



Upcoming Events

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

Please note: The office will be closed on Friday, March 14 as Executive Director, Christine Cipriano and the incoming presidents attend the President-Elect Training Seminar.

Tues., Mar. 4 - Weekly Meeting: *D. Craig Horn, President, Churchill Society of North Carolina*

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

Wed., Mar. 19 - Special LIG Monthly Meeting: A panel discussion, The Intersection of the Legal Community and At-Risk Youth in Charlotte. 5:30-7 p.m., Honeywell HQ Rooftop Terrace. See details below. RSVP required—[click here to respond](#)

Sat., Mar. 22 - District Training: *Grants*, 9-11 a.m. (via Zoom). Registration on DACdb calendar.

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

Event Rescheduled - New Date! *Thurs, April 24 - Club Event: Minds Matter! Event to Support Alzheimer's Research*, Thurs., April 24 at The Village on Morehead, 5-7 p.m. More details below.

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

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



Patricia Shafer, Peace in Our Time: What's a Charlottean to Do?

by **Bill Bartee**

Patricia Shafer has travelled the world, obtained multiple graduate degrees, and taken on the title of Rotary Peace Fellow. However, how this Charlotte Rotary member became a Global Peace Builder was only the beginning of her presentation to her home club.

The start of her journey in this realm came from encouragement from our own PDG **Luther Moore**. The former District 7680 Governor was described by Shafer as her own "Mr. Miyagi" - the fictional character played by Pat Morita in the Karate Kid movie

franchise.

It was Moore that first stated, "You could be a Rotary Peace Fellow" to Shafer. That, along with the encouragement to join the club as a member, followed by Moore continuously showing up for every Peace event, was impactful in her journey. It was also indicative of Rotary International and its members advocating for peace through "the fourth object of Rotary" to "promote international understanding, goodwill, and peace." [Click here to read more.](#)

A recording of the meeting can be found [here](#):

Without slides: <https://vimeo.com/1061465821>
With slides: <https://vimeo.com/1061465649>
The presentation starts at about 20 minutes and 55 seconds.









Club News



Prayers for Charlotte Rotarian [Harriett Porter](#)'s husband, Steve, in your thoughts and prayers as he navigates health challenges. Your support and well wishes are greatly appreciated during this time.

Please [RSVP using this link](#). We look forward to seeing you on March 19!

 **Communities In Schools®**
Charlotte-Mecklenburg



The Intersection of the Legal Community and At-Risk Youth in Charlotte

 **Wednesday, March 19** 
5:30 – 7:00 pm



Honeywell Headquarters - 700 S. Mint Street


Please join us for a Panel Discussion to learn more about the nonprofit Communities In Schools (CIS) and the role it plays in education and supporting students in Charlotte's Title I (high-poverty) schools. Discussion will focus on the intersection of legal issues and low-income communities. Panelists include:

Men Tchaas Ari President & CEO Communities In Schools	Tom Mitchell Chair Moore & Van Allen
Patrick Baker Attorney City of Charlotte (Retired)	Heather Johnson Executive Director Council for Children's Rights

Hosted by Mordecai Scott
Loftin & Co. Printers, CIS Board Member, and Rotarian

Questions? Contact Mordecai at mscott@loftinco.com

 [Please click here to RSVP](#) 



LIG Panel Discussion on March 19

Join the Leadership Impact Group (LIG), a satellite of the Rotary Club of Charlotte, for an engaging panel discussion on The Intersection of the Legal Community and At-Risk Youth in Charlotte. The event will take place on March 19, 2025, from 5:30–7:00 PM at Honeywell HQ Rooftop Terrace, overlooking Panthers Stadium.

Hosted by Rotarian [Mordecai Scott](#), the panel features distinguished leaders, including:

- Tom Mitchell, Managing Partner, Moore & Van Allen
- Patrick Baker, Retired City Attorney, City of Charlotte
- Men Tchaas Ari, President & CEO, Communities In Schools Charlotte-Mecklenburg
- Heather Johnson, Executive Director, Council for Children's Rights

This is a great opportunity to connect with legal professionals and community leaders. RSVP is required. [Click here to respond](#).

American Red Cross

Give blood. Help save lives.



Blood Drive **Rotary Club of Charlotte** **at Fairfield Inn & Suites** **by Marriott**

Ballroom
201 S McDowell St
Charlotte, NC 28204

Tuesday, April 1, 2025
10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

To make an appointment or for more information,
please call 1-800-REDCROSS (1-800-733-2767)
or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter
Sponsor Code "CharlotteRotary".

Bring your Red Cross Donor Card or Photo ID.

Come give April 1 to 13 for \$15 Gift Card (email)
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Minds Matter! Event to Support Alzheimer's Research

Due to the inclement weather, our previously postponed event has been rescheduled for Thurs., April 24. We appreciate your patience and hope this means more people can join us for a great time!

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!

April 24, 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.

Beyond the Club



Don't forget to read the District newsletter for the latest updates with other clubs and in District 7680!

[Click here to read the February 2025 District newsletter.](#)



**DISTRICT 7680
CONFERENCE**

If you've never attended a District Conference, this is the one you don't want to miss!

- ✓ Get Inspired!
- ✓ Level Up Your Leadership!
- ✓ Expand Your Network!
- ✓ Experience the Best of Rotary!
- ✓ Fun and awards!

Speaker:
Molly Grantham
Journalist.
Speaker.
Author.
Mom.

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MAY 2025
Statesville NC Civic Center
300 S Center St
Statesville, NC

Don't Miss Out! Secure your spot today and be part of something truly special!

REGISTRATION: \$125 (INCLUDES MEALS)

Register in DACdb

For more information: www.rotary7680.org/2025-district-conference/

PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS NOW!

Charlotte Providence Rotary Club 22nd Annual Fundraiser

PROCEEDS BENEFIT:

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LIVE MUSIC
The Water's
Edge Band



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**OYSTER ROAST, BBQ,
and SILENT AUCTION**

Saturday, March 22, 2025

5:00-8:00PM

William R. Davie Park

4623 Pineville - Matthews Rd.

Tickets Available Online:

ADULTS \$60 (In Advance)

CHILDREN Under 10 **FREE**

Payments by Cash,
Check (Payable to Charlotte
Providence Rotary Club),
or Square at:



MENU

Steamed Oysters
Homemade Clam Chowder
Noble Smoke BBQ
Hushpuppies
Homemade Desserts
Beer - Wine - Iced Tea



Make Checks Payable to Charlotte Providence Rotary and mail to:

Fran Fesmire, Charlotte Providence Rotary
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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/>

Exciting Opportunities or the 2025 Seminar for Tomorrow's Leaders (SFTL)

Mark your calendars! The dates for the 2025 Seminar for Tomorrow's Leaders (SFTL) have been set: July 17-20, 2025, with volunteers arriving on July 16.

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!

Membership Update

Recommended for Membership (comments to Rotary office by March 4, 2025):

Kerin Smith Hughes, Head of School, Palisades Episcopal School

Sponsor: Kim Brattain

Endorsed: John Cantrell and Bill Gill

Meeting Attendance - Tuesday, February 25, 2025: 96

Guests in attendance: Phillips Bragg ([Patricia Shafer](#)), Buchanan Coleman ([Bill Bartee](#)), Scott Gartlan ([Patricia Shafer](#)), Lexia Gianopoulos ([Patricia Shafer](#)), John Hamrick ([Craig Field](#)), Sharon Heinrich ([Luther Moore](#)), Kerin Hughes ([Kim Brattain](#)), Greg Jackson ([Patricia Shafer](#)), Marianela Leekley ([Craig Field](#))

Milestones

(Week of Feb. 25 - Mar. 3)

Birthdays

4 - Byrd Bergeron
5 - Ken Fuquay
5 - Ken Samuelson
6 - Edwin Peacock
8 - Andrii Spivak

Rotary Anniversaries

17 years: Terri DeBoo
15 years: Brad Crotts
9 years: Pete Brunnick
2 years: Chuck Lew
1 year: Anne Cullip
1 year: Robert Cullip

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: 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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