

## SERVICE ABOVE SELF

The Rotary movement began in 1905 in Chicago. A young attorney, Paul P. Harris, brought together business and professional men to recapture the feelings of friendship and fellowship many had known growing up in small towns. Rotary International is the world's first service club organization.

For over 100 years, the Wilmington Rotary Club has worked to make our community a better place to live, work, and raise families. Rotary's central objective is "Service Above Self." That mission will continue into the club's second century, through members' volunteer efforts and contributions, and through the club's fundraising projects.

Since its founding, the Wilmington Rotary Club's members have been the community's outstanding civic and business leaders. This is still true, as the growing club of more than 200 welcomes public-minded members of all ages and backgrounds. Membership is by invitation, based on good character and diverse vocations.

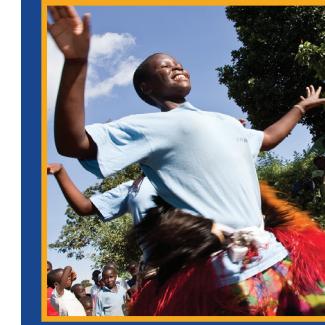
Current members sponsor and endorse applicants for membership. Members are expected to meet moderate financial and attendance obligations, and to become involved in the club's service activities.



## THE FOUR-WAY TEST

*Of the things we think,  
say, or do...*

- Is it the truth?
- Is it fair to all concerned?
- Will it build goodwill and better friendships?
- Will it be beneficial to all concerned?



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Rotary Club of Wilmington

Meets Tuesdays at 12:30PM  
Coastline Conference Center  
501 Nutt Street  
Historic Downtown Wilmington  
North Carolina



*Established April 1, 1915 as Rotary Club #150*

## SIX AREAS OF ROTARY FOCUS

The Wilmington Rotary Club chooses local, regional, national, and world-wide projects to address issues that fall under the international Rotary movement's goals.



### BASIC EDUCATION & LITERACY

- Six Local elementary schools: The club has entered a long-term partnership to provide one-on-one tutoring and help teachers and librarians obtain books, both for in-school use and to give to children who might not own a book.
- Williston Middle School: The club has entered a long-term partnership to supplement parental investments of time and resources, and to reward students for positive behaviors.
- Cape Fear Literacy Council: The club supports adult literacy programs to help underemployed adults help themselves break the cycle of poverty.
- Scholarships: Every year, the club grants scholarships of more than \$7,500 to deserving students pursuing higher education at UNCW and Cape Fear Community College.
- Children's Museum of Wilmington: The club has funded and actively participates in tutoring and reading programs among local youth.
- Boys & Girls Home at Lake Waccamaw: The club has a longstanding relationship with the Boys & Girls Home. It helped build and maintain the Rotary Cottage, which houses high school boys.



### DISEASE PREVENTION & TREATMENT

- End Polio Now: At the forefront of the Rotary Foundation's service projects is the campaign to eradicate polio worldwide. Members of the Wilmington Rotary Club have participated in national immunization days overseas.



### MATERNAL & CHILD HEALTH

- Nourish NC: The club has made an active effort to help the poorest of public school pupils learn, by ensuring they have enough to eat on weekends and during school breaks.
- Medical Prevention: The club has a long history of providing specialized medical treatment to the poor. The club's projects have included the former Babies Hospital, Tileston Health Clinic (now Cape Fear Clinic), and the Rotary Orthopedic Clinic.



### WATER & SANITATION

- Clean Water & Sanitation: The club has been especially active in the last 10 years, partnering with Rotary Clubs in developing countries to provide water-treatment systems for villages, schools and orphanages. Over 30 water systems have been installed in Honduras, India and Guyana.



### ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

- Rotary Wheel and Garden: The club is responsible for building the Greenfield Lake Amphitheater and the Rotary Wheel Garden at Greenfield Park. The club continues to maintain the grounds and beautify the open green spaces as a public amenity.
- Habitat for Humanity: The club has helped hard-working families build decent homes.
- Community Development: In its early years, the club actively worked to encourage modernizing the region's transportation infrastructure, with better highways, bridges, port and airport.



### PEACE & CONFLICT RESOLUTION

- Rotary Youth Exchange: Each year, over 8,000 high school students visit other countries to educate themselves and promote appreciation of cultural diversity.
- Rotary Peace Centers: Located at six universities world-wide, this program develops leaders who become catalysts for peace and conflict prevention in communities around the globe.
- Acknowledgement of Military Service: The club has a long history of supporting military personnel. Projects include Honor Flight, The Purple Heart Dinner and Wounded Warrior Project.



*We are neighbors, community leaders, and global citizens uniting for the common good.*