



Upcoming Events

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

Tues., July 1 - Happy Rotary New Year! No Weekly Meeting will be held 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 8 - Weekly Meeting: **Amy Burkett, General Manager, WTVI PBS Charlotte***

*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



Melinda Whittington, Opera Soprano

by Elly Clary

In soaring soprano voice, colorfully dressed Opera Carolina leading lady **Melinda Whittington** opened and closed her Rotary presentation with song, accompanied by recorded music.

Interspersing her remarks with images of roles she's played and costumes she's worn, she was often humorous.

"I'm a lyric soprano, so most of the time I play women who die," she smiled. "I'm almost always dead by the end."

For her opening aria, she stepped back from the microphone to deliver her powerful performance. "Opera singers aren't amplified 99 percent of the time," she explained. [Click here to read more.](#)

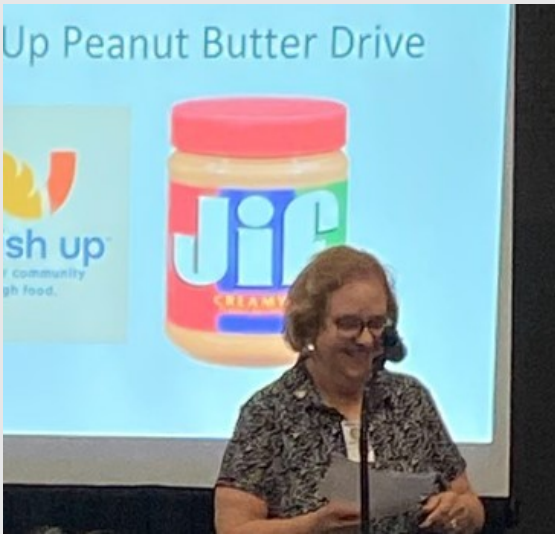
A recording of the meeting can be found here:

With Slides: <https://vimeo.com/1096064700?p=0s>

Without Slides: <https://vimeo.com/1096073608?p=0s>

The program introduction begins at 25 minutes.





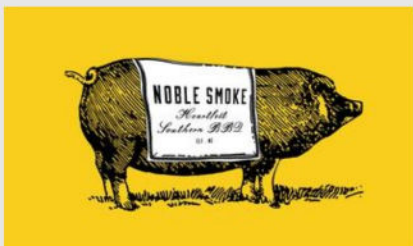


Club News



No meeting on Tuesday, July 1st

Please note there will be no weekly 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](#)



Used Electronics Donation Drive: July 15, 22 & 29

Donate your old electronics to Goodwill Industries of the Southern Piedmont and support career and employment programs that change lives.

Goodwill accepts nearly anything with a cord—even if the cord is missing! Items are securely wiped (DoD-Level 3) or responsibly recycled through trusted partners like DELL.

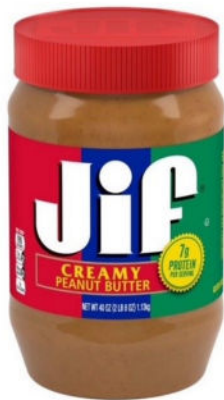
Donated electronics are sold at Goodwill's tech store, The GRID, with proceeds funding job training and tech employment programs. Trusted by organizations like the City of Charlotte and Coca-Cola, Goodwill makes e-waste disposal easy and impactful. Visit goodwillsp.org or [click here](#) to learn more.

Thanks for Spreading the Love!

Thanks to your generosity, Charlotte Rotary donated 436 pounds of peanut butter to **Nourish Up** in the month of June!

Your support helps fight food insecurity and ensures local families have access to nutritious staples.

Way to go, Rotarians!



436 LBS DONATED!
THANK YOU
CHARLOTTE ROTARY



Rotary runs on the energy and heart of its members—and we need YOU!

Make Charlotte Rotary Happen — Join a Committee!

Committees are where the action starts. They're your chance to build connections, grow as a leader, and make a real impact in our club, our community, and the world.

There are Five Ways to Serve:

- **Club**: Help meetings shine and build club spirit
- **Community**: Make life better right here in Charlotte
- **International**: Promote peace and global service
- **Vocational**: Share your skills and lift your profession
- **Youth**: Shape future leaders through Rotary programs

—sign up today! We'll match you where you'll thrive.

Let's make great things happen—together!

Beyond the Club



Thank You for Supporting The Rotary Foundation

Thanks to generous donors like you, The Rotary Foundation has made a powerful impact this year—funding 1,737 grants that support urgent needs, disaster response, and community development around the world. In 2024 alone, over 1 billion doses of oral polio vaccine were delivered to more than 270 million children across 36 countries. Every gift helps Rotary create lasting change and brings us closer to a polio-free world. Thank you for continuing to support Doing Good in the World.



Rotary's Seven Areas of Focus

Through projects, partnerships, and global grants, Rotary clubs around the world create lasting change in seven key areas:

1. **Peacebuilding and Conflict Prevention**— Promoting dialogue, understanding, and peaceful conflict resolution.
2. **Disease Prevention and Treatment**— Expanding access to health care, supporting medical outreach, and fighting diseases like polio and malaria.
3. **Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene**— Providing clean water, safe sanitation, and hygiene education to improve public health.
4. **Maternal and Child Health**— Reducing maternal and infant mortality through access to care, nutrition, and education.

5. **Basic Education and Literacy** – Supporting education for all ages, increasing adult literacy, and empowering teachers and students.
6. **Community Economic Development** – Creating opportunities through job training, entrepreneurship, and sustainable local economies.
7. **Supporting the Environment** – Protecting natural resources and promoting sustainable practices to preserve our planet.

These areas guide our club's service work locally and globally, helping us make a meaningful impact.

Membership Update

07/01/2024 249
05/31/2025 238
06/24/2025 234 (Resignation: Owen Burkard, Greg Hatcher)

Meeting Attendance - Tuesday, June 24, 2025: 78

Guests in attendance: Richard Armenia ([Trina Fullard](#)), Val Boston, Alina MacNichol ([Phil Volponi](#)), Anne O'Byrne ([Jim Mannix](#)), Nakisha Procope ([Phil Volponi](#))

Milestones (Week of July 1 - 7)

Birthdays

2 – Laura Meier
2 – Phil Volponi
3 – Ayo Johnson
3 – Brent Trexler
4 – David Erdman
5 – Tashara Brown

Wedding Anniversaries

1 – Carmen & Chuck Howard
1 – Amy & Jonathan Justice
6 – Phyllis & Bill Gill

Rotary Anniversaries

30 years: Mark Norman
29 years: Chase Saunders
14 years: Bill Gill
3 years: Woodson Bradley
3 years: Joel Ford

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](mailto:christine@charlotterotary.org), 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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