



Upcoming Events

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

Tues., April 22 - Weekly Meeting: *Matt Martin, Regional Executive, Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond*

This Week! 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. See details below. [Click here to sign up.](#)

May 2-3 - District 7680 Conference. Statesville Civic Center, 300 S. Center St., Statesville. [Click here for the agenda.](#) Or details are below

May 13 - Weekly Meeting will be held at SMS Catering, 1764 Norland Road, Charlotte.

June 7 - Club Event: *Nourish Up Service Project*, 9–11 a.m., 901 Carrier Drive. Limited to 20 volunteers. See details below. [Click here to sign up.](#)

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.

Save the date! Tues., Dec. 16 - Club Event: *American Red Cross Blood Drive.*

This Week's Meeting



Ryan Brookhart, Economics of Nuclear Power
by [Layne McGuire](#)

Tuesday's speaker was Ryan Brookhart, President of Zachary Nuclear. Mr. Brookhart shared insights into nuclear power and its significance in the energy sector. After a twenty-one-year career with the U.S. Navy, Mr. Brookhart retired as a Commander and joined civilian life at Zachary Group in the Nuclear Engineering business unit, where he has held numerous positions. With 35 years of experience, Mr. Brookhart brings a wealth of knowledge about the economic considerations of various power sources and the economic benefits that nuclear power provides for meeting our growing energy needs while benefiting our local communities.

Mr. Brookhart set the stage by providing us with an overview of power generation. The discussion of various power sources, including hydro, coal, natural gas, and nuclear, provided valuable context for the non-engineer Rotarians. He emphasized the importance of base load power sources that provide consistent electricity and can supplement other intermittent renewable sources like wind and solar. In addition, he illustrated how the costs associated with nuclear power plants go back into the community in many ways in the form of high salaries, taxes, and maintenance investments. [Click here to read more.](#)

A recording of the meeting can be found here:

With Slides: <https://vimeo.com/1075833771>

Without Slides: <https://vimeo.com/1075838580>

The program begins at 21 minutes and 50 seconds.





Club News

Thoughts and Prayers are with fellow Rotarian [Bryan Adams](#) and his family. Bryan shared that his son, George, underwent brain surgery on Tuesday, April 8th to remove a tumor. Thankfully, the tumor was benign, and George is now home recovering. He has moved back in with Bryan and his family during this time and faces several weeks of healing ahead. Please keep the Adams family in your thoughts as George continues his recovery.



This Week!

A Special Evening Supporting 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.

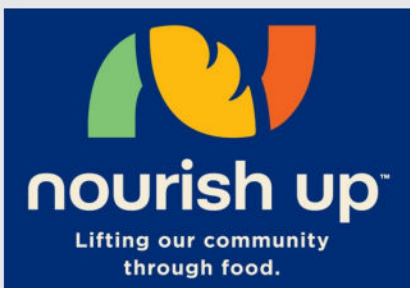
Exciting Raffle Update! We've added some incredible new raffle items, including:

- Dinner for 6 at The Village on Morehead – generously donated by Cynthia (valued at \$600!)
- Fly Fishing Trip with Jesse Brown's, donated by our President-Nominee [Bill Bartee](#)

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
5:00 – 7:00 PM
Click here to register.

Together, we can make a difference—because Minds Matter!



Nourish Up Service Event - Mark your calendars for a meaningful Saturday morning!

On Saturday, June 7, 2025, we're teaming up with Nourish Up for a hands-on service project at their brand-new facility (901 Carrier Drive) from 9 to 11 a.m.

Whether we're sorting food donations or packing meals for distribution, it'll be two hours of impact and connection—plus, it's always more fun together!

Space is limited to 20 volunteers, so grab your spot early: [Click here to sign up](#). Spouses and significant others are welcome to join the fun, too!

Leadership Impact Group

Leadership Impact Group (LIG) Teamed Up with Davidson College for Service Project at "My Sister's House"

Members of the Leadership Impact Group recently rolled up their sleeves for a service project at **My Sister's House**, a vital resource serving unhoused women in the Charlotte community. The group was joined by Davidson College students, including several Bonner Scholars, creating a powerful intergenerational team committed to service and support.

Together, volunteers helped with on-site projects aimed at improving the day-to-day environment for residents and staff. The collaboration was a meaningful opportunity to build relationships, raise awareness, and demonstrate the power of service in action.






Beyond the Club

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Perfectly Paired Wine
tasting and auction

May 1, 2025
Olde Providence Racquet Club
5630 Sharon View Road
5:30pm to 8:00 pm
www.PerfectlyPairedWine.com


Our Beneficiaries:



Foster Village, in its mission to bolster foster families, has assisted over 310 families, providing essential resources and creating a supportive network for more than 650 children in the foster care system.



The **Relatives**, dedicated to empowering youth and young adults, has provided shelter, counseling, and educational opportunities to over 1,500 individuals facing crisis situations.




Our Bridge, committed to supporting immigrant and refugee children, has facilitated educational programs for more than 300 students, fostering a sense of community integration throughout the Charlotte region.

By collaborating with these organizations, we contribute to the well-being of the Charlotte community, addressing diverse needs and making quantifiable strides in improving lives. Your participation in our upcoming wine event will directly support these valuable community organizations.

Hosted By: **Rotary** Club of Charlotte South | Creating HOPE Together

Charlotte South Rotary Charitable Foundation, Inc.

Purchase tickets [here](#) or by using the QR code below. \$75 per person.



For more information, to sponsor or donate auction items contact:
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Create HOPE

Merlot Presenting Sponsor \$5,000

- ✓ Tickets for 4 Guests
- ✓ Signage at Event Entrance & Sponsor Poster in Event
- ✓ Mention in all Social Media Posts
- ✓ Mention in all Secured Press and Media Outlets
- ✓ Logo and Exposure in all Email Communications
- ✓ Logo on Event Website Page: Ticket Sales Page
- ✓ Logo on Save the Date Card
- ✓ Logo on Table Tops
- ✓ 5 Minute Speaking Opportunity at Event
- ✓ Thank You at Event by Rotary Club President

Cabernet Auction Sponsor \$2,500 (1)

- ✓ Tickets for 2 Guests
- ✓ Signage on Silent Auction Tables & Sponsor Poster in Event
- ✓ Mention During Live Auction
- ✓ Mention in Social Media Posts
- ✓ Mention in Press Release
- ✓ Logo on Bid Sheets
- ✓ Logo in Email Communications
- ✓ Thank You at Event by Rotary Club President

The Blend Wine Pour Station Sponsor \$1,000 (1)

- ✓ Signage at Wine Pour Station & Sponsor Poster in Event
- ✓ Mention in Social Media Posts
- ✓ Mention in Press Release
- ✓ Thank You at Event by Rotary Club President

Perfectly Paired Catering Sponsor \$1,000 (1)

- ✓ Signage on Food Tables & Sponsor Poster in Event
- ✓ Mention in Social Media Posts
- ✓ Mention in Press Release
- ✓ Thank You at Event by Rotary Club President

Check-In and Check-Out Sponsor \$500

- ✓ Signage at Check-in/Check-out & Sponsor Poster in Event
- ✓ Mention in Social Media Posts
- ✓ Thank You at Event by Rotary Club President

HOPE Sponsors (Unlimited) \$250/\$100/\$50

- ✓ Mention in Social Media Posts
- ✓ Name or Company listed on Sponsor Poster at Event
- ✓ Thank you at Event by Rotary Club President

Auction or Monetary Donor

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All Roads Lead to Statesville – District 7680 Conference Ahead!

And the best part?

Statesville is less than two hours away from most locations in our district—making it an easy and accessible road trip!



May 2 - 3, 2025

Statesville Civic Center, 300 S. Center Street

Reserve your spot today! Register on DACdb



Grab your keys, Rotarians, and start your engines!



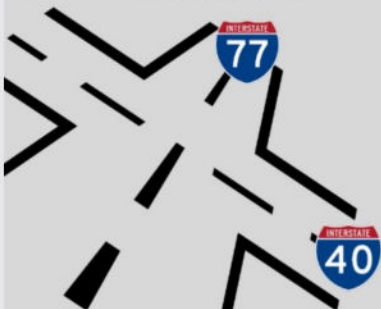
It's time to hit the road—because all roads lead to the 2025 District 7680 Conference in Statesville! Whether you're cruising in from the city or coasting in from the country, this is one destination worth the drive.

Your Route to Rotary Inspiration Includes:

- Fueling up on fresh ideas from dynamic speakers
 - Making meaningful pit stops to connect with fellow Rotarians
 - Getting green lights for fun, fellowship, and new perspectives
 - Rolling into a weekend that will energize your Rotary journey
- Don't take a detour—map out your route and register today!

Let's ride into Statesville and make this a conference to remember.

See you on the road! 🚗



Magic All Around



21-25 June 2025



Calgary, Canada

Be Part of Rotary's Biggest Event of the Year!

The Rotary International Convention is more than just a gathering—it's where unforgettable moments happen, ideas take flight, and friendships flourish. Join fellow people of action from around the world to explore bold solutions, celebrate service, and show the world what Rotary is all about.

From inspiring general sessions and interactive breakout discussions to the bustling House of Friendship and lively host city attractions, there's something for everyone. Don't miss this incredible opportunity to network, learn, and connect.

Let's represent Charlotte and make our mark—join us at this year's Rotary International Convention. **Click here to register.**

Membership Update

07/01/2024 249

03/31/2025 243

04/15/2025 236 (Resignation: Anne Brown)

Meeting Attendance - Tuesday, April 15, 2025: 82

Guests in attendance: Dann Dunn ([William Bradley](#)), Mary Eberhardinger ([Patricia Shafer](#)), Steven Hempel ([Richard Malnati](#)), Sara Kay ([Stuart Hair](#))

Milestones (Week of April 22 - 28)

Birthdays

22 - Reggie Johnson

22 - JT Simpson

24 - Todd Herman

Rotary Anniversaries

13 years: Boyd Coggins

11 years: Patricia Shafer

3 years: Laura Meier

2 years: Fred Monroe

Wedding Anniversaries

24 - Dianne & Jesse Hite

27 - Claire & Tom Blocker

27 - Karen & Rob Calder

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, Elizabeth Teagarden, 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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