



## Upcoming Events

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



### *Last Week!*

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

**Tues., June 24- Weekly Meeting:** *Melinda Whittington, Opera Soprano*

**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



*"Don't Take Your Eye Off The 'Joy Ball'"*  
*Classical Arts Liberal Arts Education Innovator*

by **Marilynn Bowler**

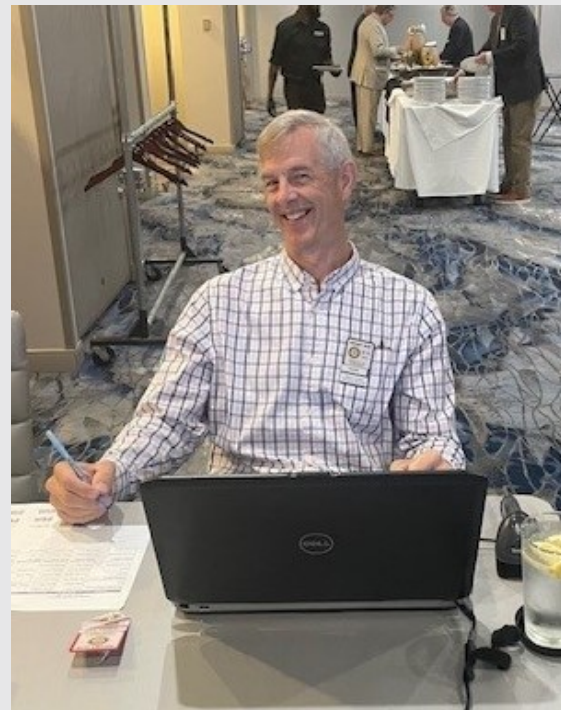
During his introduction of our speaker on Tuesday at Charlotte Rotary Club, Reverend Marty McCarthy, President of Regent School, spoke of Jay Heiler's "calling to educate children to the highest of their God-given potential." Because of Jay's amazing conviction that children deserve the finest education on earth, the incredible organization called GreatHearts Academies became his wish, his plan, his commitment, his accomplishment.

From stalwart Prosecutor of racketeers and organized crime syndicates to Advocate for exceptional educational opportunities for children across America, Jay Heiler shared his passion for the academic organization he founded which exemplifies President Teddy Roosevelt's mandate, "To educate a person in the mind but not in

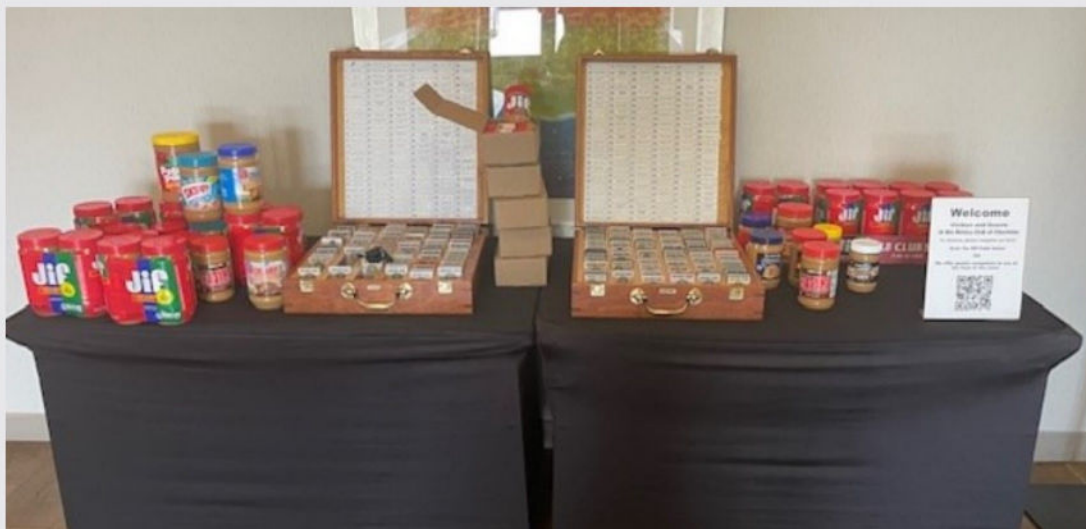
morals is to educate a menace to society." With those words, Jay reminded us that a true education educates the heart along with the mind.

To that end, Jay has created a network of schools which focus on a classical liberal arts education landscape for grades K-12 which sets high academic standards and places importance on in-person learning, communication through discussion, and character development. Jay told us it's his standard to teach students that it's not just knowledge alone, aka: "It's not how much they know, but *how much they know about themselves.*" **Click here to read more.**

*The video quality is compromised due to internet issues at the venue. Therefore, the videos are not published.*







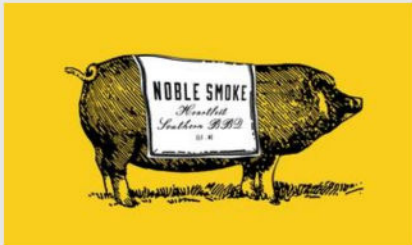


# Club News



## *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**



## *Welcome to Kresimir "Kresho" Klenovic!*

Kresho brings a wealth of international business and innovation experience to our club. He is currently CFO at 3PO Networks, an infrastructure-as-a-service startup focused on delivering modern fiber and sewer systems to help lower housing costs. He is also the founder and CEO of Natably, a software platform designed to support career development for people with disabilities. Previously, Kresho served as Director of Mergers and Acquisitions at PwC, where he led strategic work for clients like HP, Pfizer, and top private equity firms including Carlyle, KKR, Apollo, and TPG. Earlier in his career, he managed business development across Europe, the Middle East, and Africa for Ingersoll-Rand. A proud graduate of Davidson College and Duke University's MBA program, Kresho financed his education through a combination of scholarships and work, including a

senior-year exchange at Charlotte Country Day. Kresho stays active in civic life as an advisor to a Croatian Member of Parliament leading an anti-corruption party, and he serves on the advisory board of a nonprofit that connects volunteers with organizations in need. He also has a keen interest in financial market algorithms. *Please join us in giving Kresho a warm Rotary welcome!*

***Continued Prayers for Debbie Constangy*** Thank you to everyone who has kept **Bill Constangy's** wife Debbie in their thoughts. The update from Bill is that Debbie is undergoing her 10th chemotherapy infusion this week, with just two more sessions to go. The treatments have been tough, but there is good news—doctors can no longer feel the mass. Surgery is scheduled for July 30 to clear any remaining cancer cells, followed by radiation and immunotherapy. The family asks for nothing more than your continued prayers.



***Congratulations again to Dena Diorio!*** On Tuesday, June 17, 2025, Charlotte Rotarian and retiring Mecklenburg County Manager **Dena Diorio**, was awarded the Order of the Hornet, the County's highest honor. Established in 1972, the award is given by the Board of County Commissioners to those who have shown exceptional bravery or high level of service to the people of Mecklenburg County. Dena was the first woman to serve as Mecklenburg County manager and was honored with the Order of the Hornet award for the more than 18 years of unyielding commitment and service she dedicated to Mecklenburg County and its residents.

## *Congratulations, Dr. Tony Zeiss!*

Club member **Dr. Tony Zeiss** has released what he calls "the most important book I have ever produced." ***The Ultimate Choice*** (published in May 2025, Paperback) is a quick yet powerful guide written especially for high school and college-aged readers facing life's biggest questions. Rooted in Biblical principles, the book offers practical guidance for making Godly decisions and finding purpose in service to His Kingdom.

From Tony: if you know a young person—or anyone seeking direction—consider sharing this inspiring resource with them.





*The Ultimate Choice* is available on Amazon, but the fastest way to get a copy is through the **publisher's link here**.



### ***Charlotte Rotary Fights Hunger — One Pound at a Time!***

On June 7, Charlotte Rotary donated 144 pounds of food to help fight hunger in our community. On Tuesday, we added another 247 pounds — bringing our total to a whopping 391 pounds!

Above is what 247 pounds of generosity looks like! Thank you to everyone who contributed. Let's bring it in strong this last week!

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

In 2014, The Huffington Post survey reported that 36% of respondents said that strawberry jelly made the best PB&J sandwich (grape came in at 31%), 56% said that their favorite peanut butter was "smooth peanut butter" and a whopping 80% of those surveyed liked their PB&J with the crust left on the 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!



Charlotte.

### ***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, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Gilde Brewery, located at 3530 Dewitt Lane,

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 Cause!*

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.

A screenshot of the Goodwill website's "Convenient Electronics Donation &amp; Recycling" page. The page has a blue header with the Goodwill logo and navigation links: "Job &amp; Career Services", "Donate", "Shop", "Get Involved", "About Us", and "Contact Us". Below the header is a navigation bar with links: "Drop-Off Locations", "Donation FAQs", "Donation Impact", "Ways to Donate", and "Electronic Donations". The main content area features a large photo of a man in a blue shirt sitting at a table with various electronic devices. To the right of the photo is the section title "Convenient Electronics Donation &amp; Recycling". Below the title is a paragraph: "At Goodwill, we offer a variety of electronics donation and recycling options to help you responsibly dispose of your unwanted..." followed by a video player icon. Below the video player is a paragraph: "Whether you have old computers, cell phones, or other devices, we make it easy for you to donate and recycle them." Below this are two bullet points: "✓ 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." and "✓ 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." At the bottom right is a "Donation Pickup" button with a truck icon and a "Learn More" button.





***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.

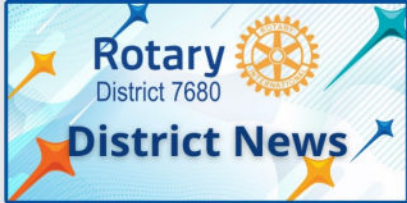
While these Avenues of Service aren't formally listed in Rotary's constitution, they are essential to how we organize our impact and strengthen our club.

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!

## 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

### *New Rotary Learning Center App Available!*

The Rotary Learning Center has launched a new and improved mobile app — RotaryLearn! Replacing the Go.Learn app, RotaryLearn offers a more user-friendly way to access courses, track progress, and explore resources from your mobile device. Download it now from the App Store or Google Play, sign in to My Rotary, and start learning on the go! Need help? Check out the updated mobile guide for step-by-step instructions.

### *Accessing the Learning Center for the first time?*

To use Rotary's Learning Center for the first time, follow these steps:

- Sign in to **My Rotary**, or follow our **guide to creating a Rotary account**.
- Click on the Learning Center tile.
- Accept the Learning Center privacy policy.
- Download the RotaryLearn app if you want to take courses on a mobile device.

If you have questions, write to us at [atlearn@rotary.org](mailto:atlearn@rotary.org).



## 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

06/17/2025 234 (Resignation: Greg Hatcher)

Meeting Attendance - Tuesday, June 17, 2025: 97

Guests in attendance: Fred Beaman (Marty McCarthy), John Demoff (Marty McCarthy/Luther Moore), Eric Elizondo (Jason Otte), Kevin Long (Marty McCarthy/Luther Moore), Marty McCarthy (Luther Moore),



# Milestones

## (Week of June 24 - 30)

### Birthdays

25 – William Bradley  
26 – Emmy Lou Burchette  
27 – Bob Wilhelm  
29 – Glenn Bouley  
30 – Kim Brattain  
30 – Ken Shortridge

### Wedding Anniversaries

24 – Jeanine & Tim Flanagan  
25 – Maude & Henry Cantrell  
25 – Nan & Bill Loftin

### Rotary Anniversaries

3 Years (29 Total): Richard Malnati  
2 Years: Roger Young

## 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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