



Upcoming Events

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

Tues., Aug. 26 - Weekly Meeting: Ashley Korizis, Regent, Halifax Convention Chapter of the National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR)



Push for Pencils Drive! - Each Tuesday in September: Bring a pack of pencils to each meeting in September to help support local classrooms. Let's make a difference, one pencil at a time!

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

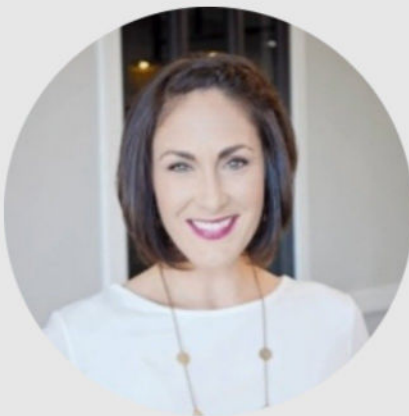
Tues., Oct. 7 - Club Event: Rotary Club of Charlotte Garden Ribbon Cutting. Details to come.

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



**Hannah Arrowood, Founder and Executive Director,
Present Age Ministries**
by Layne McGuire

Hannah Arrowood, founder and executive director of Present Age Ministries, a Charlotte-based nonprofit dedicated to combating human trafficking, spoke on Tuesday. With over 16 years of service in the region, Present Age has become a cornerstone in advocacy, prevention, and survivor support. Ms. Arrowood is also president of the Charlotte Metro Human Trafficking Task Force, which brings together multiple groups and agencies in the battle to fight trafficking. She shared powerful insights into the realities of trafficking in our community. North Carolina ranks among the top 10 states for human trafficking, with Charlotte leading as the most affected city in the state. The presentation emphasized that trafficking is not confined to specific neighborhoods but spans 38 zip codes across Mecklenburg County. [Click here to read more.](#)

A recording of the meeting can be found here:

Video with slides: <https://vimeo.com/1111730552?fl=pl&fe=sh>

Video without slides: <https://vimeo.com/1111736039?fl=pl&fe=sh>

Your introduction begins at about 25 minutes.





Club News

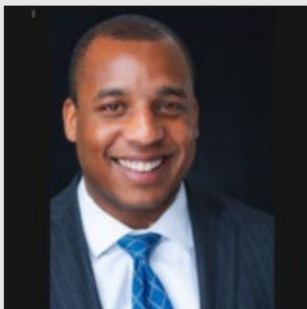


Celebrating 75 Years of Service – Congratulations, Martin!

This month we proudly congratulate Past President **K. Martin Waters Jr.** on his remarkable 75th anniversary as a Rotarian. Martin's lifelong dedication to "Service Above Self" is an inspiration to us all.

Martin, if you are reading this, know that your Charlotte Rotary family is honoring you in the best way we know how - Through action. Together, we are each committing to service in your honor, with the goal of equaling or exceeding 75 acts of service as a tribute to your extraordinary legacy (see the pencil drive below!).

Congratulations, Martin, and thank you for setting the standard for generations of Rotarians to follow! The Club is stronger because of you.



Congratulations to **Mordecai Scott**, Chair of our Leadership Impact Group, on his exciting new career opportunity that will take him to Pittsburgh, PA! We are grateful for his leadership and dedicated service to the Leadership Impact Group and the Charlotte Rotary.

Please join us in wishing Mordecai continued success and all the best in this next chapter.

Congratulations to Immediate Past President **Kim Brattain** who was recently recognized with the next level of Paul Harris Fellow recognition by Immediate Past District Governor Kevin Kendrick for her outstanding support of District 7680 during 2024-25 Rotary year.



Kim's leadership and service extended well beyond our club, from hands-on efforts like the Catawba River Clean Up, to championing the Rotary Foundation, to producing a powerful video highlighting the ongoing needs in Western North Carolina.

We are proud to celebrate Kim for her dedication and impact across the district!



Congratulations to **Lori Keeton**, who has been recognized in the 2026 edition of Best Lawyers in America® in four practice areas: Municipal Law, Litigation – Municipal, Personal Injury Defense, and Commercial Litigation Defense. This honor is especially notable as it is based entirely on peer review, with only about 5% of U.S. attorneys earning this distinction.

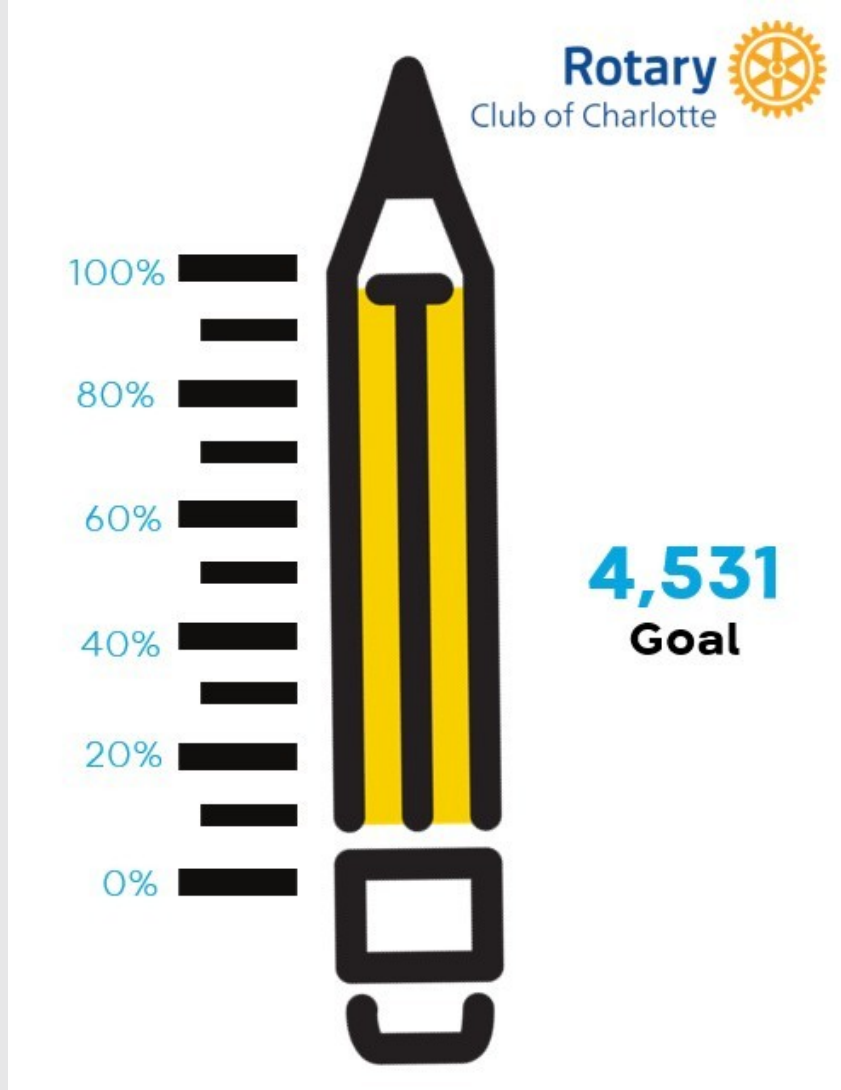
We are proud to have such accomplished leaders among our members.



Congratulations to our fellow Rotarian, **Greg Reagan, CPA/CFF/ABV, CFE, CVA**, who has been named by Forbes as one of America's Top 100 CPAs for Valuation Services!

This inaugural list honors professionals who exemplify expertise, innovation, thought leadership, experience, and community service. Greg is truly honored to be included among the nation's best in valuation.

Please join us in congratulating Greg on this outstanding achievement!



Pencils, Possibilities ... and Rotary Power - Contest Alert!

It's hard to believe, but school starts for CMS next week! For years, Charlotte Rotary has proudly partnered with **Classroom Central** to ensure students in need have the supplies required to learn and succeed. The #1 most requested school supply is a #2 pencil... and the average 5th grader uses between 28–48 pencils each year.

This September, we're stepping up with our **Push for Pencils Drive** to stock classrooms across the region. Each Tuesday, September 2–30, bring new pencils and essential supplies to our meetings to help fill the bins.

And we've added a fun challenge:

The current **Guinness World Record for the longest line of pencils is 4,530**, set in March 2024 by Wilfred and Inigo Ginn in the U.K. - a line stretching over half a mile! Our goal is to collect 4,531 pencils (or more!) to beat that record. That's just 378 packs of 12 pencils, about 75 packs per week. ***Can Charlotte Rotary do it? Can we be #1 with our #2's?***

Then, on Sat., Sept. 27th, we'll roll up our sleeves at Classroom Central 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.



THE FOUR-WAY TEST
Of the things we think, say or do:

- first** Is it the **TRUTH**?
- second** Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
- third** Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
- fourth** Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

Wear Your Rotary Pin with Pride!

Be sure to wear your Rotary pin for Tuesday's meeting... and every day for that matter!

Wearing your pin is a simple way to show your pride in being a Rotarian. It's also a great conversation starter. Friends, colleagues, or even strangers may notice and ask about it, opening the door to share what Rotary means to you and perhaps invite someone to join us.

Can't find your pin? No worries! We have extras available... We also have 4-Way Test cards on hand for you to keep or share with friends and neighbors. Just ask [Christine Cipriano](#), Executive Director, at a meeting.

Community Volunteer Opportunities

- Sat., Sept. 6: 8:30 AM - 2 PM: Volunteers are needed for the Parkinson Association of the Carolinas' Signature Symposium in Charlotte. [Click here to sign up.](#)
- Sun., Sept 14: 2-5 PM, St. Baldrick's Day Head Shave hosted by RiRa Irish Pub. [Click here for more information.](#)
- Mon., Sept. 29: 10 AM Registration, Noon Shotgun Start, South Meck Rotary's BMOF Golf Tournament, The Club At Longview, Waxhaw. [Click here to sign up.](#)

Beyond the Club



Rotary International Convention Highlights PolioPlus

A highlight of the Rotary International Convention was when Nancy Barbee, Rotary District 7730 and End Polio Now coordinator, carried the Olympic-style End Polio Now torch to open the House of Friendship. (Did you know Rotary uses this torch worldwide to raise awareness?)

General session speakers on Polio included WHO Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Ramesh Ferris, polio survivor and Rotarian, and Bill Gates, who announced an extension of the Gates Foundation's partnership with Rotary to end polio.

With record attendance at the PolioPlus breakout, Rotary's fight to make polio the second disease ever eradicated is stronger than ever.

You can be part of history. Support PolioPlus with your gift today and help us finish the fight to end polio.



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



Membership Update

07/31/2025 224

08/12/2025 218 (Resignations: LifeSpan (Ken Fuquay, Robin Devore, Sara Trexler, Barbara Wilson) and Mordecai Scott)

Meeting Attendance - Tuesday, August 19, 2025: 73

Guests in attendance: PDG Kevin Kendrick, Angie Lassiter (Speaker Guest), Sandra Moore (Luther Moore), Bob Morgan (Fred Wagner), John zumBrunnen (Charles Lew)

Milestones (Week of August 26 - September 1)

Birthdays

26 - Bill Constangy

Wedding Anniversaries

27 - Emmy Lou & Robert Burchette

30 - Marilyn & Roger Sarow

1 - Jeanne & Linwood Bolles

Rotary Anniversaries

29 years: David Zimmerman

24 years: David Erdman

22 years: Chris Kemper

9 years: Randall Mountcastle

4 years: Harriett Porter

1 year: Elizabeth Caspers

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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