



## Charleston Rotary-Breakfast Club

Thank you for your interest in joining the Charleston Rotary – Breakfast Club! We are a very strong Rotary club with a long tradition of extensive community service, a great speaker series, robust involvement with the Rotary Foundation, and a history of successful fundraising. Through Rotary International, our members give back to both our community and the world while enjoying fellowship and fun with our members, guests, and visiting Rotarians from around the world.

### Membership Expectations

#### Financial Obligations:

- Initiation Fee = \$100. This is a onetime fee and goes toward your first year contribution to the Rotary Foundation to insure you are a sustaining member. It also counts towards your Paul Harris Fellow cumulative total. Paul Harris Fellows are those Rotarians who have cumulatively donated \$1,000 or more to the Rotary Foundation. Almost all of our members are Paul Harris Fellows.
- Bi-Annual Dues = \$500 (\$1,000 per year). This includes club overhead costs (including all meeting meals), your District and International dues, and your Rotary Foundation Paul Harris Sustaining Membership contribution (our club has had a long history of having 100% of our members donate at least \$100 per year to the Rotary Foundation – this money also counts towards your Paul Harris Fellow cumulative total). Invoices are due upon receipt. Please pay promptly.
- While many Rotarians' employers pay their dues, the payment of dues and the timeliness of the payment is the sole responsibility of the individual Rotarian.
- We encourage all members to bring guests - the meal charge is \$15, but a guest's first two meetings are free.
- Our club hosts an annual fundraiser every year called Rotary Wheels. While event details vary, it is generally an evening event including food, beverages, entertainment, and an auction. All members are expected to purchase two tickets to the event, and we encourage our members to sell additional tickets to friends and family.

#### Attendance Obligations:

- Meetings: our club meets most weeks on Fridays at 7:30 am. There are certain weeks (mainly holidays) where we do not meet.
- Meeting Attendance: regular weekly Club meetings or makeups. A member can receive a makeup in a variety of ways, and need only email the club's Secretary to get credit:

- Attending another club's meeting (a great way to network with other Rotarians, either in our local area or in other cities)
- Online makeups through Rotary International's website (very easy!)
- Makeup credit for attendance at other club events, such as club service projects

#### Club Participation:

- All members are expected to participate in at least one of the club's many sponsored service projects.
- All members are expected to sign up for MyRotary.org. It is a great portal into the international nature of Rotary and has many helpful and interesting resources, such as global discussion groups. Plus, our club receives credit towards Rotary awards based upon the number of members who have signed up.

#### Specific New Member Obligations:

- All new members must complete our Red Badge program, which is designed to integrate new members into both our club as well as Rotary International. To complete the Red Badge program and earn your permanent Blue Badge, new members (with the assistance of their sponsor and a board member) are required to complete the following five tasks over their first 3-6 months of membership:
  - Present a short 3-5 minute biography to introduce themselves to the club
  - Participate in any club-sponsored service project
  - Assist with Front Desk greeting duties
  - Attend a makeup meeting at another club or online
- All new members are expected to complete their online profile in the club's database and learn how to utilize the database's resources, including the ability to send private email communications to the club's members.