



THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

October 18, 2022

2022-2023 Board Members

President William Bradley

Pres Elect Edwin Peacock

Past Pres Carol Hardison

Secretary Kim Brattain

Treasurer Patrick Baker

Exec Sec Christine Cipriano

Directors 2021-2023

Ann Clark

Ellison Clary

Jesse Hite

Warren Kean

Vanessa Stolen

Directors 2022-2024

Will Barnhardt

Glenn Bouley

Margaret Donovan

Laura Little

Mark Norman

Diego Ramon

Robert Shaw

Membership Terri DeBoo

Foundation Joe Morris

Programs Elly Clary



Kamlesh Chandan, Rotary 7680 District Governor

by **Bill Bartee**

Kam Chandan, the Governor of Rotary District 7680 for 2022–2023 jumped into the spirit of Rotary when he joined the Huntersville Rotary club in 2016. A large part of this spirit may have been the influence of his Rotarian father-in-law, who was a Past District Governor in India and his daughter who is a current Rotary exchange student in Spain. Either way, the spirit of empowerment and engagement came across during Chandan's remarks as the leader of our district's 53 Rotary and 10 Rotaract clubs within 14 counties and 2300 members of District 7680.

Chandan challenged and charged Charlotte Rotary to be active and engaged as members because it helps create skills beyond what we may already be gifted. This challenge has helped Rotary grow worldwide to 1.4 members from membership lost through the pandemic over the past 3 years.

Also, during the remarks held in the Charlotte Ballroom of the Fairfield Inn-Uptown, was recognition of several different areas where there is opportunity and success within Rotary. Areas such as the Rotary Foundation where gifts are transformed into service projects around the world and the impact of END POLIO NOW which began with 125 countries stricken by polio with only two remaining.

Other places of opportunity for engagement within Rotary are the RI Convention, Friendship Exchange, Youth Exchange, Rotary Fellowships, and Global Grants and a 2022–2023 goal of continuing to empower women is fitting as our current Rotary International president, Jennifer

Jones, is the first female to hold that position.

Locally Rotary has clubs for people 18+, Rotaract for 18+/young professionals, and Interact for ages 12-18 and a Foundation Celebration and Service Project on Nov. 18 and a Joint 7680/7690 District Celebration May 5-7, 2023.

The theme Chandan left us with was: IMAGINE ROTARY, IMagine+Passion+ACTion=IMPACT

*Unfortunately, the recording of this week's meeting is not available due to technical difficulties.