

COLUMBIA CAPITAL ROTARY CLUB FACTS 2008-2009

CLUB NAME	Columbia Capital Rotary Club
INTERNATIONAL AFFILIATION	Member of Rotary International (R.I.)
CHARTERED	By Rotary International in April 1987
CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS	Adopted Rotary constitution and by-laws which call for weekly meeting (holidays excepted)

GOVERNMENT **Six-person Board of Directors plus four officers with yearly terms of office from July 1st through June 30th.**

President **Bill Spacek**

Vice President **Chris Ray**

Secretary **Mark Bokesch**

Treasurer **Stephen West**

Sergeant at Arms **Jay von Kolnitz**

President Elect **Ann Elliott**

Responsible for overseeing and coordinating the work of the Classifications, Membership, Membership Development and Rotary Information Committees.

“AVENUES OF SERVICE”

Club Service **Paul Gillam, Director**
Committee responsibilities include program, attendance, bulletin, etc.

Community Service **Tommy Phelps, Director**
Committee responsibilities include community projects such as “Meals on Wheels” which are supported by the club.

International Service **Kevin Werner, Director**
Committee responsibilities include the Rotary Foundation, Scholarships, Group Study Exchange, etc.

Vocational Service **Joe Seel, Director**
Committee responsibilities include College Scholarship Program, “Making College Count” and mentoring programs.

DISTRICT GOVERNOR (District 7770), 2008-2009 **Anne S. Walker**

Columbia Capital Rotary Club is one of 77 Rotary Clubs which make up District 7770. District 7770 covers the eastern half of South Carolina from Columbia to the coast and has approximately 5,000 members. A district is administered by a “governor” whose term is one year from July 1st through June 30th. A district is structured around the same four avenues of service with appropriate directors and committees.

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PRESIDENT, ROTARY INTERNATIONAL, 2008-2009

Dong Kurn Lee

President's Theme "Make Dreams Real"

Rotary International now boasts over 32,000 clubs with a total of over 1,200,000 members in 200 countries of the world.

MEETINGS

Weekly Club Meetings	Wednesday 7:30 A.M.
Club Assemblies (For all Directors, Committee Chair and Members)	Periodic
Club Forums (For entire club)	Periodic
Club Socials (For members, spouses and guests)	Periodic

Important Annual Meetings

All Rotarians are invited to attend

District Conference	March, 2009
Rotary International Convention	Summer 2009

TYPES OF MEMBERSHIP

Active

Holds the primary classification and actively represents it to the Club.

Honorary

Elected by virtue of distinguished achievement. Exempt from fees, dues, and hold no office. Expires annually on June 30th but may be continued by resolution from year to year.

MAJOR CLUB ACTIVITIES

Scholarship Program

Each year the Capital Rotary Club awards 8 scholarships of \$2,000 each to carefully selected college students from the Columbia area. Our club has awarded over \$100,000 over the past years to Students in the Richland One area. These students may attend any school of their choice anywhere. The students' academic performance is closely monitored, and the students' overall GPA must meet certain requirements to maintain the scholarship. The scholarship program is primarily funded by our annual holiday wreath sales.

Meals on Wheels

The Capital Club has a weekly delivery route for Senior Resources' Meals on Wheels program. Each member is expected to participate on a rotating basis throughout the year. The Club provides additional support to the Meals on Wheels recipients during the holiday season in December.

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Dictionary Project

Each year the Club distributes approximately 750 dictionaries to third grade students in Richland School District One. Teams of members visit each school in the program, deliver the dictionaries, and introduce the students to the ideals and objectives of Rotary.

Other Activities

In recent years the Capital Club has participated, either directly or financially, in numerous community and international projects, including: Habitat for Humanity, Harvest Hope Food Bank, Rotary International water projects, Rotary's Ambassadorial Scholar Program, Rotary's Youth Exchange Program, Salvation Army, Rotary Disaster Relief, and numerous others.

ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS

Regular attendance is required. You are *automatically dropped* from membership if you miss four consecutive meetings without making up or if you attend less than 30% of our Capital Club meetings. Missed meetings may be made up two weeks prior to or two weeks following the absence. In addition to attending another Rotary Club meeting, the following will also be considered a make up:

- Attending a board or committee meeting.
- Participating in a club project or activity, including delivering Meals on Wheels.
- Attending or participating in any Rotary sponsored meeting, project, or activity.

Attendance Goal

100% Attendance

In Columbia, this is easy to do as there are 15 Columbia area Rotary Clubs. Seven meet at 1:00 p.m. and one at Noon Monday through Friday, one at 6:00 p.m., and 5 others (in addition to Columbia Capital) meet for breakfast. Make it a *personal goal* to make up at least once with every Columbia area Club.

FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS

Your financial commitment to the Club consists of four elements: Dues, Meals, Scholarship Fund and the Rotary Foundation. The club follows the Rotary International fiscal year, July 1 through June 30. Therefore, fiscal quarters are 1st, July – September; 2nd, October – December; 3rd, January – March and 4th, April – June. You have an annual obligation, but you are given the opportunity to remit it in quarterly, semi-annual or annual installments. You will be billed at the beginning of each quarter. **Your total Quarterly Financial Commitment is \$195.00**, and it consists of the following:

Dues:

The annual dues amount is set by the Board to cover (1) dues owed to Rotary International and District 7770 and (2) Operating expenses of the club. Currently dues are \$190.00 per year, payable **\$47.50 per quarter**.

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Meals:

Meals are payable at **\$110 per quarter**. This cost is determined by the rate charged by the Palmetto Club. The Club is billed for meals at the end of each month. Therefore, it is essential that you pay your club bill promptly, so the club will have funds to pay for the meals. Because of the administrative burden involved and in order to encourage members to attend with their home club, no credit is given for missed meetings.

Scholarship Fund:

Because of our focus on support of youth, we require each member to contribute \$50.00 annually to the club's scholarship fund, **payable \$12.50 per quarter**.

Rotary Foundation:

We expect all members to support the work of the Rotary Foundation as sustaining members, which requires a \$100.00 annual contribution, **payable \$25.00 per quarter**.

Administrative Fee:

There is a **one-time \$50.00 administrative fee** for new members, which will be included in your first statement.

ROTARY BENEFACTOR PROGRAM

Members are encouraged, and participation is expected, to become Rotary Foundation Benefactors. In this program, members make provisions in their wills to provide \$1000.00 to the Foundation. Our goal is 100% of our membership electing to become Benefactors.

RECRUITING NEW MEMBERS

Become a good recruiter for our Club. Read "*How to Propose a New Member*". We want good members, hand picked and selected with care.

HOW TO HAVE FUN IN ROTARY

Join in. Participate. Help our Club have good members, speakers, meetings, socials, Rotary scholars, student exchanges, group study exchanges, community programs, a strong Rotary Foundation, Club Assemblies, District meetings, International meetings, etc.

QUESTIONS ABOUT ROTARY?

See your Club Secretary and refer to the Manual of Procedure published by Rotary International which is the "rule book" and the "all encompassing encyclopedia" of Rotary.

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Membership Committee