



Upcoming Events

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Tues., July 29 - Weekly Meeting: I-77 South Express Lanes Project Update from Jenny Noonkester, AICP, Regional Discipline Leader, Transportation Development, RS&H and Felix Obregon, PE, Division 10 Engineer, NCDOT

Last week! July 29 - Electronics Donation Drive: Goodwill Industries of the Southern Piedmont Electronics Donation & Recycling. Details below.

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

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

This Week's Meeting



Tracy Dodson, COO, Charlotte Regional Business Alliance (CRBA)
by Elly Clary

"My passion is this community," declared the Charlotte Regional Business Council's chief operating officer. Tracy Dodson proceeded to spew eye-popping facts about the economy of Charlotte and its 14-county region.

Dodson left no doubt about her commitment to the mission of CRBA, formed in 2018 when the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce merged with the Charlotte Regional Partnership.

"We want to grow the economies, to be an advocate for business and convene stakeholders," she said. That includes business recruitment, promoting small businesses and research and marketing, while advocating for both Carolinas.

Dodson has lived here 33 years, initially arriving to attend the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. She has compiled decades of experience in economic and business development, research, marketing, communications and investor relations. She joined the CRBA from the City of Charlotte, where she was assistant city manager and director of economic development.

"So far this year, we have announced 2,500 jobs across the region," Dodson said. "We have 1,200 more in the pipeline." **Click here to read more.**

A recording of the meeting can be found here:

This one is without the slides: <https://vimeo.com/1104203722?fl=pl&fe=sh>

This one is with the slides: <https://vimeo.com/1104166426?fl=pl&fe=sh>

The program introduction starts at 19 minutes.



Thank you to Kevin Ellis and *Business North Carolina* for highlighting our recent Charlotte Rotary program featuring Tracy Dodson. We appreciate your coverage and support in sharing these important insights with the community!

Many thanks to Tony Mecia and *The Charlotte Ledger* for covering our recent Charlotte Rotary program and helping share timely insights with the broader community.

Club News

Prayers for Terri DeBoo's husband, Mark. Mark successfully underwent double bypass surgery and is recovering well. Please keep him and his family in your thoughts and prayers as he continues healing.

Member Update: Carol Ransone is recovering well from recent shoulder surgery and reports that her brother Eric has adjusted nicely to healthcare. She misses everyone and sends her regards!



Last week! Used Electronics Donation Drive: Let's Fill the Bin! What a great response! Let's keep the momentum going and aim to fill the entire bin this Tuesday!

Bring your used electronics! Goodwill accepts nearly anything with a cord, even if the cord is missing! Items are securely wiped (DoD-Level 3) or responsibly recycled, then sold at The GRID, Goodwill's tech store, to fund Goodwill's life-changing employment programs.

Visit goodwillsp.org or [click here](#) to learn more. What a great opportunity to change lives and clean out our homes.



Future Leader Shines at SFTL

Charlotte Country Day School rising senior Parker Justice recently represented our club at the Seminar for Tomorrow's Leaders (SFTL).

In a note to sponsor **Edwin Peacock**, Parker shared, "It was a truly amazing experience... I learned so much about leadership and myself and met some great people."

Congratulations on making the most of this opportunity and best wishes for a fantastic senior year Parker! Go Bucs!

Beyond the Club

Celebrating District Leadership Transition





This past Wednesday marked the official installation of the 2025–26 District Leadership Team. The luncheon included a special moment as District Governor 2024–25, Kevin Kendrick, passed the gavel and pin to District Governor 2025–26, Donna Moffett. We were also honored to have Zone Director Patrick Eakes join us for this important occasion.

Enjoy these photos capturing the celebration and smooth transition of leadership!



Membership Update

07/01/2025 224
06/30/2025 234
07/22/2025 223

Recommended for Membership (*comments to Rotary office by July 31, 2025*):

Leigh B. Altman, Vice Chair of Mecklenburg County Board of Commissioners

Sponsor: Dena Diorio

Endorsed: Phil Volponi and Bill Gill

Recommended for Membership (*comments to Rotary office by July 31, 2025*):

Sarah Martin Yost, Director of Business Development, Ferrara Buist Contractors

Sponsor: Tish Atkins Charles

Endorsed: Glenn Bouley and Michael Orzech

Meeting Attendance - Tuesday, July 22, 2025: 88

Guests in attendance: Leigh Altman ([Chris Thomas](#)), Val Boston, Betty Doster (Guest of the speaker), Kevin Ellis (media), Sara Gilbert-Kay ([Stuart Hair](#)), Jessica Helms ([Michael Orzech](#)), Tom Hunter ([Rob Thomas](#)), Tiffany Johnson ([Colleen Brennan](#)), DJ Nix ([Kathi Knier](#)), David Reboloso, Carolyn Saunders ([Chase Saunders](#)), Tanna Thomas ([Tish Atkins Charles](#)), Jennifer Thompson ([Stuart Hair](#))

Milestones

Birthdays

29 – Roger Sarow
31 – Karen Calder
31 – Donna Dunlap
31 - Adrienne-Elaine "AE" Lamptey
1 – Chuck Lew
3 – Lamar Thomas
4 – Mark Turner
4 – Paul Haddock

Wedding Anniversaries

29 – Whitney & Travis Vance
31 – Vicki & Chad Lloyd
2 – Catherine & Stanley Bracey
2 – Lori & Heath Keller

Rotary Anniversaries

8 years: Kyle Woodruff
3 years: Tracy Reading

2025 - 2026 Board Members

- President Patrick Baker
- President-Elect Bill Barte
- 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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