



Our mission is to provide service to others, promote integrity, and advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through our fellowship of business, professional, and community leaders.

The East Cooper Breakfast Rotary Club was chartered in 1996 with 35 charter members. We are committed to working with youth, helping our local community, and playing an active part in Rotary’s International Community Service Projects. Please take some time to visit our website [www.ecbrotaory.org](http://www.ecbrotaory.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©3 non-profit organization.

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Our mission begins with “to provide service to others”. This is our most basic function as a rotary club. Please contact one of the designated committee chairs or board members to help serve on a committee described below:

**2019-2020  
Committees & Leaders**

**Rotary International  
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 ECBR Club (along with every International and national Rotary Club across the globe) contributes to the International Foundation. This allows us to combine and maximize our efforts to help eradicate polio, issue global grants and partner with International organizations to make a difference in the entire world.

**ECBR Club  
Foundation Chair**

John Albrecht [john.albrecht85@gmail.com](mailto:john.albrecht85@gmail.com)  
Our club set up a 501©3 Club Account where funds from the ECBR fundraisers are held until used to help designated organizations or projects selected by the East Cooper Breakfast Rotary Club. 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 President, current President and President Elect serve as standing members.

**Fundraising Chair**

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.

Daniel Island Duck Race - In Spring of 2020, we plan to continue our partnership with the Daniel Island Rotary Club to assist in the fundraising efforts related to the annual Charleston Duck Race. Members are asked to help raise funds by selling “duck adoptions” via social media and their local contacts and by hosting stations set up outside local collaborating businesses.

NEW IDEAS - This year we are exploring several potential fundraising events designed to strengthen our community while also generating revenue for rotary related projects. Potential concepts include hosting a community-wide children’s talent show, coordinating a bowling tournament and celebrating our nations Veterans by hosting the Flags for Heroes program.

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.

**Service Team Chair**

Mike Bloser

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Rotary is first and foremost a service organization. Service above Self is Rotary’s motto. This year our program will have multiple hands-on, Club-Wide Service Day projects designed to impact our community members while also helping build awareness about Rotary. Mike will coordinate the big picture. However, volunteers are needed to take the lead on various aspects of each project. All members are encouraged to volunteer at our Annual Day of Service and other service events.

Projects/Activities planned for 2019-2020:

- Together We Read project – September-ish
- Happy Feet – October
- Toys for Tots – December
- Club Service Project TBD – February
- Joint project with lunch club – April
- Middle School - Opioid/Drug Prevention Program & Task Force

**Speaker Chair**

Lynn Longshore & John Walden

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Each week, we bring our members local, engaging speakers who discuss how their program or agency is impacting the East Cooper or Tri Country area. If you have someone who you believe would be a great speaker, please pass along this information to John or Lynn. They will coordinate the schedule, audio/visual needs and introduction.

**Membership Chairs**

Stephanie Game & Charles Muldrow

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

## Social Chair

Grace Lacey

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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

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Ellis helps keep our membership informed about upcoming events via our weekly newsletter and social media platforms. She also submits press releases and photos to the local media. Please forward info to Ellis to share with membership at large. Ellis also serves as our Youth Exchange Officer. Please contact Ellis if you have any questions about our Youth Programs

## Meeting Schedule – 2019-2020

<b>Board Meetings:</b>	Meets on the 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of every month.	Open to ALL members.
<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 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.

**2018-2019 Impact!** Below is a brief history of events/programs provided by our club members' joint efforts last year:

- **Happy Feet Program**
  - Provided over 300 pairs of shoes for disadvantaged youth.
- **Toys for Tots Program**
  - Volunteered as Santa's Helpers at the Marine's North Pole at the Citadel Mall.
  - Provided over 100 Bicycles to disadvantaged youth for Christmas.
- **West Ashley Garden Project**
  - Built phase one of a sustainable community garden designed for emotionally/mentally disabled adults.
- **Santee St. James Elementary/Middle School Project**
  - Updated and improved the landscape, installed raised gardens, refurbished the picnic tables, painted sidewalk games throughout the playground and painted the Alphabet across the Early Childhood Center.
- **Youth/Young Adult Programs**
  - International Youth Exchange Program - Sponsored and hosted one Foreign Exchange Student visiting from France for the year.
  - Rotaract – Sponsored (and continue to mentor) the initial start-up of the East Cooper Rotaract Club.
  - Collaborate with East Cooper Rotaract on a variety of projects i.e. Walk for Water, Meetings
- **Speakers**
  - Provided club members with over 25 diverse, knowledgeable, local and national speakers designed to inspire and expand our awareness and understanding on a variety of meaningful topics.
- **Fundraisers benefiting local and international rotary projects**
  - Speakeasy – Prohibition for a Cause
  - Charleston Duck Race – Partnered with Daniel Island Club to generate proceeds via duck adoptions
  - CART Fund
  - Polio Plus Happy Dollars

**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 - See FAQ for make-up options.
  - ii. Actively Participate in Projects and Attend Events.
  - iii. Volunteer with ECBR Club on Annual Day of Service.
  - iv. Pay Dues, Fees, Contributions on a Timely Basis.
- b. Financial Obligations
  - i. Membership Dues are \$840 annually and invoiced at \$210/quarter.
    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 may pay by cash or check. Payment by Credit Card is available online with a nominal convenience fee.
  - ii. Annual Giving- Rotary International Foundation - \$100
    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 Fundraisers - Members are expected to participate financially in our fundraisers. This requirement may be met by selling/purchasing tix to event/raffle and/or soliciting sponsorships to the event.

## 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 [www.rotaryclubone.org](http://www.rotaryclubone.org) and then select "makeups" 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 we promise you will be rewarded by 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 for assistance.

### **I am not receiving the weekly newsletters or emails from East Cooper Breakfast Rotary Club.**

#### **How do 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.