

MEREDITH ROTARY CLUB

What is Rotary?

Rotary is a worldwide organization of men and women who are business and professional leaders. Rotary provides humanitarian services, encourages high ethical standards in all vocations, and helps build goodwill and peace in the world. Approximately 1.2 million Rotarians belong to more than 31,000 Rotary clubs located in 166 countries.

The main objective of Rotary is service in the workplace, in the community and throughout the world. Rotarians develop and support community service projects to address needs in their local communities and in the international community. Rotarians sponsor international student exchanges for high school age youth, offer college scholarships for foreign study and provide cross-cultural learning experiences for business and professional persons. Through the Polio Plus Program, Rotary has been a leader in the eradication of Polio worldwide. The Rotary motto is "Service Above Self."

How Did Rotary Begin?

Rotary is the world's first service club. Paul P. Harris, a young lawyer from Vermont, and three of his friends started the Rotary movement in Chicago in February of 1905. The group wanted to recapture the friendly spirit that they had experienced in the small towns they grew up in and had lost in the bigger city. Their weekly meetings "rotated" among their offices, hence the name that would become internationally known. The Meredith Rotary Club was chartered on April 5, 1928 in Meredith, New Hampshire.

The Meredith Rotary Club
PO Box 1210 • Meredith, NH 03253

How do I join the Meredith Rotary Club?

Contact a club member by sending us an email (info@meredithrotary.org) or you can call us at 279-7600. An existing club member will become your sponsor for membership in the club. You will be asked to meet with a Club member who will give you an overview of Rotary and our expectations of members. Your sponsor will nominate you for Club membership. Following approval by the Board of Directors, your nomination for membership is proposed to the Club. You will take the final step to become a member by participating in a formal induction ceremony.

When are club meetings held?

During the winter months, The Meredith Rotary Club meets each Wednesday evening at 6:00pm (October-May) at Hart's Turkey Farm Restaurant in Meredith for a dinner meeting that lasts about 90 minutes. Each meeting includes a program speaker who addresses topics of interest to members. During the summer months (June-September), the meetings take place at The Meredith Bay Colony Club in Meredith on Wednesday evening at 6:00pm.

What are attendance requirements?

Good attendance is necessary to ensure the proper commitment to your fellow Rotarians and to Club projects. To retain your membership you are expected to attend at least 50% of the Club's weekly meetings each year. If you miss one of our club's meetings you are strongly encouraged to make up that meeting by attending the meeting of a neighboring Club or attending an on-line meeting on the Internet. Members who miss four consecutive meetings without approved leave of absence may be dropped from the Club.

What are the annual dues?

The annual fee for the Rotary Club of Meredith is \$125, which includes basic support of the local club, Rotary International, and a subscription to *The Rotarian*, the Rotary International magazine.

Will I participate in Club activities?

Yes! As a Club member you will have the opportunity to participate in many Club projects and activities. You will be expected to serve on committees that determine the direction of the Club and to accomplish the goals of the Club. Our projects include an annual senior citizen Holiday Dinner, The Annual Golf Classic, and The Great Meredith Rotary Club Fishing Derby. Past projects have included major funding of the Center Harbor Gazebo, Meredith Public Library Function Room, The Meredith Community Center, Science Center of New Hampshire Raptor Exhibit, Meredith Historical Society Building Fund, Hesky Park improvements, Inter-Lakes High School Auditorium lighting, sound system and musical instruments. Our hands-on projects include building bridges on walking/ski trails in the Meredith forest, and re-roofing the Meredith Historical Society building and the Wicwas Grange building. All members are expected to participate in the Club projects. We are all proud of our achievements and hope to expand them in the future.

How does the Club raise funds?

Each February, the Meredith Rotary Club sponsors The Great Meredith Rotary Club Fishing Derby as its primary fund-raising activity. Thousands of fishermen help the Club raise tens of thousands of dollars that fund projects in Meredith, Center Harbor, Moultonboro and Sandwich. The Annual Golf Classic takes place in early summer (usually June) at Waukegan Golf Club. The Golf Tournament is our second largest fund raiser. Some of our projects include scholarships for standard and non-traditional students, summer camp attendance for local children, donations to The Meredith Food Pantry, and Pure Water for the World. We also fund national and international projects through the Rotary Foundation and other Rotary Clubs.



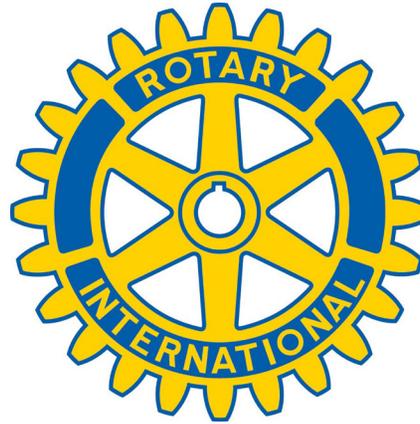
Some Rotary Facts!

- More than 8,000 students between the ages of 15 to 18 study abroad each year through the Rotary Youth Exchange Program.
- In 1985, Rotary created the Polio Plus Program with the goal of eradicating polio by 2005. To date, Rotary has committed more than \$580 million dollars to this program, which is also supported by the Gates Foundation.
- The Meredith Rotary Club has over 60 members who work tirelessly to support residents in Meredith, Center Harbor, Sandwich and Moultonboro through donations to local non-profit groups including the Meredith Food Pantry, Interlakes Community Caregivers, Visiting Nurse Association, and the Circle Group. Additionally, members provide hands-on skills and labor to build projects in the community that include Hesky Park, baseball dugout facilities, bridges for hiking and ski trails in the local parks, and re-roofing the Meredith Historical Society building.
- Each December, the Meredith Rotary Club hosts the Senior Christmas Dinner event providing 300 local senior citizens with a holiday turkey dinner, music, entertainment and gift bags with donations from local merchants including Annalee Dolls and Moulton Farms.
- The Meredith Rotary Club has donated more than \$2 million dollars throughout the communities of Meredith, Center Harbor, Sandwich and Moultonboro.

The Four-Way Test

The basic principles that Rotarians think, say or do:

- 1 Is it the TRUTH?
- 2 Is it FAIR to all concerned?
- 3 Will it build GOODWILL & BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
- 4 Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?



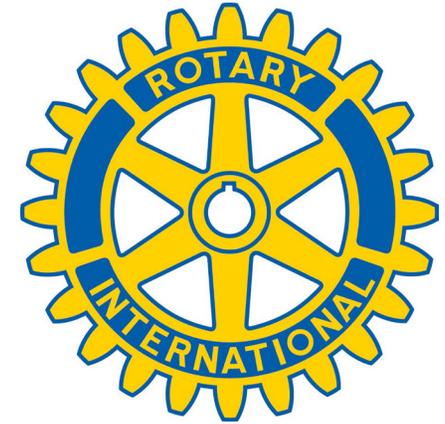
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Meetings: Wednesday at 6 pm

May-September
Meredith Bay Colony Club
21 Mile Point Drive
Meredith, NH 03253

October-April
Hart's Turkey Farm Restaurant
233 Daniel Webster Highway
Meredith, NH 03253
603-279-6212

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