



ROTARY REPORTER

April 8, 2025

Upcoming Events

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

Sat., April 12 - Club Social: *Hyatt Farms Sporting Clay Rotary Day*, 10:30 a.m., 990 Burnsville Church Rd., Polkton, NC. Details below. [Click here to sign up.](#)

Tues., April 15 - Weekly Meeting: *Ryan Brookhart, Economics of Nuclear Power*

Wed., April 16 - Leadership Impact Group (LIG) Meeting: 5:30–7 p.m., Lost World Brewery, 1100 Metropolitan Ave., Charlotte, NC, featuring **Avery Payne, Charlotte Branch Director of the Diaper Bank of North Carolina** and **Carrie Christian, Executive Director, Families Forward Charlotte**

Thurs., April 17 - Club Event: *Rotary Means Business*. 5:30–7:30 p.m., Gilde Brewery, 3530 Dewitt Lane, Charlotte. Details are below. [Click here to sign up.](#)

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.

This Week's Meeting



Leandre Adifon
CEO, Pyramind Base
Technologies



PDG Firoz Peera



Chase Saunders
Saunders Law, PLLC



Moderated by
Past President Mike Hawley



Closing Remarks by
Mark Erwin

Global Thinkers Panels - International Relations and Implications for Rotarians
by **Bill Bartee**

Mike Hawley, Past President of Charlotte Rotary and retired Partner of K&L Gates Law Firm, invited the panel of “Global Thinkers” onto the stage of Charlotte Rotary with the statement that there was not enough time to cover the entirety of topics. The talent and wisdom of the panel was on full display from the beginning, which included the moderator.

That moderator, Hawley, gave a brief biography of each participant, an expectation of the presentation, and the summary that would conclude the program. He then shared his thoughts that Rotary was able to play a pivotal role on the planet in the future. Using the metaphor that one of the most valuable currencies that the world has is not money but the “dots that we collect and connect in our journey along the way.” This social capital is something that should be curated and exercised whenever possible. He encouraged the club membership to battle against the “Triple T, the Tendency of Tables to be Tribal”. Charlotte Rotary has 100 members who meet each week, and they should interact, share, and get to know each other to strengthen the social capital and talent at hand. He also theorized about the Rotary 4-Way Test and its lack of flow. It is purposefully done so. The absence of rhythm and rhyme makes us take time to attend to its meaning each time it is recited. **Click here to read more.**

A recording of the meeting can be found here:

With Slides: <https://vimeo.com/1073700954>

Without Slides: <https://vimeo.com/1073717978>

The program begins at 18 minutes and 30 seconds.



Club News

Congratulations to club member, **Elly Clary**, who completed the Cooper River Bridge 10K on April 5. Elly's time was 1 hour and 22 minutes—a 13:12 pace!

Competing in the men's 80+ division, he placed 6th out of 25. When combining both men's and women's 80+ results, Elly impressively finished 8th out of 50.

Way to go, Elly!



THE FOUR-WAY TEST

Of the things we think, say or do:

first

Is it the **TRUTH**?

second

Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?

third

Will it build **GOODWILL** and
BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?

fourth

Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to
all concerned?

The Rotary Four-Way Test is one of Rotary's most enduring and widely quoted guiding principles. Here's a brief history of its origins and significance:

History of the Rotary Four-Way Test

The Four-Way Test was created in 1932 by Herbert J. Taylor, a Chicago Rotarian who had been asked to help rescue a struggling aluminum company, Club Aluminum Products. Facing a crisis of trust and financial instability during the Great Depression, Taylor believed that strong ethical principles could help turn the company around. He drafted 24 words that became the Four-Way Test—a code of ethics for personal and business relationships.

The test is simple, but powerful:

Of the things we think, say or do:

1. Is it the **TRUTH**?
2. Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
3. Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
4. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

Taylor implemented the test throughout the company, and it played a key role in restoring both

profitability and integrity.

In 1943, Rotary International adopted the Four-Way Test, and it quickly became a cornerstone of the organization's commitment to high ethical standards in both personal and professional life. Today, it's recited by Rotarians around the world and used as a model for decision-making and character-building.



Sporting Clay Shooting Fundraiser

Sat., April 12 (rain date Sat., April 19)

Discover why sporting clay shooting is becoming the new favorite pastime!

Join us for Rotary Day at Hyatt Farms Shooting Complex in the beautiful hills of Polkton, NC. We're gathering at 10:30 AM for a fun-filled day of fellowship,

clay shooting, great food, and drinks (after the shooting, of course). Whether you're a seasoned shooter or a complete beginner, this event is perfect for all skill levels, with expert instructors guiding us through the course. Plus, a donation will go towards the club. It's a wonderful way to enjoy the day, bond with Rotary friends, and support a meaningful project!

- Date: April 12 (Rain date: April 19)
- Time: 10:30 AM
- Where: Hyatt Farms Shooting Complex, 990 Burnsville Church Rd, Polkton, NC

Questions? Contact Tod Thorne at todthorne@aol.com. **Sign up here.**

Let's have a blast—literally!



Leadership Impact Group - Wed., April 16, from 5:30–7 p.m. at Lost World Brewery (1100 Metropolitan Ave., Charlotte) for an inspiring Leadership Impact Group (LIG) meeting featuring two local nonprofit leaders who are making a difference in the lives of Charlotte families.

Avery Payne, Charlotte Branch Director of the Diaper Bank of North Carolina, and Carrie Christian, Executive Director of Families Forward Charlotte, will share insights into their organizations' missions, challenges, and community impact. From providing essential hygiene items to offering long-term support for families in crisis, these leaders are at the forefront of building stronger, healthier communities. Come enjoy great

conversation, local brews, and the chance to connect with fellow Rotarians and community leaders.



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Gilde



ROTARY MEANS BUSINESS AFTER-HOURS

Thursday, April 17th

Social 5:30pm-6:30pm

Structured Networking 6:30pm-7:30pm

Gilde Brewing: 3530 Dewitt Lane, Charlotte



- FREE event!
- Cash bar.
- Social: 5:30pm-6:30pm (drop-in anytime).
- Structured Networking: 6:30pm-7:30pm.
- Estimated 30+ in attendance, 20+ local Rotary Clubs invited.
- Build mutually beneficial relationships with fellow Rotarians.
- Not a member? Learn about Rotary and club options!

RSVP: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4AA9A72CA4FDCF8-55770830-rotary>

Questions/Sponsorship: Glenn Bouley: 704-737-7573 or gebouley@bouleyprinting.com

Jason Otte: 704-995-6201 or jasono@instantimprints.com



**ROTARY MEANS
BUSINESS
FELLOWSHIP**

Rotary Means Business: Networking Opportunity for Rotarians

Join us for **Rotary Means Business**, a great opportunity to network and build mutually beneficial relationships with fellow Rotarians. This event will take place on Thurs., April 17, 2025, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Gilde Brewery, located at 3530 Dewitt Lane, Charlotte.

Whether you're looking to grow your business or simply connect with others in the Rotary community, this relaxed event provides a perfect platform to foster new connections, exchange ideas, and collaborate. Come prepared to meet fellow Rotarians, share your expertise, and discover new opportunities for both personal and professional growth.

We look forward to seeing you there and building stronger connections within our Rotary network. For more information, contact [Glenn Bouley](#) or [Jason Otte](#).

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.

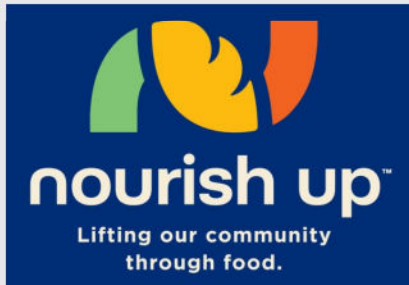
Exciting Raffle Update! We've added some incredible new raffle items, including:

- 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!

Volunteer Opportunities

Serve with Purpose at Charlotte Rescue Mission

Rotary members have a meaningful opportunity to volunteer at Charlotte Rescue Mission, an organization deeply committed to transforming lives affected by addiction - Grounded in a faith-based approach to recovery, the Mission recognizes that overcoming alcoholism and drug addiction requires healing of the mind, body, and spirit. You are invited to give your time and heart on the dates above. Whether it's serving a meal, sharing a smile, or simply showing up—your presence makes a difference. Let's come together to serve our neighbors and support lasting recovery.

Click on the schedule above or here to see more Volunteer Week Events.



Rise Against Hunger Experience Rotary Club of Waxhaw Weddington

Be a Hunger Hero – Join the Rotary Club of Waxhaw Weddington to Make a Global Impact! They are organizing for a meaningful, hands-on volunteer experience with Rise Against Hunger, where they are going to work toward our goal of packaging **20,000 meals** for those in need around the world.

Join them on Saturday, May 10, 2025, at Waxhaw Elementary School (1101 Old Providence Road, Waxhaw). Stop by for an hour or stay the whole morning—any amount of time makes a difference! Event runs from 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. **Click here for the full schedule and to sign up.**

Beyond the Club

WORLD IMMUNIZATION WEEK
24-30 APRIL



The Roots of Rotary's Fight to End Polio

Rotary's polio eradication journey began on September 29, 1979, when volunteers in the Philippines administered oral polio vaccine to children—marking the first Health, Hunger and Humanity (3-H) Grant project. Then-RI President James L. Bomar Jr. symbolically launched the campaign by giving the first dose, sparking a joint effort with the Philippine government to immunize **6 million children**. The project's success led to Rotary making polio eradication a global priority, launching PolioPlus in 1985 and co-founding the Global Polio Eradication Initiative in 1988. Since then, **over 2.5 billion children** have been vaccinated worldwide. [Click here to read more.](#)

You Can Help End Polio

It costs just \$3.00 to fully protect a child from polio. Your support makes a lasting impact in the fight to eradicate this disease. For more information, contact Executive Director, **Christine Cipriano** or [donate here](#) to be part of Rotary's life-changing mission.

By the numbers

\$3

average cost to fully protect a child
against polio

430
million

children in total vaccinated in 39
countries in 2017

\$100
million

cost to conduct polio surveillance
worldwide

Here's Looking at You, Statesville! Home of the 2025 District 7680 Conference!

The city of Statesville and *Casablanca*

may not seem to have much in common. But consider this:



Historical Significance – Casablanca has been a major port city with a deep trade history, while Statesville played a vital role in North Carolina's railroad and tobacco industries.

Transportation Hubs – Casablanca is Morocco's largest port and a major transportation center, while Statesville was historically a key trade hub in North Carolina.

Films – Casablanca is, of course, home to the classic 1942 film Casablanca, while Statesville has its own claim to fame with movies filmed in town, including "A Knight to Remember" (2022) starring Erik Estrada. It may not be Casablanca, but the people of Statesville are rightfully proud!

Why does this matter?

Your visit to Statesville for the 2025 District Conference is just the beginning of a beautiful friendship! You'll connect with Rotarians from across District 7680, exchange ideas, and be inspired to bring the magic of Rotary back to your club. Get registered today and make the magic of Rotary happen in your club!



May 2 - 3, 2025

Statesville Civic Center, 300 S. Center Street

Reserve your spot today! Register on DACdb

Here's looking at you, Rotarians!

Membership Update

07/01/2024 249

03/31/2025 243

04/08/2025 237 (Resignation: Brooke Reddington)

Meeting Attendance - Tuesday, April 8, 2025: 111

Guests in attendance: Cuyler Allen ([Craig Field](#)), Sara Cohen ([Tara Terry](#)), Dave Fisher, John Galles ([Firoz Peera](#)), Allison Garcia ([Mike Hawley](#)), Teresa Hill ([Mike Hawley](#)), Sandra Moore ([Luther Moore](#)), Ann Murry ([Mark Erwin](#)), Jennifer Roberts ([Edwin Peacock](#)), Leo Shelley ([Mike Hawley](#)), Libby Simonini ([Alan Simonini](#)), Jon Teich ([Luther Moore](#)), Don Upton ([Firoz Peera](#)), Namrata Yadav ([Kim Brattain](#))

Milestones (Week of April 15 - 21)

Birthdays

16 - Will Barnhardt

17 - Julian Hall

19 - Maggie Mitchem-Flanigan

20 - Robert Cullip

20 - Jonathan Justice

Rotary Anniversaries

28 years: Tony Marciano

23 years: Ken Samuelson

22 years: John Armistead

16 years: Dumont Clarke

5 years (37 total): Joe Morris

Wedding Anniversaries

17 - Elizabeth & Bill Barte

20 - Trish & Craig Field

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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