

HOW TO BECOME A BRADENTON CLUB ROTARIAN

1. Attend at least 3 meetings
2. Be invited to join.
3. Complete application +\$35 initiation fee
4. Pay quarterly dues of \$205
5. Become a sustaining member by contributing \$100 annually to the annual Rotary International Foundation
6. Support the Club's fundraisers
7. Attend weekly meetings
8. Participate in service projects

WHERE DO THE DUES GO?

The \$205 pays \$9 district, \$13 international, \$3 Rotary Magazine and \$30.50 local dues. It also includes \$146.50 for meals at the weekly meetings.

WHERE ARE THE MEETINGS?

Mattison's Riverfront

1200 1st Ave. West

Bradenton, Florida

For more information visit our website or call Azell Johnson at 941-722-6174



Fellowship



Bikes for Ballard



Bradenton Rotary Club

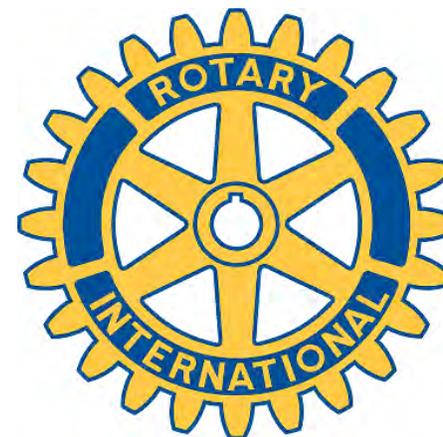
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ESTABLISHED JUNE 9, 1926



2008-09 Rotary International Theme

WHY JOIN

PROFESSIONAL NETWORKING

A founding principle of Rotary was to meet periodically to enjoy camaraderie and enlarge one's circle of business and professional acquaintances. As the oldest service club in the world, Rotary club members represent a cross-section of the community's owners, executives, managers, political leaders, and professionals – people who make decisions and influence policy.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Club members have many opportunities for humanitarian service, both locally and internationally. Service programs address such concerns as health care, hunger, poverty, illiteracy, and the environment. Rotarians experience the fulfillment that comes from giving back to the community. [Our club projects](#) include the adoption of Ballard Elementary School, dictionaries given to all third grade students, Meals on Wheels, Habitat for Humanity, Adopt a Highway, the local food bank, academic scholarships to local high school students and many more.

INTERNATIONAL AWARENESS

With more than 31,000 Rotary clubs in over 160 countries, Rotarians gain an understanding of humanitarian issues through international service projects and exchange programs. One of Rotary's highest objectives is to build goodwill and peace throughout the world. [Our Club](#) supports projects to provide computers to Tanzania, satellite phones to the out islands in

the Bahamas, clean water projects in the Caribbean and Nigeria, Shelter Boxes for disaster relief worldwide, and many others.

ETHICAL ENVIRONMENT

Encouraging high ethical standards in one's profession and respect for all worthy vocations has been a hallmark of Rotary from its earliest days. In their business and professional lives, Rotarians abide by The Four-Way Test:

- 1) Is it the **TRUTH**?
- 2) Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
- 3) Will it **BUILD GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
- 4) Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

FRIENDSHIP

Rotary was founded on fellowship, an ideal that remains a major attraction of membership today. Club members enjoy the camaraderie with like-minded professionals, and club projects offer additional opportunities to develop enduring friendships. Rotary club members who travel have friendly contacts in almost every country in the world.

FAMILY FOUNDATIONS

Rotary sponsors some of the world's largest youth exchange, educational exchange, and scholarship programs. Rotary clubs provide innovative training opportunities and mentoring for young leaders. Bradenton Rotary has a local foundation that has grown 10% per year since 2001.

FELLOWSHIP

Social activities give Rotarians a chance to let loose and have fun. Every Rotary club and district hosts parties and activities that offer diversions from today's demanding professional and personal schedules. Conferences, conventions, assemblies, and social events provide entertainment as well as Rotary information, education, and service. Our annual comedy night is a great success.

DIVERSITY IN MEMBERSHIP

Rotary's classification system ensures that a club's membership represents a variety of the community's professional men and women, including leaders in business, industry, the arts, government, sports, the military, and religion. Rotary clubs are nonpolitical, nonreligious, and open to all cultures, races, and creeds.

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Rotary is an organization of successful professionals. Team building, fundraising, public speaking, planning, organization, and communication are just a sampling of the leadership skills that club members can exercise and enhance. Being a Rotary leader provides further experience in learning how to motivate, inspire, and guide others. Our Rotary Leadership Institute classes are held several times a year and are invaluable both to non-profit leadership as well as leadership in the business environment. These classes are normally financed by the club.