



Upcoming Events

*Speaker schedule and upcoming events can also be found on
Charlotte Rotary's website under "Events / News"*

*Month of February service focus:
Scouting for Food. See below for details.*

Tues., Feb. 11 - Weekly Meeting: *Excellence in Leadership Award honoring Dena Diorio*

Wed., Feb. 19 - Leadership Impact Group (LIG): *Monthly Meeting*, 5:30 p.m., Lost World Brewing, 1100 Metropolitan Ave., Suite 165, Charlotte. See details below.

Thurs., Feb. 20 - Club Event: *Minds Matter! Event to Support Alzheimer's Research*, Thurs., Feb. 20 at The Village on Morehead, 5-7 p.m. See below for details.

Sat., Mar. 15 - Interact Event: *St. Patrick's Day Parade*, 10:45-11:30 a.m. Details to come.

Tues., April 1 - Club Event: *American Red Cross Blood Drive*. Sign up [here](#). Sponsor Code is : CharlotteRotary. See details below.

Save the Date! May 2-3 - District 7680 Conference. Details to follow.

July 17-20 - District Event: *Seminar for Tomorrow's Leaders (SFTL)*, Gardner-Webb University. Volunteer and Scholarship Opportunities and open to High School rising Juniors and Seniors. See below for details.

This Week's Meeting



Justin Favaro, MD, PhD, Oncology Specialists of Charlotte
by Bill Bartee

World Cancer Day came with a strong message from the podium of Charlotte Rotary. A heartfelt introduction by Jeff Atkinson included his own cancer story and his relationship with our speaker, Dr. Justin Favaro. Atkinson recounted his cancer diagnosis, meeting Favaro, and twelve months later he was cancer-free. He attributed it to "the good Lord, good medicine, and a good doctor."

Justin Favaro, MD, PhD, from Oncology Specialists of Charlotte, has had a distinguished career in Oncology and has been recognized as a Charlotte Top Doctor for his contributions to cancer care. His expertise includes healthcare policy, clinical trials, and patient care.

He began his presentation by sharing that although the death rate from cancer has dropped 34% since 1991, there were still areas of increase. Female incidences of cancer in women under 50 years of age have been greater than that of their male counterparts. More specifically, uterine cancer in females (ages 30-39) has risen. Research continues in the reasons, but one underlying component is that women stopped smoking later than men. [Click here to read more.](#)

A recording of the meeting can be found here:

With Slides: <https://vimeo.com/1053530829>

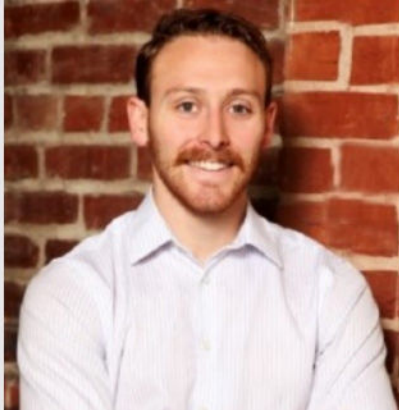
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The presenter's introduction begins at approximately 30 minutes and 15 seconds.



Club News

Welcome Jamie Goldenberg! Jamie is a seasoned real estate investor and coach specializing in land acquisition, investment strategy, and financial independence. With over six years of experience in land investing, Jamie has built a thriving business centered around buying and selling raw land, helping investors generate wealth outside traditional financial systems. As the Founder and President of Turn Prop LLC, Jamie has developed a proven framework for acquiring undervalued land, structuring profitable deals, and scaling a sustainable investment business. Through The Land Investing Club, Jamie coaches aspiring and experienced investors on market analysis, deal structuring, negotiation techniques, and business growth strategies—helping them create passive income and long-term financial security. Beyond real estate, Jamie is an endurance



athlete with a passion for pushing physical and mental limits. He has completed marathons, a Half Ironman, dozens of half-marathons, and triathlons. Jamie is currently training for one of his biggest challenges yet—running across the Grand Canyon in April 2025. His commitment to endurance sports mirrors his approach to business: disciplined, strategic, and driven by long-term vision. On a personal level, Jamie values family above all else. He is getting married in November and recently bought a home in South Charlotte, where he is excited to put down roots. He believes that success isn't just about financial freedom—it's about creating a fulfilling life with the people who matter most. Whether in business, athletics, or personal relationships, Jamie is committed to building a strong foundation for the future.

Sending Support to Yazmin DeHaven - Please keep **Yazmin DeHaven** in your thoughts and prayers as she supports her partner, Eric Krause, through a medical situation. During this time, please extend encouragement and well wishes to them both.



Congratulations to Charlotte Rotarian **J Hill**, owner of **BrandUScript PR**, has been named "Community Connector" in The Great 28 by QCity Metro for his impact on Charlotte. J's Power Mixer event unites influential leaders to address systemic barriers and drive positive change. J's quote in the article about this award is "My goal is to do my part in helping Charlotte be in a better place." - J... Charlotte Rotary is a better place before you are in it!

Click here for more information on The Great 28.



Recognizing Our Rotary Stars

Rotary thrives because of dedicated members who work tirelessly behind the scenes. Inspired by **David Anderson**, President **Kim Brattain** wants to recognize a few of those who go above and beyond:

- **Margaret Donovan**, last year's Outstanding Rotarian, exemplifies this dedication.
- **Craig Field** keeps our finances in order
- **Edwin Peacock** leads our Leadership Impact Club
- **Luther Moore** curates incredible programs
- **Joe Morris** and **Stuart Hair** are making our dream of a Rotary garden a reality.
- **Jesse Hite** and **Rick Handford** ensure seamless visitor check-ins
- **Phil Volponi** manages our slides and virtual access
- **Bill Gill** also supports our slides at the meetings and is developing the comeback of the Red Badge Club
- **Christine Cipriano** is the backbone of Charlotte Rotary
- **John Cantrell** excels in membership
- **Tish Atkins** drives committee organization and the upcoming Minds Matter! CART event
- **Rex Reynolds** led our successful First Responders Scholarship luncheon fundraiser
- **Donna Dunlap** organizes monthly service projects and Moment for Mission

Rotary is about service, and these members embody our mission. Thank you all for your dedication!



Scouting for Food

Each Tuesday during the month of February, Charlotte Rotary is supporting the 2025 Scouting for Food drive that supports their partner agency, **Nourish Up**.

Bring in non-perishable food items (minus items in glass or expired items) to each club meeting for collection.

Priority needs include:

- canned fruits
- canned meats
- canned pastas
- canned vegetables

Questions? Contact **Jonathan Russell** at jonathan.russell@scouting.org

Leadership Impact Group Monthly Meeting

Wed., Feb. 19 5:30-7 p.m., Lost Worlds Brewing



Join LIG for an evening featuring an expert panel of community leaders discussing the challenges and opportunities within Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools (CMS). Panelists include **Sonja Gantt** (Former News Anchor & Executive Director, CMS Foundation), **Ashelyn James** (Director, CMS Foundation), **Kristen Howard** (VP, Government & Community Relations, Novant Health), and **Raki McGregor** (Chief Executive in Residence, CMS & Charlotte Executive Leadership Council). The discussion will cover the biggest challenges facing CMS, the role of the CMS Foundation, and why education should be a top priority for young professionals and families alike. Learn how you can make a meaningful impact through fundraising, volunteering, and advocacy.

MINDS MATTER!

Experience Fun Ways to Support Your Brain
&
Support Cutting Edge Alzheimers Research

TICKETS
\$40



THANKS FOR THE
MEMORIES
\$250

A CART Fundraiser
20 February 2025 (5-7 pm)
The Village at Morehead
727 E Morehead Street



Register at
CharlotteRotary.Org
Events

Minds Matter! Event to Support Alzheimer's Research

The Rotary Club of Charlotte is excited to host "***Minds Matter!***", a special benefit event supporting the **CART (Coins for Alzheimer's Research Trust) Fund**.

Individual tickets are \$40 with an opportunity to feature your loved one at \$250, as well as sponsorship opportunities. Thanks to a generous donor, we have already secured a \$2,500 matching grant, ensuring your contributions make an even greater impact.

All profits from the event will directly benefit the Rotary **CART Fund**, advancing research to find a cure for Alzheimer's disease. **Click here** to register for this meaningful evening of community and support for a vital cause! Together, we can make a difference!

February 20, 2025 (5-7 pm)
The Village at Morehead
Click here to register.

Join us for an evening dedicated to benefiting Alzheimer's research! Let's come together to support an incredible cause, inspire hope, and take action for healthier minds.

Thank you to our sponsors:

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Beyond the Club

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The Rotary International logo, featuring a yellow gear-like wheel with six spokes. The word "ROTARY" is written in a semi-circle at the top and "INTERNATIONAL" at the bottom, both in yellow capital letters. The center of the wheel is a solid yellow circle.

SFTL

This transformative leadership experience will take place at Gardner-Webb University and is open to rising high school juniors and seniors.

We are thrilled to offer several ways for you to get involved:

- **Scholarship Opportunities:** Support students by sponsoring their participation in this life-changing event.
- **Volunteer Opportunities:** Join our dedicated team and help make this event unforgettable for tomorrow's leaders. ([Click here to volunteer.](#))
- **Student Participation:** Encourage rising juniors and seniors in your community to apply and take part in this exceptional leadership development program. ([Click here to nominate your student.](#))

For more details on how to volunteer, apply, or sponsor a student, contact Scott Van Der Linden, Governor 2017-2018, Rotary Club of Charlotte South, SVanDerLinden7@gmail.com or 704.574.5000. The deadline is April 11.

Don't miss the chance to shape the leaders of tomorrow!

**Rotary**
District 7680

**SEMINAR FOR
TOMORROW'S
LEADERS**



**APPLY
HERE** 



**SUMMER
LEADERSHIP
EXPERIENCE**



Unlock your potential this summer with
the ROTARY 7680 leadership program!

OUR SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM:

- ✓ For Rising Juniors and Seniors in High School
- ✓ July 17-20, 2025
- ✓ Gardner Webb University
- ✓ Designed by Center for Creative Leadership



MORE INFORMATION & REGISTRATION <https://rotary7680.org/sftl/>



Global Grant Celebration: Pediatric Hospital Wing Opens in Haiti

A shining example of the *Magic of Rotary*—the new pediatric hospital wing in Pignon, Haiti, has officially opened! Supported in part by Charlotte Rotary, this milestone, made possible through a Global Grant in partnership with Promise for Haiti, was championed by Whitney Norton (Belmont Rotary Club) and Omer Shedd (Gastonia Rotary). PDG Debb Corbett also allocated DDF toward the grant.

While the building itself was not part of the grant, essential pediatric equipment—such as baby vitals monitors and bililights—is being shipped, with larger items to follow when shipping lanes reopen.

Dr. Theodore, a past District Governor, played a key role in this long-standing Rotary-supported hospital and school system. This project brings hope and life-saving care to children in Haiti, showcasing Rotary's global impact! Stay tuned for more updates and photos.

Membership Update

07/01/2024 249

01/28/2025 241

02/04/2025 242

Meeting Attendance - Tuesday, February 4, 2025: 112

Guests in attendance: Juan Diego Mazuera Arias ([Kim Brattain](#)), Jeff Atkinson ([Luther Moore](#)), John Bauer (Rotary Club of Milwaukee), Sherie Bradshaw (Speaker Guest), Mary Burritt ([Carla DuPuy](#)), Manuel Campbell ([J Hill](#)), Sarah Crowder ([Catherine Bracey](#)), Mary Wood Stallings ([Catherine Bracey](#))

Milestones

(Week of Feb. 11 - 17)

Birthdays

14 - George Gabel
14 - Luther Moore
14 - Daniel Peterson
16 - John Nussbaumer
17 - Ben Goebel
17 - Ken Poe

Rotary Anniversaries

8 years (25 total): Glenn Bouley
5 years: Daniel Peterson
2 years: Shaketa Wright
2 years: Kristin Young
2 years: Leslie Teiro

Wedding Anniversaries

14 - Lee & John Tabor

2024 - 2025 Board Members

- President Kim Brattain
- President-Elect Patrick Baker
- Immediate Past President Edwin Peacock
- Secretary Bill Gill
- Treasurer Craig Field
- Sergeant at Arms Mike Wollinger

Current Directors: Woodson Bradley, Benton S. Bragg, John F. Cantrell, Tish Atkins Charles, Terri DeBoo, Andrew "Andy" B. Dinkin, Dena R. Diorio, Donna Y. Dunlap, Joel D. Ford, Stuart P. Hair, David Head, Jesse G. Hite, Virginia Owen

Contact Us

For more information about how to get involved, volunteer opportunities and meeting topics, contact [Christine Cipriano](#), Executive Secretary at christine@charlotterotary.org



Photos from our luncheons, historical photos, and other events and projects can be found on the club's Flickr site. Click here [charlotterotary6006](#) to view pictures from recent meetings.



Recordings of weekly club luncheons can be found on the club's Vimeo site. Click here <https://vimeo.com/user24733153> to watch recent videos.



Guest Check-In If you have a guest who would like to preregister for the weekly meeting, a QR code is provided for easy scanning, or the link can be found here: [Visitor Pre-Register \(jotform.com\)](#)



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