



## Upcoming Events

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



***This Month - June!***

*Weekly collection of Peanut Butter to stock the shelves at **Nourish Up***

***Tues., June 17 - Weekly Meeting:** [Jay Heiler, CEO and founding Chairman, GreatHearts](#)*

***Weds., June 18 - Leadership Impact Group:** [From Enron to Innovation: Fireside Chat with Energy Expert & Startup Veteran Rod Husk](#), 5:30–7 p.m., Lost Worlds Brewery, 1100 Metropolitan Ave. See details below.*

***Thurs., June 26 - Club Event:** [Rotary Means Business](#). 5:30–7:30 p.m., Gilde Brewery, 3530 Dewitt Lane, Charlotte. Details are below, or [click here to sign up](#).*

***Tues., July 1 - Rotary New Year!** No Weekly Meeting in observance of the Independence Day Holiday.*

***Tues., July 1 - Club Social:** Lunch at 11:15 a.m. at **Noble Smoke**. See details below. [Click here to RSVP](#).*

***Tues., July 15 - Weekly Meeting:** [Presidential Transition from President Kim Brattain to President Patrick Baker](#)*

***July 15-29 - Electronics Donation Drive:** [Goodwill Industries of the Southern Piedmont Electronics Donation & Recycling](#). 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.*

***Save the date! Tues., Dec. 16 - Club Event:** [American Red Cross Blood Drive](#).*

## This Week's Meeting

***Sue Glass, CEO, YMCA of Greater Charlotte**  
by [Rick Handford](#)*

[Chris Thomas](#) introduced Sue Glass, who took over leadership of the Charlotte YMCA eighteen months ago as CEO, during the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the YMCA's presence in the city. Sue is a dynamic and visionary leader dedicated to advancing the YMCA's mission of building a healthy mind, spirit, and body. She has over 27 years of expertise in strategic planning, organizational leadership, and program development, and brings



a wealth of experience and passion to her role as President and CEO of the YMCA of Greater Charlotte.

Before coming to Charlotte, Sue led the Y in metropolitan Denver, modernizing operations, enhancing community programs, and championing innovation in health and wellness. Prior to her work with the YMCA, she held senior leadership roles with the American Diabetes Association, where she advanced public health initiatives nationwide. She is a passionate advocate for health. **Click [here](#) to read more.**

*Recordings of the meeting can be found on our Vimeo link [here](#), though the video quality is compromised due to internet issues at the venue.*





Thank you to ***The Charlotte Ledger*** and Lindsey Banks for the coverage of Sue Glass' recent presentation to our club. We appreciate the support in highlighting her message. [Click here to read this article.](#)

# Club News



***Congratulations*** to Charlotte Rotarian and the GOAT, **Dena Diorio**, on her well-earned retirement as Mecklenburg County Manager!

Read more in *The Charlotte Observer* article by Mary Ramsey.

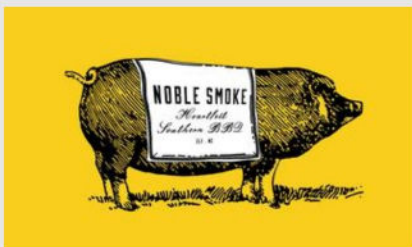


Charlotte Rotarian Denise Cubbedge, CEO of Ronald McDonald House, recently shared these fun photos from her travels. While visiting Sioux Falls, SD, she came across a charming local Rotary project—proof that Rotary connections and service can be spotted everywhere!



## ***No meeting on Tuesday, July 1st***

Please note there will be no meeting on July 1st.



## ***Lunch at Noble Smoke***

2216 Freedom Drive, July 1, 11:15 a.m.

On Tues., July 1, there will not be a weekly Rotary meeting. But that doesn't stop Rotarians from gathering together for lunch!

Organized by Past President **David Anderson** and Past President William Bradley, join fellow Rotarians for lunch and fellowship. Lunch will be individual checks. Noble Smoke allows anyone with special dietary needs

to bring their lunch. **Click here to RSVP**

## ***Leadership Impact Group (LIG) Meeting***

*"From Enron to Innovation: Fireside Chat with Rod Husk"*

Wed., June 18, 2025 | 5:30 – 7:00 PM

Lost Worlds Brewery, 1100 Metropolitan Ave, Charlotte, NC

Join LIG for a dynamic fireside chat with **Rod Husk**, an energy industry veteran whose career has taken him from the nuclear



subs of the U.S. Navy to the turbulent trading floors of Enron, Koch Industries, and BP Amoco. With firsthand experience building billion-dollar power marketing businesses, Rod brings rare insight into both the past and future of energy.

Now serving as Program Director of Venture Creation at UNC Charlotte's Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation, Rod mentors startups, holds patents, and plays a key role in launching high-impact ventures across the region.

Expect candid conversation on:

- The real story behind Enron's energy trading strategy — and lessons for today's entrepreneurs
- Where capital is flowing in clean tech, energy, and infrastructure
- What's next for innovation in the Carolinas
- How to turn career pivots into entrepreneurial success

Whether you're interested in energy, innovation, investing, or just love a good business war story, this event promises inspiration and insights.

Come early. Stay late. Network widely.



### *This week's Peanut Butter Fun Fact is.....*

The world's largest Peanut Butter & Jelly Sandwich was made in 2010 at the Great American Peanut Butter Festival in TX. It weighted 1,342 lbs.....that was 720 lbs of bread, 493 lbs of peanut butter, and 129 lbs of jelly. Now that's a peanut butter and jelly sandwich!

*Remember!* Peanut butter donations will continue to be collected at each meeting throughout June. Let's keep it going and continue to *"Spread" the Love—One Jar at a Time!*

Your Peanut Butter Donations help to stock the shelves at Nourish Up!



### ***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., June 26, 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](#).

*Clear Out Your Old Electronics — and Support a Great*

This July 15-29, bring your used electronics to any Rotary meeting — we're collecting them all month long! So, bring your electronics with you and drop them off at the collection table!

It's the perfect time to finally part with old phones, outdated cords, broken tablets, and forgotten gadgets — all while supporting Goodwill's mission to help people pursue the life they want through career services and employment placement.

Over the past 10 years, Goodwill has responsibly disposed of more than 8 million pounds of electronic waste. Every donated item is handled securely and sustainably:


- **Data Sanitation:** Devices undergo Department of Defense-level (DoD – Level 3) data wiping using DBAN and Parted Magic on industrial-grade equipment.
- **Secure Disposal:** Items that cannot be wiped are physically shredded and sent to DELL for responsible recycling.
- **Trusted Process:** Goodwill is the e-waste recycling choice for organizations such as the City of Charlotte, Charlotte Douglas Airport, Coca-Cola, Mecklenburg & Gaston Counties, Skyla Credit Union, Husqvarna, and DeMayo Law Firm.
- **Certified Vendors:** All non-data-related e-waste is recycled through R2-certified partners.

Bring your unused electronics to Rotary in late July to declutter your home, protect your data, and make a meaningful impact.

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[Drop-Off Locations](#) [Donation FAQs](#) [Donation Impact](#) [Ways to Donate](#) [Electronic Donations](#)




## Convenient Electronics Donation & Recycling

At Goodwill, we offer a variety of electronics donation and recycling options to help you responsibly dispose of your unwanted electronics. Whether you have old computers, cell phones, or other electronics, we make it easy for you to donate and recycle them.

- ✓ **Convenient Options:** Individuals can donate electronics at any of our [retail stores](#) or [drop-off locations](#), and businesses can donate electronics through our [corporate donations program](#).
- ✓ **Environmental Impact:** By allowing us to refurbish, resell, or recycle your donated electronics, you're contributing to a cleaner and greener future for all. Through our [Dell Reconnect](#) partnership, we'll make sure your electronics are refurbished or recycled responsibly.

[Learn More](#)

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TO SERVICE**

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***Get Involved: Sign Up for a Rotary Committee Today!***

Rotary doesn't just happen—*Rotarians make it happen.*

Rotary committees are where the magic begins, and we need YOU to keep the momentum going!

Joining a committee is one of the most meaningful (and fun!) ways to deepen your Rotary experience. You'll not only help our club thrive, but you'll also build lasting friendships, grow as a leader, and make a real impact—locally and globally.

Rotary service is rooted in five dynamic Avenues of Service:

- Club Service – Make meetings run smoothly and help build a strong, connected club.
- Community Service – Improve the quality of life for people right here in Charlotte.
- International Service – Support humanitarian efforts and promote peace across the globe.
- Vocational Service – Represent the dignity and purpose of your profession through Rotary.
- New Generations/Youth Service – Empower future leaders through programs like Interact, Rotaract, RYLA, and Youth Exchange.

While these Avenues of Service aren't formally listed in Rotary's constitution, they are essential to how we organize our impact and strengthen our club.

Ready to make a difference and have some fun doing it? **Click here to complete the committee sign-up form!** We'll do our best to match you with your preferences.

Let's roll up our sleeves and make great things happen—together!

# The Rotary Foundation

***Support The Rotary Foundation: Make Your Impact Before the Fiscal Year Ends***

As the end of the fiscal year approaches, Rotary often reflects and celebrates the incredible work we have accomplished together through The Rotary Foundation. Our collective efforts drive significant change, from eradicating polio to promoting peace and providing clean water. Yet, our mission is far from over, and your support remains crucial.

***Why Give Now?***

1. **Maximize Our Impact:** Your contributions enable The Rotary Foundation to continue funding vital projects around the world. By donating before the fiscal year ends, you help ensure that we can allocate resources effectively and plan for the future with confidence.
2. **Amplify Your Contribution:** Donations made now not only support immediate needs but also help us qualify for matching grants and other funding opportunities, thereby increasing the impact of each dollar you give.
3. **Achieve Club Goals:** Many Rotary clubs set annual fundraising targets. By contributing now, you help our club achieve its goals and maintain its reputation for generosity and commitment to service.

***Success Stories Powered by Your Donations***

**Polio Eradication:** Through persistent effort and funding, we are closer than ever to eradicating polio worldwide. Your support has been instrumental in this historic endeavor.

**Scholarships and Training:** Donations to The Rotary Foundation fund scholarships for future leaders and vocational training teams that address community needs and foster global understanding.

**Disaster Response:** In times of crisis, our Foundation provides critical support to affected communities, helping them rebuild and recover. Your timely donations enable rapid and effective response.

***How to Donate***

Giving is easy and impactful. Here's how you can make a difference:

**Online::** Visit The Rotary Foundation's website to make a secure online donation.

**By Mail:** Send a check to The Rotary Foundation with a note indicating your preferred area of focus, if any.

**Through Your Club:** Contribute during your next Rotary meeting or coordinate with your club's Foundation Chair or the Executive Director, **Christine Cipriano**.

Every donation, regardless of size, brings us closer to a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change. As Rotary members, we have a unique opportunity to lead by example and make a tangible difference. Let's seize this moment to bolster our Foundation and ensure that our good work continues to thrive.

Thank you for your unwavering dedication and generosity. Together, we can achieve more than we ever thought possible. Don't wait... **Contribute now** to make sure your contribution goes further. Contact Executive Director, **Christine Cipriano**, at [christine@charlotterotary.org](mailto:christine@charlotterotary.org) or 704-375-6816 if you have questions.

## Beyond the Club



Be sure to check out the latest Rotary District 7680 Newsletter—it's full of important highlights from the 2024-2025 Rotary year.

**Click here to read it now: June 2025 District Newsletter - Rotary District 7680**



Mário César Martins de Camargo, of the Rotary Club of Santo André, São Paulo, Brazil, has resigned as Rotary International president-elect and will not serve as RI president for 2025-26. In a letter to RI President Stephanie A. Urchick, he cited personal and business reasons, but confirmed he will remain an active Rotary member.

A Rotarian since 1980, de Camargo's nomination was a source of pride for Brazilian Rotarians. "We thank Mário and Denise for their dedication and wish them well," said Urchick.

The RI Board will meet soon to determine the next steps in selecting a new president. No impact on upcoming Rotary events is expected at this time.



**HAVE YOU REGISTERED YET ??**  
*You definitely don't want to miss the ...*

**2025 Mid Atlantic RLI Summer Meeting !!**

- *Regional Coordinator, District Chair, and Committee brainstorming sessions*
- *Faculty Update featuring new techniques & evaluation expectations*
- *RLI Parts I-III, Graduate & New Faculty courses available*
- *Breakouts exploring "What's Next for MARLI ?"*
- *Inaugural RLI Alumni Social*
- *And our special guest presenter ...*



*Zones 33/34 RI Director*  
**PATRICK EAKES !!**

**July 10-12, 2025**  
**Rowan-Cabarrus Community College**  
**Kannapolis NC**

VISIT THE DACDB CALENDAR TODAY FOR  
REGISTRATION & LODGING LINK

## Membership Update

07/01/2024 249

05/31/2025 238

06/10/2025 235 (Resignations: Yazmin DeHaven, Ed Driggs, Reggie Johnson)

Meeting Attendance - Tuesday, June 10, 2025: 99

Guests in attendance: Lisa Altizer, Lindsey Banks (media), Noah Brunty ([Hunter Widener](#)), Astrid Chirnos (Guest of the Speaker), Pamela Glass ([Trina Fullard](#)), Christal Hill ([J Hill](#)), Bert Phillips ([Jim Martin](#)), Adrienne Rich ([Terri DeBoo](#)), Allison Stacey ([William and Woodson Bradley](#)), Reece Wagner ([Fred Wagner](#))

## Milestones

## Birthdays

17 – Bryan Zeiss  
22 – Bill Gill  
22 – Lori Keeton  
22 – Chad Lloyd  
23 – Stuart Hair

## Wedding Anniversaries

17 – Jody & Chuck Lew  
20 – Rene & Richard Walker  
21 – Brenda & George Rohe  
23 – Anne & Boyd Coggins

## Rotary Anniversaries

25 Years: Kip Kiser  
24 Years: Lee Tabor, Lee  
10 Years: Jim Rogers

## 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, Dena R. Diorio, Donna Y. Dunlap, Joel D. Ford, Stuart P. Hair, 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](mailto: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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