



What Is Rotary?

Rotary is a global network of community volunteers. Rotary club members are business, professional, and community leaders in your locality who meet regularly to plan and implement community service activities and network with other professionals. For those interested, members can also choose to become involved in international humanitarian service efforts. More than 1.2 million men and women in over 200 countries and geographical areas belong to over 33,000 Rotary clubs.

Rotary builds international understanding through scholarships, exchange programs, and humanitarian grants. Throughout the world, Rotary clubs participate in a broad range of educational, intercultural, and humanitarian activities designed to improve the lives of others.

Benefits of Membership:

Belonging to a Rotary club provides members with an opportunity to make a contribution to their own communities and to communities around the world.

Members may join Rotary for many reasons, including community involvement, personal development, professional networking, and camaraderie with fellow members. But perhaps the most important benefit is the satisfaction gained from making a real difference in the world.

Annual Events:

Rotary Club of Crescent City
Catfish Festival

Always the first Saturday in April

Swine & Wine

Third Saturday in November

Rotary Supported Programs:

15 Scholarships are awarded annually
totalling \$22,500 to high school seniors

CCJSHS / INTERACT Club:
Rotary for high school students

South Putnam Youth Sports Programs
sponsors

South Putnam Christian Service Center

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Crescent City Fire Department
Fruitland Fire Department



Crescent City goes Catfish Crazy the first weekend of April when upwards of 20,000 people descend on Eva Lyon Park in downtown Crescent City to celebrate the Crescent City Rotary Club Catfish Festival.

The annual Catfish Festival always the first Friday & Saturday in April. Opens Friday at 4:30p.m. with food, live entertainment, and arts & crafts. Come early on Saturday morning to grab a spot to enjoy an exciting parade down US 17. A popular festival feature is the Catfish Car Show where collectors gather to show off their hot rides. All day Saturday, festival goers enjoy live music in addition to a variety of entertainment. Kids will enjoy the catfish wrangling and rock wall climbing in addition to many other activities.

The soul of the festival is the incredible food. Classic Florida delicacies include swamp cabbage stew, strawberry shortcake, fried catfish dinners, and a selection of wild game. For those with less adventurous palates good old burgers and dogs are cooked up hot and fresh. The adventurous and the picky eater can find delicious dishes.

The Crescent City Rotary Club Catfish Festival raises money for scholarships for local high school students. Over \$800,000 has been given in scholarships since 1978.

