

The Rotary Club of Mt. Pleasant

New Member Information

Our club website is www.mprotary.org

Our district website is www.rotary7770.org

The Rotary International website is www.rotary.org

- We are a service organization NOT a leads club or professional group. Any prospective member should apply with the ideal of service in mind. Networking is a secondary benefit of the club but not its purpose. In fact, promoting your business is discouraged.
- Club meetings are held weekly on Wednesdays at 12:30 in the fellowship hall at Mt Pleasant Presbyterian Church at 302 Hibben Street in the Old Village. Members can attend in person or via Zoom. Members are expected to attend a minimum of 60% of all meetings. Missed meetings can be made up at other Rotary clubs or online to meet this expectation. Online make-ups can be completed at www.rotaryclubone.org/makeups. Meetings are not held the week of July 4th, the Wednesday before Thanksgiving, or the two Wednesdays closest to Christmas and New Years day.
- There is a one-time \$60 initiation fee for new members. Club Dues are \$95/month which pays for weekly lunches, Rotary District 7770 dues, and Rotary International (RI) dues that include a Rotary magazine. Monthly dues statements are sent out at the first of each month. Dues can be paid by check or credit card. Auto-pay is available.
- The Rotary Foundation is our international charity that does good work locally and globally. Each member is required to be a “sustaining member” and give at least \$100/year to the Foundation. This can be added to your monthly dues or paid separately. If you do not designate otherwise, an additional \$10 will be added to your monthly dues invoice (for \$105 total billed monthly).
- Current membership is approximately 80 members. New members are assigned a classification according to their occupation. Any given classification is allowed a maximum of 8 members (10% of total membership).
- Once someone is proposed for membership, we ask that they **not** attend further meetings until their proposal is approved and we are ready to induct them. This gives our club members a chance to discuss the proposal freely.
- Upon joining and being inducted into the club, new members will begin a 60 day provisional membership period. During this time, the new member will wear a red name badge and will be expected to complete 10 requirements on the club’s “Red Badge Checklist.” The requirements are basic club functions that encourage new member involvement and offer opportunities to get to know the club members. You will have a mentor who will assist with these requirements and your assimilation. After 60 days and completion of these requirements, the new member will become a regular member and receive the blue name badge of membership.

- Soccer Classic - this is our main fundraiser and is usually held on a Saturday in late February/early March. It is a soccer jamboree event consisting of abbreviated matches for many of the area high school boys and girls soccer teams. Every Club member is required to attend and work a shift (3-4 hours) on the day of the event. The money raised goes to fund local charities and the scholarships we give to East Cooper high school students for college and vocational school. Revenue is generated from day of event ticket sales, concessions, and advertising revenue from the event program. **Each member must secure \$300 or more in advertising sales or pay the minimum \$300 themselves.**
- Backpack Buddies through Lowcountry Food Bank: this our main service project. We provide weekend meals for East Cooper elementary school students who are on free school meal programs. The kids are sent home each Friday with a bag of nutritious meals and snacks. Our club partners with the Food Bank to purchase the supplies at a reduced price. Then we meet once a month to prepare the backpacks for delivery. These packing shifts are optional but count for a make-up meeting credit.
- Other service projects include: Happy Feet (free shoes for needy school kids), Adopt a Highway, The Dictionary Project (free dictionaries for all East Cooper 3rd graders), Habitat for Humanity, Wando Warrior senior thesis review, and other ad hoc projects during the year. Participation in these projects is optional but count for a make-up meeting credit.
- Fellowship: In addition to our weekly lunch meetings, we have a holiday party, spring harbor cruise, Riverdogs baseball outings, happy hour socials, and an Installation Banquet in June/July for the incoming Officers and Board. These activities are optional but count for a make-up meeting credit.
- For any remaining questions you may have, our Membership Chairperson is Kevin Crosby kevin@mprotary.org 716-998-6379 mobile

I have read the new member information and wish to proceed with my application:

Prospective Member Signature

Date

Full Name: _____

Phone number: _____

Address: _____

Profession/Former Profession: _____