



Upcoming Events

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

Tues., Sept. 2 - Weekly Meeting: Greg Reagan, Managing Director, Reagan FVL, LLC



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



Rotary Club Welcomes DAR Speaker for Inspiring Talk on Service and History

by Layne McGuire

This week's speaker was **Ashley Korizis, Regent, Halifax Convention Chapter of the National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution**. Ashley is a longtime friend of DAR Daughter and fellow Rotarian **Catherine Bracey**. Ms. Korizis gave the Club a history of the DAR and its focus. DAR is a nonprofit, nonpolitical lineage society founded in 1890. Ms. Korizis shared her journey from her childhood in Switzerland to discovering DAR's mission of historic preservation, patriotism, and education, which closely aligns with Rotary's own values of service. **Click here to read more.**

A recording of the meeting can be found here:

With Slides: <https://vimeo.com/1113676224?fl=pl&fe=sh>

Without Slides: <https://vimeo.com/1114285740?fl=pl&fe=sh>

The speaker's introduction starts at approximately 25 minutes and 20 seconds.

Sympathy goes to fellow Rotarian [Elizabeth Teagarden](#) on the passing of her beloved mother. Our thoughts and prayers are with Elizabeth and her family as they remember and honor her mother's life. Her obituary can be found [here](#).

Prayers continue for Past President [Marilynn Bowler](#) and her daughter, Julie. Julie has been transferred to rehab; however, she still faces significant health challenges. Please keep the family and specifically Marilynn and Julie in your thoughts during this difficult time.

Congratulations to Charlotte Rotarian [Scott Gakenheimer](#) on publishing his first book, a wealth management guide shaped by over 40 years of lessons from his personal investment journey. Framed as practical "to-do's" and "don't-do's," Scott offers readers a straightforward, disciplined approach to building long-term wealth. You can find his new release on Amazon [here](#).



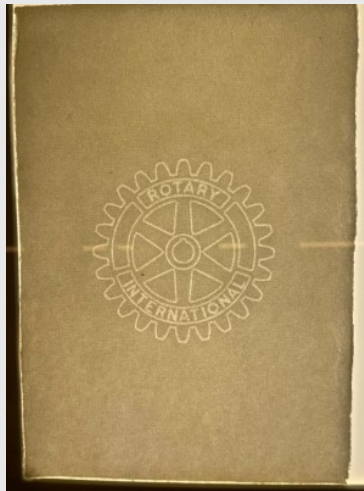
Welcome New Member, Sarah Martin Yost, Director of Business Development for Carolina-based commercial general contractor Ferrara Buist. Sarah has a gift for connecting with people, which makes business development a perfect fit. She lives in South Charlotte with her husband Josh, their children, four dogs, five chickens, and plenty of wildlife. In just a few weeks, Sarah will celebrate the arrival of her first grandchild, a little boy named Ranger. A lifelong runner, cook, and all-around "worker bee," Sarah enjoys family time, listening to worship music, and staying active outdoors. Rotary runs deep in her family: her father, Eric Martin, and grandfather, Spencer Martin, were both club presidents and Paul Harris Fellows. She has fond memories of volunteering with the Dallas Rotary Auction, the food booth at the county fair, and the Christmas Shopping Spree for families in need. Sarah is excited to continue that legacy of

service and roll up her sleeves with Charlotte Rotary to make a difference in our community.

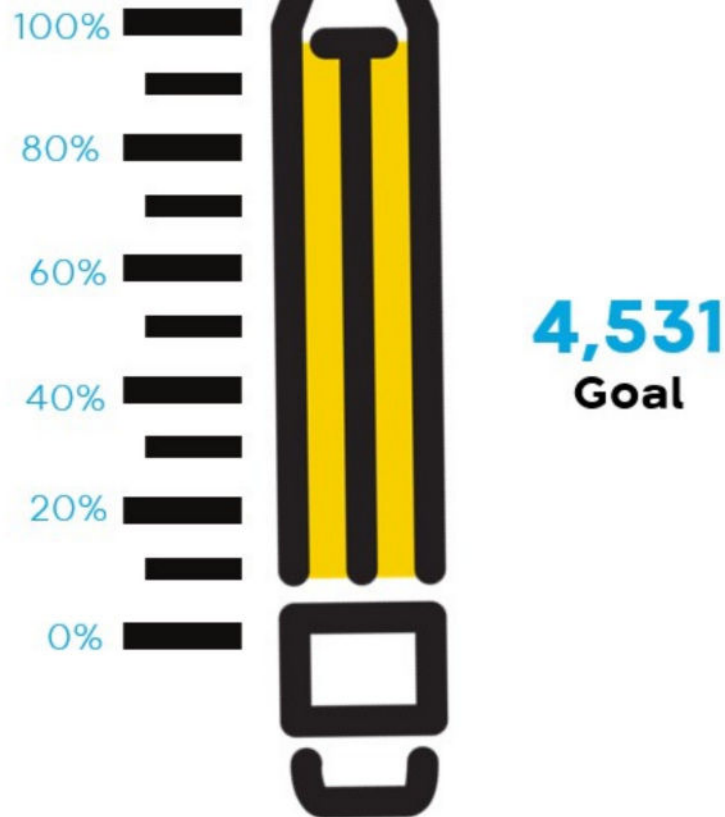




Congratulations to Charlotte Rotarian **Mike Connor**, his wife Dorothy, and their daughter Martha on reaching the summit of Mt. Kilimanjaro! An incredible accomplishment and adventure to remember.



While in Fabriano, Italy, **Karen Calder** had the chance to explore the art of paper making and was thrilled to spot the Rotary watermark used for club stationery. A wonderful reminder of Rotary's global presence and history!



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

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 backpacks.

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. Charlotte Rotarian **Mike Wollinger** has gotten us off to a tremendous start with his donation of 1,000 pencils. *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.

Rotary Insider Tips



The Rotary Directory at Your Fingertips!

Did you know our club roster is available online at any time?

Through **DACdb**, Rotary's online database, you can access member contact information, update your own profile, and explore club resources. It's a convenient way to stay connected and ensure your information is always up-to-date. Or...

For quick access on the go, check out the Ignite App, which links directly to DACdb and puts the entire club directory right in your pocket. With Ignite, you can search for fellow Rotarians, call or email directly from the app, and stay engaged wherever you are.

If you can retrieve this newsletter email, you already have the skills you need to log in and manage your information in DACdb. It's designed to be user-friendly, and support is always available if you need it.

DACdb has provided a **Member Quick Start Guide** - [Click here for step-by-step instructions](#). Or here is a quick overview:

DACdb: Our Online Club & District Directory -

DACdb (District and Club Database) is where you'll find:

- The entire club roster
- Contact information for members
- Event registrations & Rotary resources
- A place to keep your own profile up to date

How to Log In & Find a Member

1. Go to DACdb.com
2. Enter your username and password → click Login (Need help? Contact ED [Christine Cipriano](#))
3. At the top, click **My CLUB**
4. Choose either: "Members" – a searchable list OR "Member Cards" – printable roster view (in the left column under "My Club Navigation")
5. Search for the member you need and click their name for details

Pro Tip: Update your **My DATA** → Edit tab with your latest photo, title, and contact info.

Ignite App: Rotary in Your Pocket

Our district also subscribes to Ignite, a mobile app that connects directly to DACdb. With Ignite, you can:

- Search for Rotarians in your club
- Call, text, or email right from the app
- Record service hours & track your impact
- Contribute to **The Rotary Foundation** (it will automatically be credited to your member ID)
- Stay up to date on upcoming events

How to Get Ignite

1. Download "Ignite by Member Minder" from the App Store or Google Play
2. Sign in with your DACdb credentials (select our club if prompted)
3. Start connecting and serving—anytime, anywhere!

Whether you're new to Rotary or a longtime member, DACdb and Ignite help keep our Rotary family connected, informed, and ready to serve.

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



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MEMBERSHIP & FOUNDATION WORKSHOP

Join us in one of 5 locations across our District to learn NEW tools and tips for promoting Membership and your Rotary Foundation!

- 📅 September 6 2025
- 📍 A Location near You!
- 🕒 8:30 AM - 12:30PM

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DACdb.com

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District Membership Workshop – September 6

Our District's premier membership event is back!

Next Sat., Sept. 6, from 8:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m., Rotarians will gather at five convenient locations across the District to build practical Membership Growth Plans for their clubs.

Workshop Highlights:

- Date/Time: Sat., Sept. 6, 8:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
- Locations: 5 sites across the District
 1. Central Charlotte (Covenant Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall);
 2. Kings Mountain (Kings City Church)
 3. Lake Norman (Carolina Custom)
 4. North Wilkesboro (Dom's Bakery)

5. UC-Indian Trail (Town Hall)

- Open to anyone interested in building the membership in the club
- Format: Hands-on workbook session (no technology required)
- Outcome: A ready-to-implement Club Membership Growth Plan
- Cost: Free to attend
- Attendance: Over 100 Rotarians participated last year—expect the same strong turnout!

Register here: [Register](#)

Or contact ED, [Christine Cipriano](#), for more information.



Rotary  **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 220
08/26/2025 219

Meeting Attendance - Tuesday, August 26, 2025: 93

Guests in attendance: George Adams ([Bryan Adams](#)), Meg Adams ([Bryan Adams](#)), Karen Ames ([Catherine Bracey](#)), Rosella Bergen ([Catherine Bracey](#)), Lisa Dahlgren ([Charles Dahlgren](#)), Jeffrey Desvignes, Ann Erwin ([Mark Erwin](#)), Joy Poe ([Ken Poe](#)), Nancy Shaw ([Robert Shaw](#)), Linda Shell ([John Shell](#)), Fran Thomas ([Rob Thomas](#)), Janet Westbrook ([Catherine Bracey](#)), Beth Zeiss ([Tony Zeiss](#))

Milestones

(Week of September 2 - 8)

Birthdays

3 – John Clarkson
3 – Darrell McGill
4 – Martin Waters
5 – JD DuPuy
5 – Robert Freeman
5 – John Lassiter
6 – Margaret Donovan
7 – Susan Evans
7 – Ivan Mothershead
8 – Tom Blocker
8 – Patricia Shafter

Rotary Anniversaries

16 years (22 total): Elly Clary
14 years: Jerry Coughter
10 years (25 total): Greg Reagan

Wedding Anniversaries

5 – Marti & David Head
5 – Kim & Bill McMillan
6 – Shelley & Doug Dean

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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