



Upcoming Events

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

Tues., June 3 - Weekly Meeting: *HIGWIA* featuring *Rory Wall, Shelley Dean, Jonathan Justice, and David Erdman*

Starting this week! Month of June - Donation Drive: *Weekly collection of Peanut Butter to stock the shelves at Nourish Up.* Details below.

June 6 - Printed Roster Deadline. See details below.

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.](#)

June 12-13 - District Event: *CART Fund 2025 Annual Meeting & 30th Anniversary Celebration* Thurs., June 12 and Fri., June 13. See details below.

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

[GEORGE SHINN](#)

**CHARLOTTE ROTARY CLUB'S NEWEST
HONORARY MEMBER -
CELEBRATED AND INDUCTED ON MAY 27, 2025**

by [Marilynn Bowler](#)



To call this past Tuesday's meeting "something special" is an understatement.

Flanked by heavy-hitter Charlotte Observer sports columnists Tom Sorensen and Scott Fowler, the man who brought professional sports to Charlotte ~ **George Shinn** ~ spoke poignantly about how he managed to defy the naysayers who all said that "Charlotte's too small a market for pro sports." He not only convinced the NBA owners to vote "YES" for Charlotte but also impressed the NBA Commissioner to state that George's presentation to the League owners was so good that "It was the best presentation I've ever seen or heard."

It was an amazing journey George took during his quest for a pro sports team. From baseball to football to basketball ... he explored each sport for a potential home in Charlotte. From meeting Donald Trump to MLB Commissioner Peter Ueberoff and Yankees owner George Steinbrenner to renowned NBA Commissioner David Stern whose infamous question to George was, "George, where in the hell is Charlotte?" ... George kept striving on behalf of our city. He knew a pro sports team would bring new businesses to town. [Click here to read more.](#)

A recording of the meeting can be found here:
This one is without the slides: <https://vimeo.com/1089087497>
This one is with the slides: <https://vimeo.com/1088183827>
The program's introduction starts at 17 minutes.







Thank you to *The Charlotte Ledger* and writer, Lindsey Banks, for their coverage of this meeting. The article can be found here: *Quotable: 'Where in the hell is Charlotte?'*

Club News



Welcome New Member Angelece Cook!

A dynamic and results-driven leader, Angelece currently serves as Manager of the Executive Office and Board Liaison at Goodwill Industries of the Southern Piedmont. In this role, she partners closely with the President & CEO and senior leadership to drive strategic initiatives, strengthen stakeholder engagement, and foster a culture of excellence and service. With over 20 years of experience supporting executive teams in both nonprofit and public sectors, Angelece is known for her ability to align leadership vision with operational execution. Her expertise spans executive operations, corporate governance, and organizational culture development. Prior to her current role, she held leadership support positions at the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce and the Office of the Executive Inspector General in Chicago.

Angelece is also an ordained elder, deeply committed to faith-based leadership and community outreach. She has led impactful initiatives ranging from food and youth programs in Chicago to congregational outreach here in Charlotte. She is currently pursuing a Master of Divinity at Union Presbyterian Seminary. Angelece brings a unique blend of strategic insight,

compassionate leadership, and a heart for service to every space she enters. We look forward to the inspiration and energy she will contribute to our club.

Welcome New Member Justin Taylor!

Justin is a Communications and Engagement Strategist whose passion for strategy and storytelling is grounded in advancing policy change for a more just world. As Stakeholder Engagement Manager at Goodwill Industries of the Southern Piedmont, Justin works closely with community leaders and employers to lead Goodwill's advocacy, community, and volunteer efforts across an 18-county region. His work is rooted in strategic communications, coalition building, and advocacy on racial, social, and economic justice issues.

Justin serves on several local, regional, and national coalitions focused on the challenges facing the communities Goodwill



serves. He also sits on the Community Advisory Board for WFAE and is a proud member of the Public Relations Society of America. A graduate of UNC Charlotte, Justin lives in the Wesley Heights neighborhood with his husband, Sean. Please join us in giving a warm Rotary welcome to Justin Taylor!



Myers Park High School and [Ann & Robert Cullip](#) were honored with the Youth Partner Award by Second Harvest Food Bank of Metrolina for their outstanding efforts in the fight against hunger during 2024. Each year, the Food Bank recognizes exceptional partners whose dedication helps feed thousands across the region.

	LAST NAME, FIRST NAME	
	Year joined	
	Nick Name	Spouse Nick Name
	Career Category	
	Company Name	
	Company Address (Zip Code)	
	(O) Office Phone Number	
	Office e-mail	
	Home Address (Zip Code)	
	Home/Cell Phone number	
Home e-mail		
Paul Harris Fellow (+7)		
Paul Harris Society, Bequest Society		
President XXXX - XXXX, 1		
Major Donor, Benefactor		

[Help Us Finalize the 2025–2026 Club Roster!](#)

Deadline: Friday, June 6.

We're preparing to print the 2025–2026 Rotary Club of Charlotte roster, and **we need your help** with one important step: **making sure your contact information is accurate.**

Please take a few minutes to review and update your member record on [DACdb.com](#), our club and district database. It's quick, easy, and the best way to ensure your details are correct in the printed roster. To make the process even easier, [click here for a Step-by-Step Guide to walk you through it.](#)

Prefer to update manually? No problem—just email your changes directly to Executive Director, [Christine Cipriano](#) at christine@charlotterotary.org.

You'll also be receiving a screenshot of your current listing by email along with a sample of our standard member record template so you can see exactly what we're working with. Note: Some members choose to list only their work information, while others include home details—that's entirely your choice. Please also take a moment to confirm or update your employment classification, which helps us maintain accurate club records.

Meeting a June 6th deadline will help us stay on track to have the new roster printed and ready for distribution by the end of July. Thanks in advance for helping us make this our most accurate and up-to-date roster yet!

[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!



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.

Beyond the Club



Be sure to check out the latest Rotary District 7680 Newsletter—it's full of important updates and inspiring stories... Especially from the 2025 District Conference.

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

Care and Comfort – A Direct Appeal for PDG Allen Langley

Rotarians, we are often reminded that "Service Above Self" is not just a motto—it's a way of life. One of our own, Past District Governor Allen Langley, has embodied that commitment for more than 30 years. Now, he needs us.

Allen is currently on the kidney transplant list at Wake Forest Hospital and urgently needs a living donor with O positive blood. His daughter, Gracie Langley, reached out during the District Conference with a heartfelt message and a plea for help—from those who know what it means to serve.

A Call to Action

Eligible donors must be between the ages of 21 and 75 and in good health. Even if you are not a direct match, you may still be able to help through the kidney exchange program, a remarkable option that broadens the chances of finding a compatible donor.

Gracie has provided a QR code (see below) that links directly to information about the donation process, eligibility requirements, and next steps. She welcomes any questions and is deeply grateful for any expressions of support—whether it's a willingness to explore donation or simply sharing this message

within your own networks.

How You Can Help

- Consider if you or someone you know might be a potential donor.
- Learn about the kidney exchange program.
- Share this appeal with friends, family, and colleagues.
- Reach out with encouragement, prayers, or a listening ear.

In Rotary, we show up for each other—and now is our chance to show up for Allen.

Contact Information:

Gracie Langley, gracie.langley01@gmail.com or (704) 692-1234

Allen Langley, (704) 472-2847



YOU ARE INVITED!

30TH ANNIVERSARY RECEPTION
THURS, JUNE 12, 5:30-6:30PM
(NO CHARGE TO ATTEND)

ANNUAL MEETING
FRI, JUNE 13, 10AM-3PM
(\$50 PER PERSON INCLUDES LUNCH)

HILTON CHARLOTTE AIRPORT (CHARLOTTE, NC)

REGISTER IN DACDB
(MULTI-DISTRICT EVENTS CALENDAR)
OR WWW.CARTFUND.ORG

Celebrate 30 Years of Impact at the 2025 CART Fund Annual Meeting

Join us as The CART Fund marks “Thirty Years of Service” at its 2025 Annual Meeting, held at the Hilton Charlotte Airport (2800 Coliseum Centre Dr., Charlotte, NC). This special milestone event will recognize CART’s three decades of dedication to Alzheimer’s research and feature the awarding of a record-setting \$2 million in grants.

Thursday, June 12 | 5:30–6:30 PM

The celebration begins with a complimentary reception, generously underwritten by sponsors, to honor CART’s 30th Anniversary. All attendees will receive a commemorative gift. While the event is free and open to all, registration is required. Afterward, guests are invited to attend Dutch-treat group dinners with CART-funded researchers at local restaurants.

Friday, June 13 | 10:00 AM–3:00 PM

The Annual Meeting will feature the introduction of six groundbreaking researchers selected for 2025 CART grants. Attendees will enjoy special guest speakers and a panel discussion on current

advancements in Alzheimer's research.

- Cost: \$50 per person, which includes lunch.
- **Registration: Must be completed in advance through DACdb.** Special links are available for non-Rotarians, or they may be added as guests to Rotarian registrations.
- Virtual Access: The event will be livestreamed free of charge via Zoom for those unable to attend in person (link provided the day before).

Additionally, the CART Board of Directors will hold its Annual Meeting from 8:30–9:30 AM, prior to the general session.

Business/Rotary attire is requested for all events.

With gratitude to our generous sponsors: District 7680 Governor Kevin Kendrick, CART President Carol Burdette, and the Rotary Club of Anderson (SC).

Rotary Leadership Institute



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

What is Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI)?

Founded in 1992, the Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) is a grassroots coalition of Rotary districts offering a leadership development program for potential Rotary club leaders. While not an official Rotary International program, RLI is widely supported by current and past Rotary International Presidents and Directors, and has been recommended by both the RI Board and the Council on Legislation.

RLI operates globally with divisions on every continent, providing non-job-specific leadership training to help Rotarians understand Rotary's global impact and develop the skills needed to guide clubs in a rapidly changing world. The core program consists of three non-consecutive days of training that combine Rotary knowledge with leadership development tailored for voluntary organizations.

Graduates of the basic course can further their learning through advanced seminars on key Rotary topics. The program's mission is to help clubs identify and sponsor members with leadership potential, though any Rotarian is welcome to attend on their own initiative.

RLI's ultimate goal is to inspire enthusiasm for Rotary by expanding members' understanding of the organization beyond their own clubs and equipping them to lead with vision, purpose, and passion.

The current curriculum for RLI has the following course sessions:

PART I

Insights Into Leadership

My Rotary World
Ethics-Vocation Service
Foundation I: Our Foundation
Engaging Members
Creating Service Projects

PART II

Strategic Planning & Analysis
Attracting Members
Club Communication
Team Building
Foundation II: Targeted Service

PART III

Rotary Opportunities
Effective Leadership Strategies
Foundation III: International Service
Public Image & Public Relations
Building A Stronger Club
Making A Difference

Enrolling in the Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) is a valuable step toward enhancing your leadership skills and deepening your Rotary knowledge. Here's how you can get started:

Step 1: Find a Course Near You

RLI courses are offered both in-person and virtually across various districts. Upcoming dates include: en't listed in the provided information, neighboring districts have scheduled sessions that you might consider: (Mid-Atlantic RLI)

- May 31, 2025: Parts I, II, III in Washington, NC
- July 12, 2025: Parts I, II, III, and Graduate sessions in Kannapolis, NC
- September 13, 2025: Parts I, II, III in Durham, NC

You can view the full schedule and register for these events through the Mid-Atlantic RLI website **Mid-Atlantic RLI I**

Step 2: Register for a Course

Registration is handled through **DACdb**

1. Log into your DACdb account.
2. Navigate to the My Club section.
3. Select the Calendar (ensure the "RLI Training Events" box is checked).
4. Find the event you're interested in and click on Register Now.

Step 3: Understand the Costs

The cost of attending RLI courses varies depending on the format:

- In-Person Events: Typically around \$95 per part.
- Virtual Events: Approximately \$35 per part. (Mid-Atlantic RLI)

These fees cover course materials and other associated costs.

Step 4: Seek Assistance if Needed

If you need help identifying the appropriate RLI division or have questions about course offerings, consider reaching out to your Club Executive Director [Christine Cipriano](#) at christine@charlotterotary.org

By participating in RLI, you'll join a network of Rotarians committed to service and leadership excellence. It's an opportunity to grow personally and professionally while making a meaningful impact in your community.

Membership Update

07/01/2024 249
04/30/2025 239
05/27/2025 240

Meeting Attendance - Tuesday, May 27, 2025: 111

Guests in attendance: Boyce Allen ([Susie Masotti](#)), Lisa Altizer, Lindsey Banks (Media), Muggsy Bogues ([Susie Masotti](#)), Jason Brannon ([Marilynn Bowler](#)), Scott Fowler ([Marilynn Bowler](#)), Jim Hildreth ([Jim Hintz](#)) Jan Ivey ([Marilynn Bowler](#)), Katy Masotti ([Susie Masotti](#)), Chris Shinn ([Marilynn Bowler](#)), Megan Shinn ([Marilynn Bowler](#)), Libby Simonini ([Alan Simonini](#)), Tom Sorensen ([Marilynn Bowler](#)), Tom Ward ([Marilynn Bowler](#)), Suzanne Werdann ([Marilynn Bowler](#))

Milestones

(Week of June 3-9)

Birthdays

5 - George Rohe
6 - Pete Keane
6 - David Zimmerman
9 - Layne McGuire

Rotary Anniversaries

12 years (48 total): Mark Markanda
6 years (20 total): Patrick Baker

Wedding Anniversaries

3 - Lori & Randell Mountcastle
3 - Fran & Rob Thomas
5 - Beverly & John Lassiter
6 - Sarah & Tony Lathrop
7 - Jean & Al Allison
8 - Julie & John Armistead
8 - Eileen Keeley & Pat Millen
9 - Suzette & Glenn Bouley
9 - Linda & John Shell

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



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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