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BETH TROTTER Rotary 7680 District Governor



District Governor Beth Trotter shared her passion for change with Charlotte Rotarians and explained how it can be forged through youth involvement, supporting the Rotary Foundation and connecting with people everywhere.

The former president of the Mecklenburg County-South club who boasts perfect attendance shared the latest Rotary International mission statement: "Together we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change -- across the globe, in our local communities and in ourselves."

Beth strongly promotes Rotary growth, with emphasis on building youth involvement for greater impact. She particularly likes Rotary youth exchange programs, as well as Interact and Rotaract.

Through a challenge with her third-generation-Rotarian husband Rodney Holtzmuller, she got involved in youth exchange. If Beth would join Rotary, Rodney agreed they could host an exchange student. By welcoming a Japanese teen, Beth learned how international contact brings change.

She likes STEP, or Short Term Exchange Program, a streamlined plan which involves families with youths 15-18. These young people can make reciprocal visits for two-to- five weeks with counterparts in more than 40 countries. Nobody in our District 7680 is participating and Beth wants to remedy that.

Further, she feels there isn't enough area involvement in Interact's SFTL, or Seminar For Tomorrow's Leaders. She highly recommends it for building leadership skills in young people 12-to-18 years old.

On a positive note, Charlotte can be proud that it is the birthplace of Rotaract. The first club formed on the UNC Charlotte campus 52 years ago. Now there are thousands of Rotaracts in more than 200 countries, she said, and they are creating change everywhere they exist.

With its mission to eradicate polio, the Rotary Foundation continues to promote powerful change worldwide, said Beth, who knows first-hand the effects of the

disease. Her father, aunt and uncle contracted polio 1950s. While her dad survives at 93 with no aftereffects, her aunt was confined to a wheelchair and her uncle died in an iron lung.

Through 2.5 billion vaccines worldwide, Rotary has erased polio from all except three countries. One of them, Nigeria, is poised to be declared polio-free, but Afghanistan and Pakistan still pose challenges.

Beth confessed to being amazed when she visited Northern India and witnessed a Polio Immunization Day where masses of people got the drops. That showed her how fighting polio fits with this year's theme: "Rotary Connects The World." She prodded Charlotte Rotarians to participate in such a drive.

A change opportunity looms in April when Rotarians in our district will cruise to Nassau to join Rotarians from South Florida and those in the Bahamas to repair damage from last fall's hurricane that pounded that island nation. Beth encouraged us to join the four-day excursion.

She also promoted the June Rotary International Convention in Hawaii, which she promised will bring multiple connection opportunities.

In introducing Beth, Charlotte Rotarian and former district governor Luther Moore told how she won a raffle to ride the Rotary float in the recent Rose Bowl Parade. Beth said 87 million people around the world watched that event. Obviously, the connection chances were enormous.

Beth closed with a video of her installation as district governor that featured her grandchildren singing their own version of "This Little Light of Mine." The first two lines of their rendition go: "Rotary connects the world, and I'm going to let it shine."

Reporter: Elly Clary; *Head Table:* Bob Freeman, John Lassiter, Luther Moore, Graham Wilson; *Invocation:* Chad Lloyd; *Introduce Visitors:* Hank Donaghy; *Photos:* Sandy Osborne; *Greeters:* Rich Campbell, Mike Ranson

CLUB NEWS

The project to serve clients served by Charlotte Rescue Mission on Christmas morning went very well. Thanks to the 42 volunteers that made this day such a success.



District Governor Beth recognized [Mort Wise](#) for his commitment as Benefactor to The Rotary Foundation. As you may know, A Benefactor of The Rotary Foundation is anyone who informs the Foundation in writing that he or she has made provisions in his or her will, or other estate plan, naming the Foundation's Permanent Fund as a beneficiary; or anyone who makes an outright gift of US\$1,000 or more to The Rotary Foundation Permanent Fund.

Chad Lloyd had the honor of naming Brandy Whitaker a Paul Harris Fellow. Chad has worked very closely with Brandy through Communities in Schools at Harding University, where Chad and Bill Loftin serve as Advisors for the Interact Club.

Update your Roster to show new contact info for [Jensen Caudle](#): Aquesta Bank, 9915 Sandy Rock PI (28277); direct 704-897-2435, mobile 704-453-0489; jcaudle@aquestabank.com.

Our friends at SMS Catering – [Bob and Robert Freeman](#) – will hold their annual Super Bowl Sunday Party on February 2, 2020. Pre-game 4:00PM; Game 6:30PM until 10PM. Cost is \$20 per person, which includes the complete BBQ dinner and pre-game food. Registration: info@smscater.com or 704-536-1500.

MEMBERSHIP

07/01/2019 276 **New Members:**

01/07/2020 272

Net Increase -4 **Resignations:** Matthew Greer, George Cochran, Jordan Harris, John Shaver

Approve for Membership (comments to the Rotary office by 01/14/2020)

William Goodwyn (Bill)

Discovery Education (Classification: Education, Digital Content)

Sponsor: Edwin Peacock

Endorsed: Tony Zeiss and John Lassiter

Visitors 7
Club Members 125
Total 132 (53.6%)

Thanks for bringing a guest: Anny Reed visited with [Lori Giang](#); Brandy Whitaker visited with [Chad Lloyd](#), Ron Melvin visited with [Mort Wise](#); Club Guests: Rodney Holtzmuller, Debb Corbett, Sean Gautam

CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS (01/08/2020 – 01/22/2020)

01/08 Parker Cains; Bob Finley

01/11 Kandi Deitemeyer

01/16 Joe Gass

01/18 Chuck Howard

01/19 Greg Reagan

01/20 Wangzhong Lu; Tony Zeiss; Fred Brown

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES (01/08/2020 – 01/22/2020)

01/17 Ella and Howard Hoyle

01/18 Catherine and Bill Browning

ROTARY ANNIVERSARIES (01/08/2020 – 01/22/2020)

01 year – Kevin Poet; Jessica Mallicote

02 years – Catherine Horne (in this club)

08 years – Jerry Bryson

11 years – Art Ringwald

12 years – Jon Hannan, Rick Handford

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

(All meetings at the Fairfield Inn & Suites, 201 S. McDowell St., unless otherwise noted)

01/14 – Rep. Craig Horn, NC House – Civil Discourse in 2020

01/21 – Daniel Lugo, J.D., President, Queens University of Charlotte

01/28 – Woody Connette, Climbing to the top in 50 states

02/04 – Dr. Justin Favaro, Oncologist, World Cancer Day

02/11 – Warren Cooksey, NC Turnpike Authority – Toll Roads & NCDOT

Photos from our luncheons and other events can be found on Flickr [Click here](#)