



Upcoming Events

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Tues., Sept. 23 - Weekly Meeting: Will Pitts, CEO, Charlotte Sports Foundation



Every Tuesday in September: Charlotte Rotary is collecting pencils to help support local classrooms. Thank you for your response and keep up the great work!

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

IMPORTANT! *Tues., Sept. 30 - Weekly Meeting: Meeting location change!* Noble Smoke, 2216 Freedom Drive. The speaker is Chef Jim Nobles, Restaurant Owner, Minister, Nonprofit Leader of Charlotte Mecklenburg Dream Center.

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



Dr. Cheryl Richards, CEO, Catapult Employers Association
by Susie Masotti

Charlotte Rotary Club was pleased to have Cheryl Richards, CEO of Catapult Employers Association, serve as the guest speaker at the September 16th meeting of the Charlotte Rotary Club.

Dr. Tony Zeiss introduced Cheryl. He noted that Cheryl has spent more than 30 years in higher education, including when he hired her as Dean of the Cato Campus of Central Piedmont Community College. She also served at Johnson and Wales University (President) and as Founding CEO & Regional Dean of Northeastern

University, Charlotte. She brought extensive experience in workforce development as well as community engagement in providing upward mobility for literally thousands of people.

Cheryl began her remarks by acknowledging Dr. Zeiss for hiring her at CPCC, and he was a role model of the type of leader she wanted to be. Catapult was founded in the interest of creating an employer's association that provides resources to serve them. Catapult begins their process by finding out their plan so that they can better understand their needs and goals. Catapult provides member services that include 24/7 HR Advice, employment law, online HR tools as well as conferences that include events and peer networking. They also provide pre-employment screening, compensation consulting, learning and development for their employees, as well as strategic HR solutions providing them with outsourced and fractional HR services. [Click here to read more.](#)

Here is the recording:
With slides: <https://vimeo.com/1119237527?fl=pl&fe=sh>
Without slides: <https://vimeo.com/1119245709?fl=pl&fe=sh>
Your introduction begins at about 27 mins and 35 secs.

Club News

**PLEASE READ:
IMPORTANT
MESSAGE**

Special Meeting Location – September 30

Our Tuesday, September 30 meeting will be held at Noble Smoke, 2216 Freedom Drive, for this date only.

We are excited to welcome **Chef Jim Noble** as our guest speaker. Chef Noble is a well-known Charlotte restaurant owner, minister, and nonprofit leader with the **Charlotte Mecklenburg Dream Center**. Don't miss this special program and venue!

Congratulations to Charlotte Rotarian **Catherine Bracey** on the birth of her third grandchild, Imogene Hart "Immie" Chinery, born September 18th and weighing in at 9 pounds! Both mother and baby are doing well, and we celebrate this joyful addition to Catherine's family.

Celebrating Charlotte Rotarians on the difference they make!

We are thrilled to share that several of our own have been recognized by the Charlotte Business Journal on **The Power 100: Key Players Shaping Charlotte Since 2000**. *Congratulations* to **Dena Diorio**, **Ron Kimble**, honorary member **Pat McCrory**, **Dr. Tony Zeiss**, and our late member **Lynn Wheeler**. Their vision, leadership, and dedication have helped shape Charlotte - and we are proud to call them part of our Rotary family. [Click here to read the full article](#).



Volunteer with Rotary at Classroom Central!

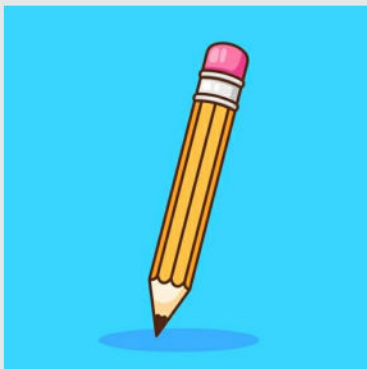
On Sat., Sept. 27, we'll roll up our sleeves and team up at **Classroom Central** to help pack bags for the Mobile Free Store. This is a wonderful hands-on way to make a difference for local students, and we need you there!

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, whether new or returning, must register individually through Classroom Central's new platform, which includes a waiver. **Registration will close one week before the event, and walk-ins cannot be accommodated.**

Let's fill the bins, pack the bags, and show students that Rotary cares: one pencil, one backpack, and one possibility at a time.



Push for Pencils: Keep Them Coming!

Charlotte Rotary members are doing an outstanding job supporting our Push for Pencils Campaign. The response has been strong, and we're well on our way to making a big impact for local students.

Let's keep the momentum going - every pencil counts! We are working together to make sure classrooms are stocked and ready for success. Bring in your pencils and help us keep pushing forward! Each Tuesday, September 2-30, bring new pencils and essential supplies to our meetings to help fill the backpacks.

Rotary Insider Tips

Rotary



The Four-Way Test

of the things we think, say or do

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

The Four-Way Test: A Guiding Principle for Rotarians

Since its creation in 1932, The Four-Way Test has been one of Rotary's most enduring touchstones - a simple yet powerful code of ethics for both personal and professional life.

Nonpartisan and nonsectarian, **the Four-Way Test** has been translated into more than 100 languages and is recited by Rotarians worldwide as a reminder of our shared values:

1. Is it the TRUTH?
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4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

These four questions are **more than words**; they guide us to act with integrity, build stronger friendships, and create lasting goodwill in our communities.

Beyond the Club

7680 **ROTARY101**

7680 *Rotary 101* Tuesday, September 23, 6:30 p.m.

New to Rotary? Or want to know more? – This is for you!
You are part of a group whose impact reaches around the world through local community service from our 1.4 million members in 200+ countries.

Join us for "Rotary 101", a virtual tour of Rotary and Rotarians that will inspire you to engage even more in the Rotary community. It will start you on an incredible learning journey. **Click here to register.**



World Polio Day: 40 Years of Rotary's Promise

Why should Rotary members continue to care about polio eradication and World Polio Day?

The answer is simple: Rotary made a promise to the children of the world that no child should suffer from this vaccine-preventable disease.

On October 24, Rotary marks **World Polio Day**, a global call to action reminding us of our promise: no child should suffer from polio. Clubs worldwide host events, raise awareness, and support the **End Polio Now** campaign because a polio-free world is within reach.

This year is especially meaningful as Rotary celebrates 40 years of leadership in polio eradication.

We're asking every Rotarian to give \$40 for 40 years. As of August 31, District giving totals \$9,874 toward our \$100,000 goal. Leading clubs include Charlotte Dilworth, Charlotte, Cabarrus County, and North Wilkesboro.

Polio remains endemic only in Afghanistan and Pakistan, but outbreaks still occur in under-immunized areas. Your participation and support will help Rotary keep its promise to the world's children.

Membership Update

07/01/2025 224
 08/31/2025 221
 09/16/2025 218 (Resigned: Margaret Donovan, Carol Ransone)

Meeting Attendance - Tuesday, Sept. 16, 2025: 97

Guests in attendance: Peggy Covington ([Tara Terry](#)), Taylor Gloyd, Jon Kaye, Dana Klein, Fletcher McNeil ([Alan Simonini](#)), Jo-Ellen McQuade ([Trina Fullard](#)), Bryan Scharf ([Terri DeBoo](#)), Libby Simonini ([Alan Simonini](#))

Milestones (Week of September 23 - 29)

Birthdays

26 – Denise Cubbedge
 27 – Harriman Jett
 27 – Tod Thorne
 27 – Josh Wood

Rotary Anniversaries

63 years: Helmut Deussen
 11 years: Tim Chappell
 3 years: Mike Connor
 1 year: Hallie Rojas

Volunteer Opportunites

- Saturday, Oct. 4 - The Catawba Riversweep. 9 a.m. - 12 p.m., [Click here to learn more and to register for Riversweep](#)
- Saturday, Oct. 4 - Headstone Cleaning at Historic Matthews Cemetery. 9 a.m. - 12 p.m., 291 Pleasant Hill Drive, Matthews, [Register here](#). Question? Contact HL@MeckNC.gov

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](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](#) 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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