



## Welcome to New Members

### What are the expectations of being a member of Tappahannock Rotary?

Welcome to the Tappahannock Rotary Club. By joining our club you become a part of Rotary International, the oldest (formed 1907) and most international of all service organizations, that has 1.2 million members found in over 190 countries and territories. Rotary Clubs around the world and working to improve their communities and the world. The Rotary Foundation, is Rotary's charitable organization formed in 1917 which supports international relief efforts and other international projects. It's primary project is PolioPlus with its goal to eradicate polio throughout the world. (More is online at [Rotary History](#).)

Attendance is not mandatory but obviously we would like you to attend as often as possible. We meet on Thursday 6:30 at Roma Ristorante Italiano in Tappahannock. Most members arrive 30 minutes prior to that time to partake in our weekly social.

Wherever you find yourself in the world you are always welcome at any Rotary Club meeting whether it is in Warsaw, Virginia or Warsaw, Poland; Lima, Ohio or Lima, Peru, you will enjoy Rotary hospitality and make some wonderful contacts. If you know in advance that you will be traveling, secure one of our club banners from the club secretary and exchange it with the visiting club at the meeting you attend.

The Tappahannock Rotary Club has almost 50 members who become involved in numerous causes in our local community and in our world. Through our club's charitable foundation, we support such causes as: Funding for scholarships to deserving Essex High graduates, The Haven, Ledwith-Lewis Tappahannock Free Clinic, Essex History Museum, the Little League, NN Food Bank, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Essex Youth Association; Jacob's Ladder, Essex County Library, and special programs to support Essex High School. (More is online at [TappahannockRotary.org](#).)

Here are some of your obligations as a member:

- Attend meetings as often as you can
- Pay your annual dues (currently \$170) promptly after you are inducted.
- Help with fund raising projects.
- Help with the May Big Croaker Fishing Contest.
- Help with Rivah Fest Rotary Crab Races in June.
- Help with the October Pork Roast. All members are given eight tickets and are expected to either sell them to members of the community, give to business clients or purchase them. Tickets are \$30 each or a \$240 obligation.
- Serve on an important committee.
- Be willing to serve in leadership positions in the club.

In addition, you should be aware, that

- Approximately once a year you will be asked to provide a short program (up to 25 minutes) for the regular meeting or provide a guest speaker.
- Approximately once a year you will also be asked to provide the "social" for the regular meeting. If for any reason it is not appropriate for you to provide the "social" then please speak to the secretary and you will be excused. Roma restaurant provides all the soft drinks and set-ups.
- Meeting meals at *Roma Ristorante Italiano* are \$15 collected at the meeting entrance and paid to Roma. Each Rotarian and guest is expected to put \$2 into the "tip jar" for the wait staff.
- On the fifth Thursday of a month there is a special program that includes the spouses or guests.

Individuals of good character and who possess high ethical standards are welcome to become Rotarians regardless of race, creed, age, gender, religion or ethnic background.