - At least 4 of our club presidents have been less than 36 years old
- We are a club of approximately 44+ members. There is opportunity to get noticed and get involved.
- Membership has gender, cultural, racial, and religious diversity
- Spouses and children are involved in service projects, fundraising projects, and multiple social activities
- Community Service projects have included:
  - Beds for Kids
  - Boy Scouts of America
  - Cystic Fibrosis Foundation
  - A Child’s Place
  - Elon Homes for Children
  - Alexander Children’s Home
  - Thompson Child and Family Focus
  - YMCA
  - Parks & Recreation’s, Partner’s for Parks program
  - Habitat House construction
  - McMullen Creek Greenway clean-up
  - Autism Speaks
  - Friendship Trays
  - 2XSalt for at-risk kids
  - Purple Heart Homes for disabled veterans
  - Make-a-Wish Foundation
  - Oktoberfest, by Carolina Brewmasters
  - Bell ringing for Salvation Army
  - Ronald McDonald House
- International projects:
  - Polio Plus
  - Tanzania Care [www.tanzacare.org](http://www.tanzacare.org) (sponsored by our own Kelly Gaines)
  - Orphanage in El Salvador
  - Water Project in El Salvador
  - Cornea and Human Tissue Bank in Central America

For more information on the Mecklenburg County-South Rotary Club visit [www.mecksouthrotary.org](http://www.mecksouthrotary.org).

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

Mecklenburg County-South Rotary utilizes a “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 50% 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 Medal 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 a few times: 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. Review this New Member Packet and review the Rotary International web site at [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org) and the Meck-South web site at [www.mecksouthrotary.org](http://www.mecksouthrotary.org) to familiarize yourself with Rotary and our club. (if you get a chance, read some of our history)
3. Fill out the enclosed membership application
4. Have a meeting with the Club's Membership Director Bill Woodruff to discuss your commitment to Rotary and what Rotary can do for you.
5. Your membership application is announced to the club at 2 weekly meetings. Club members have one week to raise any concerns regarding a potential new member's application.
6. Board members have a formal vote to induct all new members. (board meetings are 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month)
7. Membership is granted and announced in a formal presentation at a meeting (family and/or spouses are invited and encouraged to attend this meeting). A name badge is presented along with a New Member kit.
8. Pay your first quarter dues.
9. Get involved!

## 6) Dues Structure (2017-2018)

### First Quarter:

Initiation Fee	
*((\$100 donated to the Rotary Foundation)	\$125.00
RI & District Dues	\$35.00
Meals	\$165.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$325.00</b>

\*This is to start you off in our Rotary Foundation and is tax deductible.

### Other Quarters:

RI & District Dues	\$35.00
Meals	\$165.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$200.00</b>

## 7) Mecklenburg County-South Rotary Club Leadership (2018-2019):

### Board Members

1. Edward Tillman – President
2. Marcus Dunn – Immediate Past President
3. Julie Nee – President Elect
4. Daniel Fogarty –President nominee
5. Larry Kraujalis – Club Secretary
6. Bryan Cochran – Treasurer
7. Richard Bowden – Sergeant of Arms
8. June Thoreson-Rogers – Director
9. Linda Rakvic– Director
10. Kelly Gaines – Director
11. Jon Hall – Director

District Governor:                 David Hare  
 Assist. Dist. Governor:         Linda Rakvic

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Chair</b>
BMOF	Daniel Beckmann
Bulletin	Wally Olson
Club Programs	Jon Hall
Club Service Chair	
Family of Rotary	Minnie High
Foundation	Bryan Cochran
Membership	Bill Woodruff
Public Relations	Todd Greene
Social Events	Deb Corbett
Youth Services Chair	TBA

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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: ___/___	Birth Place:	
Month & Day of Anniversary: ___/___	Spouse's Name:	Spouse's Bd:
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:**