



Upcoming Events

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

Tues., Aug. 12 - Weekly Meeting: How I Got Where I'm At (HIGWIA) featuring club members Carolyn Carlburg, Trina Fullard, and John Cantrell

Save the date! Sat., Sept. 27 - Club Event: Classroom Central, 9 a.m. –12 p.m., 2116 Wilkinson Blvd, Charlotte. Sign up [here](#). Details to come.

Save the date! Tues., Oct. 7 - Club Event: Rotary Club of Charlotte Garden Ribbon Cutting

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



District Governor's Visit Highlights by Layne McGuire

Our club recently welcomed Donna Moffett, District Governor for 2025–2026, who shared inspiring updates and goals for Rotary District 7680. With 54 clubs and 2,200 members spanning from South Carolina to the Virginia border, the district is focused on collaboration, continuity, and impactful service.

Governor Moffett presented several District Priorities for the Year.

- **Leadership & Continuity:** Emphasizing succession planning and leadership development.
- **Collaboration:** Encouraging partnerships with other clubs and nonprofits.
- **Targeted Service:** Focusing efforts for greater community impact.
- **Youth Engagement:** Reinvigorating Rotaract and Interact clubs, especially at UNC Charlotte and Davidson College.
- **Rotary Foundation:** Supporting global and district grants, including “A Promise Kept,” a new global grant aiding hurricane-affected small businesses in Western NC.
- **Membership Growth:** Aiming to increase district membership by 100.
- **Public Awareness:** Enhancing Rotary’s visibility through social media and storytelling. Only 18% of Americans understand what Rotary does—let’s change that!

Governor Moffett reminded us that Rotary’s vision is clear: “Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change—across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.” She urged us to continue to live that vision through service, leadership, and fellowship. **Click [here](#) to read more.**

A recording of the meeting can be found here:

This one is without the slides: <https://vimeo.com/1108204262?fl=pl&fe=sh>

This one is with the slides: <https://vimeo.com/1108201673?fl=pl&fe=sh>

Club News

Continued Prayers for Past President **Kim Brattain's** father, Dan Brattain, and her family. Kim's father recently suffered a fall that resulted in hip surgery. He is currently recovering but continues to face health challenges.

Prayers for **Marilynn Bowler's** daughter, Julie, who is seriously ill. Please keep the entire Bowler family in your thoughts and prayers as they currently have several family challenges.

Prayers for **Carla DuPuy** who experienced a fall and is undergoing tests. Please keep Carla in your thoughts during this time.

Prayers for **Joel Ford's** Father due to a recent health emergency. Please join us in sending strength and healing wishes to them all.



Rotary Foundation Giving: Celebrating Our Givers

The Rotary Foundation turns your generosity into real-world impact. From clean water and education to fighting polio worldwide, when you give, part of it comes back to our district to support local projects, too!

We're excited to recognize the members who have recently leveled up to their next Paul Harris Fellow status, marking milestones in cumulative giving that help fuel Rotary's mission.

Congratulations to the following members for their generosity and commitment:

- William Bradley - PHF +5
- Elly Clary - PHF +5
- David Erdman - PHF +6
- Paul Haddock - PHF +3
- Pender McElroy - PHF +8
- Mark Norman - PHF +7
- John Shell - PHF +8
- Alan Simonini - PHF +8
- Phil Volponi - PHF +3

Thank you for helping Rotary change lives - one gift at a time!



The Secret to Staying Sharp? Stay Social

Recently in Axios' Axios Finish Line (via The New York Times), is a report that "super-agers" (people in their 80s with the memory of someone 30 years younger) share one key trait: they love to socialize.

Northwestern researchers found regular connection with friends, family, and community protects the brain, lowers stress, and wards off decline.

Rotarians know this well — our meetings, projects, and fellowship keep us active, engaged, and connected.

Show up for Rotary, and you're not just helping the community... you might be helping your brain, too.



Pencils, Possibilities ... and Rotary Power

If you've driven past Classroom Central lately, you may have noticed a bold new burst of color on Wilkinson Blvd. Thanks to eight local artists, five of them CMS art teachers, a once-blank wall now bursts with "daydreamy doodles" designed to celebrate the impact of teachers and the endless possibilities school supplies create. The mural marks a milestone: Classroom Central has now distributed over \$100 million in free supplies to students and teachers since 2002. As Executive Director **Karen Calder** put it, "It's not just about the pencils – it's about the possibilities they create."

This September, the Charlotte Rotary will help create even more 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

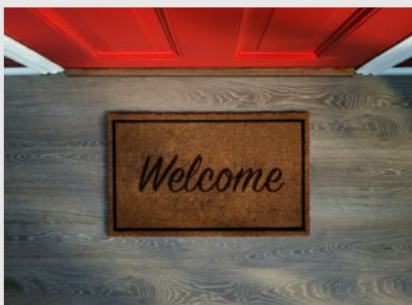
9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

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.



Carol Hardison to Speak on Affordable Housing

Club member and Crisis Assistance Ministry CEO **Carol Hardison** will join historian and author Tom Hanchett for *The History of Affordable Housing in Charlotte: Where We Are Today & How We Move Forward* on Sept. 18, 6:30–7:45 p.m. at Myers Park Presbyterian Church in Oxford Hall.

This timely conversation will explore Charlotte's housing history, current challenges, and future possibilities — a meaningful discussion for Charlotte Rotarians to join. **Click here to register.**



Kim Brattain Media Presents "Operation Helo: Blindsided"

Immediate Past President **Kim Brattain's** company, Kim Brattain Media, has produced a compelling short documentary titled *Blindsided*, highlighting Operation Helo, a grassroots rescue mission where helicopter pilots mobilized to save lives amid deadly mountain flooding caused by a hurricane.

When you think "hurricane," raging winds and stormy seas come to mind, not the unexpected flooding in the mountains or the swift, selfless response from these pilots. This story of service above self, a core Rotary value, is captured through raw cell phone footage, dramatic images from the operation, and stunning aerial videography.

Watch the full film [here](#) and support ongoing relief efforts by donating to the **Rotary Fund** established through the Foundation for the Carolinas.

[Donate to the Rotary District 7680 Fund Here](#)

Beyond the Club



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.



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Membership Update

07/01/2025 224
06/30/2025 234
08/05/2025 220 (resignation: Laura Little)

Meeting Attendance - Tuesday, August 5, 2025: 56

Guests in attendance: Charles DeLoach ([Woodson Bradley](#)), Libby Simonini ([Alan Simonini](#))

Milestones (Week of August 5 - 11)

Birthdays

12 - J Hill
12 - Alicia Morris Rudd
14 - Howard Hoyle

Rotary Anniversaries

8 years: Margaret Marshall

Wedding Anniversaries

14 - Kelly & Greg Reagan
15 - Deborah & Joel Ford
15 - Suzanne & Bill Nichols

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](#), Executive Director, 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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