



**Member Guide  
East Cooper Breakfast  
Rotary Club  
2018 - 2019**

The East Cooper Breakfast Rotary Club was chartered in 1996 with 35 charter members. We are committed to working with youth, helping our community and playing an active part in Rotary's International Community Service Projects. Please take some time to visit our website [www.ecbrotary.org](http://www.ecbrotary.org) to learn more about Rotary and our Club.

The East Cooper Breakfast Rotary Club is identified by Rotary International as club 6262 and we are part of District 7770. We are a registered 501© 4 non-profit organization.

**Executive Committee & Board of Directors - 2018-19**

President	Tripp Hoover	<a href="mailto:Tripp@thehoove.com">Tripp@thehoove.com</a>
President Elect	Ted Chestnut	<a href="mailto:ted@hillcon.com">ted@hillcon.com</a>
Treasurer	Michelle Whitbeck	<a href="mailto:mwhitbeck@kwchs.com">mwhitbeck@kwchs.com</a>
Secretary	Sean O'Connor	<a href="mailto:soconnor@finkellaw.com">soconnor@finkellaw.com</a>
Past President	Stephanie Game	<a href="mailto:stephaniebts@yahoo.com">stephaniebts@yahoo.com</a>

**Board of Directors (Club Level Operating Funds) 501c3 - 2018-19**

BOD Member	Alison Dailey
BOD Member	Kimberly Roberts
BOD Member	Brandon Roach
BOD Member	Grace Lacey
BOD Member	Brett Fellows
BOD Member	Ellis Gourdin
Executive Admin/Secretary	Gwin Poston

**Committees & Leaders - 2018-19**

\*\* Rotary is first and foremost a service organization. Please contact one of the designated committee chairs or board members to help serve on a committee described below:

**Rotary**

**Foundation Chair** Will Coffey [willcoffey@aol.com](mailto:willcoffey@aol.com)  
Every Rotary year, each club is challenged with raising money to help support our Rotary Annual Foundation. Our ECRB Club (along with every International and national Rotary Club) contributes to this Foundation. This allows us to combine our efforts to help eradicate polio, issue global grants and partner with International organizations to make a difference in the entire world.

**ECBR**

**Foundation Chair** Warren Pruitt [wayne@americandrugtesting.net](mailto:wayne@americandrugtesting.net)  
Our club set up a 501©3 Foundation Account where funds from the ECBR fundraisers are held until used to help organizations or projects that East Cooper Breakfast Rotary Club selects. In this way, we ensure our funds have a direct impact on local organizations and projects that are aligned with our members' values and club mission. Due to the nature of this committee, Past Presidents and current President and President Elect serve as standing members.



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**Fundraising Chair**

Sean O'Connor & Ted Chestnut

Fundraising is an important part to any organization, and our club is just the same. Our goal is to raise funds that we can then use and distribute to our local community non-profits via hands-on service projects and grants. Projects and grant recipients are identified and planned for by club leadership and club members on a yearly basis.

Speakeasy- Prohibition for a Cause is our main fundraiser. This is a roaring 20s themed party to raise funds for local charities in the Charleston area community. This is a great party that our members and guest love! For 2018-2019, the date is Saturday, Oct. 13, 2018.

Daniel Island Duck Race - During 2018/19, we are collaborating with the Daniel Island Rotary Club to assist in the fundraising efforts related to their Annual Duck Race. The drawing/race is scheduled for June 1, 2019. Members are asked to help raise funds by selling "duck adoptions" via their social media and local contacts and by hosting stations set up outside local collaborating businesses.

Weekly Raffle, Happy Dollars and CART Fund collections are optional opportunities for members to contribute dollars to specific causes. These opportunities occur at each weekly meeting. Funds collected are designated to specific club goals.

**Speaker Chair**

Joe Shuster

[jpaulshoe@hotmail.com](mailto:jpaulshoe@hotmail.com)

Each week, we bring our members local, engaging speakers who discuss how their program/agency is impacting the East Cooper or Tri Country area. Joe helps coordinate with the club member or speaker regarding bio about speaker and logistics. If you have someone who you believe would be a great speaker, please pass along this information to Joe.

**Membership Chair**

Stephanie Game

[stephaniebts@yahoo.com](mailto:stephaniebts@yahoo.com)

Individual and Corporate Membership is critical to every Rotary club. Stephanie works hand and hand with new members to help them feel welcome and to help them become fully involved in the club. Please connect all individual and corporate members to Stephanie.

**Service Team Chair**

Mike Bloser

[Mike.Bloser@us.bosch.com](mailto:Mike.Bloser@us.bosch.com)

Rotary is first and foremost a service organization. Service above Self is Rotary's motto. All members are encouraged to volunteer at our Annual Day of Service and other service events.

**Social Chair**

Grace Lacey and Brett Fellows

[grace.lacey@carolinaoneplus.com](mailto:grace.lacey@carolinaoneplus.com)

Socials are an important aspect of our club. Even though we are a service organization, we like to have fun! Besides our three breakfast meetings, we schedule one monthly social activity that occurs in the late afternoon/early evening - typically during the final week of each month. The Date/Time/Location of each afternoon Social is announced in the weekly newsletter and during preceding breakfast meetings. Everyone is invited...bring a friend!!

**Public Image Chair**

Ellis Gourdin

[gourdin.ellis@gmail.com](mailto:gourdin.ellis@gmail.com)

Ellis helps keep our membership engaged and informed about upcoming events through our weekly newsletter and social media platforms. She also submits press releases and photos to the local media. Please follow ECCR on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and on LinkedIn. Also, if you have any information for the membership at large, please forward to Ellis. Ellis is also our club Youth Exchange Officer, please email her if you have any questions about our Youth Programs.



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**Meeting  
Schedule - 2018-19**

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| <b>Club Socials:</b>       | Meets once per month (in the early evening)  | TBA in newsletter/at meetings |
| <b>Breakfast Meetings:</b> | Meets on the 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays of each month<br>We do NOT meet on 4 <sup>th</sup> or 5 <sup>th</sup> Tuesdays | 7:30am -8:30am                |
- Typical Agenda during Breakfast Meetings:
    - President’s Welcome
    - Pledge of Allegiance/Invocation
    - Happy Dollars for Polio Plus
    - Weekly Speaker re: a Local Topic/Organization
    - General Announcements
    - Polio Plus Weekly Raffle
    - Closing Recitation of the 4 Way Test of Rotary
  - During EVERY Club Meeting there are a few Mini Fundraisers
    - CART – Coins for Alzheimer’s Research Trust:
      - Jack Vax coordinates this weekly collection. Each month a different member matches the amount raised in the blue table buckets.
    - Polio Plus Goal:
      - Weekly Raffle and Happy Dollars are collected and designated to the club’s Polio Plus goal.

**IMPORTANT DATES for Club Year: 2018-19**

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| • Speakeasy-Prohibition for a Cause                                 | Saturday, October 13                     | 7pm-11pm                    |
| • Happy Feet-   | Saturday, October 20                     | 8am - Target/Seaside Farms  |
| • Monthly Board Meetings  | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of every month | Open to ALL members         |
| • Toys for Tots - Marine Bike Drive                                 | Saturday, December 11                    | 10am-4pm                    |
| • Garden Project (West Ashley)                                      | Friday, February 15                      | 9am-2pm                     |
| • Club Service Day  | Saturday, March 2                        | St. James Santee Elementary |
| • More dates on the horizon!<br>Please check the weekly newsletter. |  |                             |



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**MEMBERSHIP**

**Interested in becoming a full-fledged Rotarian or need a few reminders?**

**Read below for step-by-step directions!**

**1. Prospective Member**

- a. Attend 3 Club Meetings as a visitor and submit a Membership Application with a brief Bio to the Membership Chair.
- b. Board vote is required before moving forward to the 3 Readings to become a "Red Badge Member."

**2. Become a "Red Badge" Member**

- a. Attend 3 additional Club Meetings with Bio Readings. The President welcomes/introduces the Prospective member and reads the Prospective member's Bio to the club. This provides club members the opportunity to learn a bit more about the Prospective member.
- b. The Prospective member is then officially inducted into the club as a "Red Badge" Member during a weekly meeting.

**3. Moving from "Red Badge" to "Blue Badge" full-fledged Member**

- a. Red Badge Members are tasked to complete certain requirements before becoming a full-fledged, "Blue-Badge" Rotarian. The requirements are as follows:
  - i. Participate in a Service Project
  - ii. Attend a regular Board of Directors Meeting
  - iii. Serve as a Host at a Weekly Meeting
  - iv. Attend another Club's Meeting
  - v. Have lunch/coffee with a Board Member
  - vi. Explore the Club & District Websites and like our club's Facebook page.
  - vii. Submit payment for the Initial Fee & Membership Dues. (Invoice sent at Induction)

**4. Full Rotarian Club Member- Expectations & Obligations**

- a. Participation Expectations
  - i. Consistently Attend Weekly Meetings and Socials.
    1. See FAQ for make-up options.
  - ii. Actively Participate in Projects and Attend Events.
  - iii. Volunteer with ECB Club on Annual Day of Service.
  - iv. Pay Dues, Fees, Contributions on a Timely Basis.
- b. Financial Obligations
  - i. Membership Dues are \$195/quarter and are invoiced on a quarterly basis.
    1. Dues cover your Rotary International Fees, District, fees, and breakfast cost for each meeting. You will receive this invoice by email at the start of each new quarter.
    2. You can pay by cash or check. Credit Card is available online with a nominal convenience fee.
  - ii. Annual Giving- Rotary International Foundation
    1. Annually, each member is required to pay \$100 towards Rotary Annual Foundation.
    2. This fund allows us all to take part in helping the local and international worlds with funding special projects.
    3. This \$100 is invoiced every July, and all members are expected to pay upon receipt
  - iii. Annual Fundraiser
    1. Participate financially in our fundraisers. This requirement can be met by selling/purchasing tix to event/raffle and/or soliciting sponsorships to the event.
    2. As always, please ask any questions when it comes to finances.



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**FAQs**

**How do I make up a meeting if I missed one?**

Attendance is important to all Rotary Clubs, but from time to time, we know things will arise. It is a member's responsibility to make up for a missed meeting. You can attend another meeting at a different club location, serve on a committee within ECBR and attend meetings, volunteer at ECBR service events, or go online to [rotaryclubone.org](http://rotaryclubone.org), then select make ups from the drop down. This will provide online reading material that will allow you to submit for a makeup.

**When are membership dues to be paid?**

Dues are set up on a quarterly basis. Invoices will be mailed out with paper copies provided at club meetings. Payment is due upon receipt. Online payment is available via credit card with an additional convenience fee. The board reviews members' accounts to make sure everyone stays current. The Rotary Foundation requires \$100 per member. This is invoiced at the beginning of each new club year starting in July.

**I want to be involved, but I don't know what is needed or how I can help?**

Just reach out to any of your leadership team. There is always a need for more Rotarians getting involved. Just ask, and I promise you will be rewarded with getting to know your club members and helping the community.

**How do I access my membership online?**

Go to [www.Rotary7770.org](http://www.Rotary7770.org) and look for the Members Only tab at the top of page. If you are signing in for the first time, use your email and Rotary Member ID (you can find this information on the Rotary magazine) or your zip code. If you need help, please reach out to any club member to help.

**I am not receiving the weekly newsletters or emails from East Cooper Breakfast Rotary Club. How can I begin receiving these?**

There is a tab on the website home page labeled Newsletter, please subscribe there and if you are still having trouble, please contact our Public Image Chair, Ellis Gourdin, to ensure you are added to the email distribution list.