



## Upcoming Events

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

*Tues., Aug. 19 - Weekly Meeting: Hannah Arrowood, Present Age Ministries*

*Wed., Aug. 20 - Leadership Impact Group Meeting: Panel: Culture, Community & Civic Innovation at  
McColl Center, 721 N. Tryon St., 5:30–7 p.m.*



*Sat., Sept. 27 - Club Event: Classroom Central, 9 a.m. –12 p.m., 2116 Wilkinson  
Blvd, Charlotte. Sign up here. Details below.*

*Tues., Oct. 7 - Club Event: Rotary Club of Charlotte Garden Ribbon Cutting. Details to come.*

*Save the date! Sat., Nov. 1 - Club Event: Nourish Up Service Event, 9–11 a.m., 901 Carrier Dr., Charlotte.  
Sign up here. Details to follow.*

*Save the date! Sat., Nov. 8 - District Event: The Rotary Foundation Celebration. Details to follow.*

*Save the date! Tues., Dec. 16 - Club Event: American Red Cross Blood Drive*

## This Week's Meeting



***Carolyn Carlburg***  
***Retired Civil Litigation***



***Trina Fullard***  
***President & CEO,***  
***Charlotte Rescue Mission***



***John Cantrell, CIC***  
***President***  
***H.B. Cantrell & Co. Insurance***

***How I got Where I'm At (HIGWIA) featuring Trina Fullard, Carolyn Carlburg, and John Cantrell***  
by **Bill Bartee**

The "How I Got Where I Am (At)" (HIGWIA) program is always a delight as it features the personalities, accomplishments, and interests of members within Charlotte Rotary.

This meeting featured **Trina Fullard**, President and CEO of the Charlotte Rescue Mission, **Carolyn Carlburg**, Retired Civil Litigator, and **John Cantrell**, CIC, President of H.B. Cantrell & Co Insurance. **Robert Shaw** coordinated and introduced each participant. **Click here to read more.**

A recording of the meeting can be found here:

This one is without the slides: <https://vimeo.com/1109536008?fl=pl&fe=sh>

This one is with the slides: <https://vimeo.com/1109535038?fl=pl&fe=sh>

The program introduction starts at 25 minutes and 20 seconds.



### *Thank You for Supporting Our July Electronics Drive with Goodwill!*

A big thank you to everyone who participated in our July electronics drive! Together, we collected **over 730 pounds** of recycled electronics. On behalf of Goodwill, we greatly appreciate your support. The electronics are data-sanitized and resold at the GRID store on Wilkinson Blvd., with proceeds funding about 50% of Goodwill's workforce development and

career training programs in our community.

If you weren't able to drop off your electronics during the drive, you're always welcome to bring them directly to the GRID store. Your contributions make a real difference - Thank you!



### *Rotarians: Help Amplify Our Social Media!*

**Isabella Warner**, our new Photography and Social Media Chair, shared the Rotary Club of Charlotte's social media plan for the year at Tuesday's meeting.

Instagram will focus on attracting younger professionals with event highlights, member spotlights, and monthly calendars. Facebook will serve as a hub for current members to connect, share updates, and post project recaps. LinkedIn will showcase our professional and civic impact, highlighting speakers, partnerships, and milestones.

All Rotarians are encouraged to get involved - share our posts, comment on the posts, tag the club in posts, or send Isabella photos and news for features. With everyone's participation, we can strengthen engagement and get the word out about the great work happening in our club.

Follow us on **Instagram**, **Facebook**, and **LinkedIn**: Rotary Club of Charlotte.



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### *LIG Panel: Culture, Community & Civic Innovation*

Wed., August 20 | 5:30–7:00 PM  
**McColl Center**, 721 N Tryon St

This month's LIG panel, "Culture, Community & Civic Innovation: Re-imagining Charlotte's Institutions for the Next Generation," brings together leaders who are driving impact today.

#### *Panelists:*

- **Asa Jackson**, President & CEO, McColl Center
- **Kristen Howard**, VP, Corporate Affairs, Novant Health
- **Raki McGregor**, Chief Executive in Residence, CELC
- **Sonja Gantt**, Executive Director, CMS Foundation; former

Expect insights on partnerships, funding, and talent pipelines, opportunities for young professionals to get involved, and a candid Q&A on building institutions that serve the next generation

*Bring a colleague, bring your curiosity, and help us imagine Charlotte's next chapter.*



### *Pencils, Possibilities ... and Rotary Power*

This September, the Charlotte Rotary will help create possibilities with our **Push for Pencils Drive** in partnership with **Classroom Central**. Throughout the month, we'll collect new pencils and other essential supplies to help stock classrooms across our region.

Then, on Sat., Sept. 27, we'll roll up our sleeves and join Classroom Central's volunteer team to help pack bags for the Mobile Free Store.

#### Volunteer Shift Details

Sat., Sept. 27, 2025

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Classroom Central, 2116 Wilkinson Blvd, Charlotte, NC

\*25 volunteer spots available

Important: All volunteers, even those who have volunteered before, must register individually using Classroom Central's new platform, which includes a waiver. Registration closes one week before the event; walk-ins cannot be accommodated. Register here: **Click to Sign Up**

Let's fill the bins, pack the bags, and show students that Rotary cares - one pencil, one backpack, and one possibility at a time.

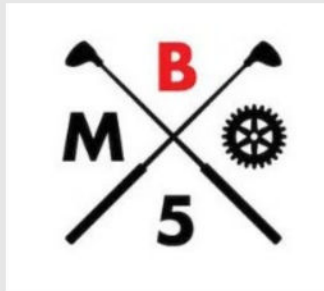
## Beyond the Club

### *Supporting Fellow Rotarian, Diego Mora*

A fellow Rotarian from the SouthPark Rotary Club, Diego Mora (affectionately known as Wormburger), was recently involved in a serious bicycling accident. Diego is a passionate cyclist, F3 enthusiast, soccer referee, and a valued member of the Rotary family.

As he continues to battle his injuries, we invite you to join us in supporting Diego and his family during this most difficult time. Any funds raised will go directly to assist them.

Please consider making a contribution here: [GoFundMe for Diego Mora](#)



### *Support Meck-South Rotary's BMO5 Golf Tournament*

Join the Rotary Club of Meck-South for their annual BMO5 Golf Tournament on Monday, September 29, 2025, at The Club at Longivew, Waxhaw, NC. This exciting event raises funds for community service projects while offering a day of great golf, camaraderie, and friendly competition. Sponsorship opportunities are available, offering excellent visibility while supporting a worthy cause. For more details or to secure your spot, visit [birdease.com/BMO5](http://birdease.com/BMO5).



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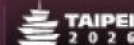
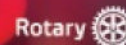
Rotary's Vision Statement

**TOGETHER** WE SEE A WORLD  
WHERE **PEOPLE** UNITE AND TAKE ACTION  
TO **CREATE** LASTING  
**CHANGE** ACROSS THE GLOBE  
IN OUR COMMUNITIES AND IN OURSELVES

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## Membership Update

07/01/2025 224  
07/31/2025 234  
08/12/2025 220

**Recommended for Membership** (comments to Rotary office by August 20, 2025):

**Nonprofit Membership with primary member, Pamela Glass, VP of Development, Holy Angels**

**Sponsor:** Trina Fullard

**Endorsed:** James Mannix and Phil Volponi

Meeting Attendance - Tuesday, August 12, 2025: 81

# Milestones

## (Week of August 19 - 25)

### Birthdays

19 - Issa Smith  
20 - Lori Gougeon  
20 - Carol Hardison  
21 - Chris Brigman  
22 - George Edmiston  
24 - Elizabeth Teagarden  
25 - Lori Keller

### Rotary Anniversaries

*75 years:* K. Martin Waters Jr.  
*11 years:* Dena Diorio  
*3 years:* Todd Herman

### Wedding Anniversaries

24 - Janelle & Paul Bartholomy  
24 - Amy & Scott Gakenheimer

## 2025 - 2026 Board Members

- President Patrick Baker
- President-Elect Bill Bartee
- Immediate Past President Kim Brattain
- Secretary Bill Gill
- Treasurer Craig Field

**Current Directors:** Benton S. Bragg, Byrd Bergeron, John F. Cantrell, Karen N. Calder, Tish Atkins Charles, Dena R. Diorio, Stuart P. Hair, J Hill, Jesse G. Hite, Ayo M. Johnson, Lori Keeton, Michael B. Orzech, Elizabeth Teagarden, Virginia Owen, Michael Wollinger

## Contact Us

For more information about how to get involved, volunteer opportunities and meeting topics, contact [Christine Cipriano](mailto:christine@charlotterotary.org), Executive Director, 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](https://www.flickr.com/photos/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 \(jotform.com\)](https://www.jotform.com)



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