



# THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

August 26, 2025

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## *Rotary Club Welcomes DAR Speaker for Inspiring Talk on Service and History*

by [Layne McGuire](#)

This week's speaker was Ashley Korizis, Regent, Halifax Convention Chapter of the National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution. Ashley is a longtime friend of DAR Daughter and fellow Rotarian [Catherine Bracey](#). Ms. Korizis gave the Club a history of the DAR and its focus. DAR is a nonprofit, nonpolitical lineage society founded in 1890. Ms. Korizis shared her journey from her childhood in Switzerland to discovering DAR's mission of historic preservation, patriotism, and education, which closely aligns with Rotary's own values of service.

The presentation highlighted DAR's vibrant presence in Charlotte, with 11 active chapters, including the historic Mecklenburg Chapter. Members engage in a wide range of community initiatives—from decorating local landmarks for Constitution Week to supporting veterans through fundraising efforts like donating a golf cart to the VA Clinic.

DAR's educational outreach was a standout topic, especially their work with CMS fourth graders to bring Revolutionary War history to life. By bringing to life the sometimes hidden patriots, the students begin to see themselves in the story of our country's founding. These efforts aim to make us feel inspired by the ideals of liberty and service.

The talk was a powerful reminder of how organizations like DAR and Rotary can work in parallel to honor the past while building a better future.

A recording of the meeting can be found here:

With Slides: <https://vimeo.com/1113676224?fl=pl&fe=sh>

Without Slides: <https://vimeo.com/1114285740?fl=pl&fe=sh>

The speaker's introduction starts at approximately 25 minutes and 20 seconds.