



Upcoming Events

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

Tues., August 5 - Weekly Meeting: Rotary District 7680 Governor Donna Moffett

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



Jenny Noonkester, AICP
Regional Discipline Leader,
Transportation Development
RS&H



Felix Obregon, PE
Division 10 Engineer
NCDOT

I-77 South Express Lanes Project Update
by Paul Bartholomy

Charlotte Rotary members gathered for an important and forward-looking presentation detailing the transformative I-77 South Express Lanes Project — a \$3.2 billion infrastructure initiative designed to improve mobility, safety, and reliability across a critical corridor.

Felix Obregon, PE, Division 10 Engineer with NCDOT, opened with a bold statement: "This is the most expensive project the North Carolina DOT has ever undertaken" — and for good reason. With Charlotte now ranked the 14th largest city in the United States, growth has brought undeniable traffic challenges.

The I-77 South Express Lanes Project spans 11 miles from the South Carolina state line to Uptown's Brookshire Freeway, introducing two express lanes in each direction, reconstructing 11 major interchanges, replacing bridges, and directly connecting to the I-485 Express Lanes system. [Click here to read more.](#)

A recording of the meeting can be found here:

This one is without the slides: <https://vimeo.com/1105612418?fl=pl&fe=sh>

This one is with the slides: <https://vimeo.com/1105610649?fl=pl&fe=sh>

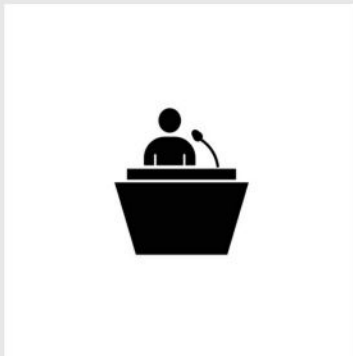
The program introduction starts at 26 minutes and 55 seconds.

Grateful to Tony Mecia and *The Charlotte Ledger* for helping amplify the key takeaways from our recent Rotary program with their excellent coverage.

Club News

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, and we send our warmest wishes for a smooth and steady healing process for him and comfort for the Brattain family during this time.

Prayers for [Terri DeBoo's](#) husband, Mark. He has successfully returned home following his double bypass surgery and is continuing his recovery. Please keep him and his family in your thoughts and prayers as he regains his strength.



Help Shape Our 2025–26 Programs!

Our new Program Chair, [Elizabeth Teagarden](#), is looking ahead to an exciting year of speakers.

A Rotarian since 1994, Elizabeth invites members to send her suggestions for dynamic, high-quality speakers. "If you can also connect me directly to them, even better," she says. While not every suggestion can be booked, the goal is to fill our calendar with speakers who inform and inspire.

Elizabeth's contact information is in [DACdb](#). Let's work together to make 2025–26 a year of outstanding programs!

Beyond the Club



Rotary's Vision Statement

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August is Membership Month – What Can You Do?

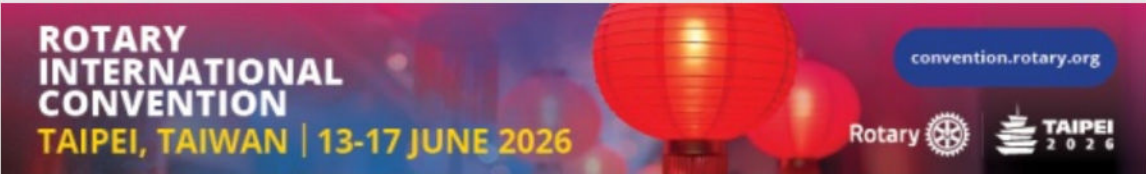
August is Rotary International’s Membership and New Club Development Month – a time to celebrate being a Rotarian and to take action to help our club grow stronger.

Here are a few simple ways you can participate this month:

- **Invite someone.** Think of a friend, neighbor, or colleague who shares your values of service and leadership. Personally invite them to visit a meeting with you.
- **Share your pride.** Let people know why you’re a Rotarian. Update your social media profile with an “I’m a Proud Rotarian” graphic and post a short note about why Rotary matters to you.
- **Tell your Rotary story.** Be ready with a quick personal story about a project, friendship, or moment that has meant the most to you in Rotary. Stories open doors.
- **Spread the word online.** Use the hashtag #WeAreRotary and share photos of yourself and our club in action—at meetings, service projects, and community events.
- **Learn from others.** Connect with Rotarians from around the world through the Membership Best Practices Discussion Group and pick up fresh ideas for engaging people.

Membership is everyone’s responsibility. When you take time to celebrate Rotary and share your experience, you help our club grow stronger and expand the impact we make together.

This August, don’t wait for the club to make a plan—make your own! Start by inviting one person to experience Rotary with you.



Membership Update

07/01/2025 224
06/30/2025 234
07/29/2025 221

Meeting Attendance - Tuesday, July 29, 2025: 100

Guests in attendance: Andrew Bateman ([Kim Brattain](#)), Jen Goodwin (Speaker Guest), PDG David Hare, Keith Powley ([Angela Powley](#)), Mauri Terry (Speaker Guest), Dr. Tommy Watson, Namrata Yadav, Sarah Yost ([Tish Atkins](#)), John zumBrunnen ([Bill Bartee](#))

Milestones

Birthdays

5 – John Nesbitt
6 – Patrick Baker
9 – Marilyn Bowler
9 – Virginia Owen
10 – Christine Cipriano
11 – Alex Wiltberger

Rotary Anniversaries

22 years: Edwin Peacock
22 years: Hunter Widener
21 years: Harriman Jett
4 years: Maggie Mitchem-Flanigan

Wedding Anniversaries

8 – Trina & Kevin Fullard

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



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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