



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 (PETS).

Tues., Mar. 11 - Weekly Meeting: *Christopher Lawing, The Charlotte Signs Project*

Sat., Mar. 15 - Interact Event: *St. Patrick's Day Parade*, Parade begins at 11 a.m. **Join the Green Parade!** Support the Myers Park Interact Club by walking with their homemade float in the St. Patrick's Day Parade. See details below.

Wed., Mar. 19 - Special LIG Monthly Meeting: *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.

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.

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



*D. Craig Horn, President,
Churchill Society of North Carolina*

by **Susie Masotti**

Charlotte Rotary Club was pleased to have Craig Horn, President of the Churchill Society of North Carolina serve as our speaker this week. He was introduced by long-time Rotary Member, **Catherine Bracey**.

Catherine shared that Craig was born and raised in Iowa, and after a brief stint as a drummer with The Tracers, he joined the Air Force, where he served as a Russian linguist during the Cold War. He used his skills to listen in on the Russians and report conversations

back to the Department of Defense. Later Craig sold his food business and relocated to Union County, NC where he successfully ran for NC House of Representatives District 68 and held office for five terms. Craig led the efforts to move public education into the digital age and was recognized by the NC Technology Association as the Public Leader of the Year and was later recognized as one of 25 "Ed Tech Heroes" for his work promoting a digital education environment to provide quality education to every student. He was the only elected official in the country to make that list. He served as Weddington's mayor from November 2021 to December 2023. **[Click here to read more.](#)**

A recording of the meeting can be found here:
Without slides: <https://vimeo.com/1062910982>
With slides: <https://vimeo.com/1062907118>
Your introduction begins at about 27 minutes and 40 seconds.



Club News

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with Myers Park Interact and Charlotte Rotary!

Join the fun and show your Rotary spirit at the Charlotte St. Patrick's Day Parade on Sat., March 15th. Charlotte Rotary members are teaming up with Myers Park High School's Interact Club to create a fantastic parade float

and encourage student and Rotarian participation.



With nearly 100 Interact students marching alongside Rotary members, this is a great opportunity to celebrate service, fellowship, and a little Irish luck. Wear your **green** and walk with us as we represent Rotary and Interact in one of Charlotte's most spirited events.

Parade Details:

Date: Saturday, March 15th

Parade Time: 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Assembly: Begins at 9:00 a.m. on Tryon Street between 9th and 11th Streets, with possible overflow to

12th Street. Assembly areas will be marked, and event personnel will be on hand to assist.

Let's make this a memorable celebration! *Sláinte!*



Have Your Say in Charlotte's Digital Future!

The City of Charlotte is seeking input from residents through the **Smart Charlotte Engagement Survey**, designed to understand how the community interacts with digital innovation efforts and how future programs can better serve everyone.

Your feedback is valuable! This is an opportunity to share your thoughts on how Charlotte can use technology to improve services, accessibility, and engagement.

Help shape the future! The City is looking for diverse input, so please share this survey with your network. Responses are appreciated by Pi Day—March 14! Take the anonymous survey here: **Smart Charlotte Engagement** (You'll also have the chance to enter a drawing for a special surprise!) Let's help make Charlotte a smarter, more connected city!

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

Communities In Schools®
Charlotte-Mecklenburg

**LEADERSHIP
IMPACT GROUP**

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)
plus chance to win \$5K prize. See rcblood.org/hope



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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**.

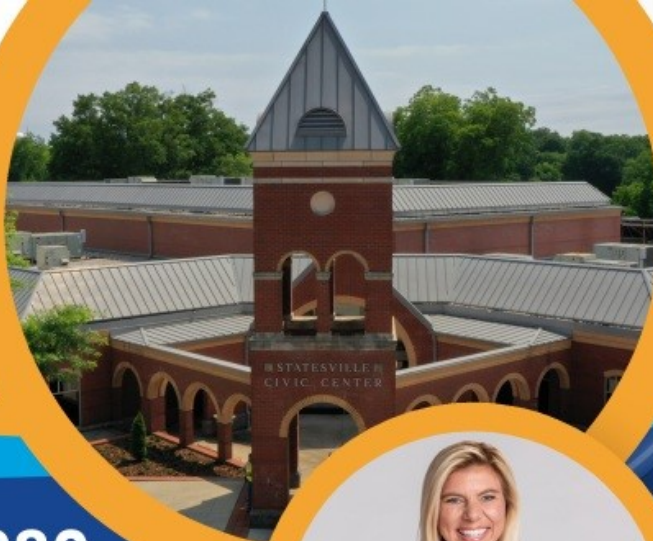
Individual tickets are \$40 with an opportunity to feature your loved one at \$250, as well as sponsorship opportunities. Thanks to a generous donor, we have already secured a \$2,500 matching grant, ensuring your contributions make an even greater impact.

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!

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



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/



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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

Meeting Attendance - Tuesday, March 4, 2025: 94

Guests in attendance: Audrey Burri ([Catherine Bracey](#)), Bo Coggins ([Boyd Coggins](#)), Wilton Connor ([Tony Zeiss](#)), PDG Debbie Corbett (Mecklenburg County South), Greg Dexter ([John Clarkson](#)), John Galles ([Chase Saunders](#)), Lorraine Horn (Guest of the Speaker), Scott McLanahan ([Peirce Ward](#)), Lyle Pirnie (Guest of the Speaker, Rotary Club of Waxhaw-Weddington), Nancy Russell Shaw ([Robert Shaw](#)), Elizabeth C. Stewart ([Tony Zeiss](#))

Milestones (Week of Mar. 11 - 17)

Birthdays

11 – Tim Chappell
11 – Scott Gakenheimer
12 – Bill Barte
12 – Vernon Goode
12 – Jim Martin
13 – Dumont Clarke
14 – Fred Wagner
15 – Tony Lathrop
15 – Roger Young
16 – Bill Loftin
17 – Rory Wall

Rotary Anniversaries

14 years: Angela Broome Powley
9 years: Kim Brattain
1 year: Julian Hall

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, Lori Keeton, 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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