

## ROTARY INTERNATIONAL



Rotary, the world's first service club, began in 1905 with the formation of the Rotary of Chicago, Illinois. Started by a young attorney, Paul Harris, and three of his friends, Paul wished to recapture the friendly spirit he had felt among business people in the town where he had grown up.

Rotary is now a worldwide organization of more than 1.4 million business, professional, and community leaders. Members of Rotary Clubs, known as Rotarians, provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and build goodwill and peace in the world.

There are more than 46,000 Rotary clubs worldwide, which are open to people of all cultures and ethnicities, and are not affiliated with any political or religious organizations. As signified by the motto "Service Above Self", Rotary's main objective is service – in the community, in the workplace, and throughout the world.



### Officers & Directors 2023-2024

#### Club Officers

President	Aaron Manis
President-Elect	Ethan Dunstan
President-Nominee	open
Secretary	Christina Clough
Treasurer	Matt Borland
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#### Club Directors

Membership	Mark Crews
Club Administration	Cathy Mares
Service Projects	Christina Clough
Rotary Foundation	Geoff Close
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ALBEMARLE COUNTY ROTARY CLUB

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## THE ALBEMARLE COUNTY ROTARY CLUB



P O Box 6075

Charlottesville, VA 22906

Meeting the 1st and 3rd  
Thursday of each month at  
12:15 PM

The Greencroft Club

575 Rodes Drive  
Charlottesville, VA 22903

Come join us!

## ALBEMARLE COUNTY ROTARY CLUB

The Albemarle County Rotary Club (ACRC) was chartered in May 1971. The Club meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month at 12:15 at The Greencroft Club, where we enjoy fellowship and programs featuring speakers on topics from local to global interest. We are a very active Club with many ongoing projects both in the local community and abroad.

Through our Club, we build lifelong friendships, and experience the personal fulfillment of volunteering for others. In addition to our service and fundraising projects, members and their guests enjoy social activities including our annual Holiday dinner party, events coordinated with other local Rotary clubs, and informal gatherings.

### OUR CLUB PROJECTS

**Annual Charity Event** – For over 30 years ACRC has organized an annual event to raise funds for a primary beneficiary, along with college scholarships. These events have successfully netted \$15 - \$20,000 per year for recipients.



**Education** – ACRC awards college scholarships each year supporting vocational success, and has assisted high school students with funds for school sponsored camps and educational trips. In 2022, ACRC was the recipient of the Piedmont Virginia Community College Leadership in Philanthropy Chancellors Award and is the longest serving donor since its opening.

**Annual Charitable Gifts** – Funds are raised at the Club's Holiday Auction party, with an average of \$6,000 distributed annually to local charities. ACRC has donated funds and service hours to local causes, providing food, warm clothes, toys and holiday gifts to families in need.

**Community Projects** – ACRC serves our community. We have volunteered at a local food bank, performed trash pick up on a local highways and the Rivanna River, bell ringed for the Salvation Army and joined other local Rotary Clubs to perform service projects at McIntire Park.

**International Projects** – We participate in Rotary International's Annual Fund and the worldwide Polio eradication program. Over the years we have supported locally sponsored International projects for clean water, sanitation and education; Shelter Boxes for international disaster victims; and provided financial assistance to medical teams in India treating children in desperate need of surgery.

## MEMBERSHIP

**Benefits** – Rotary membership provides the opportunity to share experiences, knowledge, time, and love of service with fellow Rotarians. Together we live our motto of "Service Above Self". We are a network of caring professionals enjoying fellowship, not just within our community, but with other Rotarians within our district, across the country and around the world.

**Club Expectations** – Regular attendance at our twice a month meetings is encouraged. We ask that you serve on a committee and participate in service and fundraising activities. We invite you to attend our social events.

**Attendance** – Rotarians are welcome at all of the 46,000 world-wide Rotary clubs. You may make up a missed meeting by attending a meeting at another club (including online), or by participating in one of our service projects, within two weeks before or after the missed meeting.

**Qualifications for membership** – Rotary International requires that members hold, or have previously held, a professional, proprietary, executive, managerial or community leadership position. Prospective members are sponsored by a current club member, and approved by the Club Board of Directors and membership.