



Upcoming Events

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

Tues., Sept. 9 - Weekly Meeting: *Joel Sosebee, Director of Client Success, AT-NET on Cyber Crime and Tech Updates*



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!*

Tues., Sept. 23 - District Event: *Rotary 101, 6:30–7:45 p.m., Virtual Meeting. Register here.* Details below.

Sat., Sept. 27 - Club 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 - September 30 only!** 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.* 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



Greg Reagan, Managing Director, Reagan FVL, LLC
by Elly Clary

Numbers lie, forensic accounting expert **Greg Reagan** knows. A certified public accountant, his specialty is delivering expert testimony in financial litigation.

"I'm sad to tell you we're rarely given a financial document that tells the truth," said Reagan, managing director of Reagan FVL, LLC.

Reasons vary. Among them are small business owners trying to reduce their taxes or firms cooking the books to look better for a sale. Not every company or business owner falsifies finances, he said, "but it's more prevalent than you'd like to think."

A former Rotary president in Birmingham, AL, Reagan joined Charlotte Rotary after moving here. A CPA's duty is to protect his client's financial wherewithal, but the work must be objective and non-biased, he said, citing the Rotary 4-Way Test as a guide. **Click here to read more.**

A recording of the meeting can be found here:

Club News



Welcome New Member: Pam Glass Welcome to **Pamela R. Glass**, Vice President of Development at Holy Angels. With more than 20 years of nonprofit leadership, Pamela has led fundraising strategies, built corporate and community partnerships, and advanced mission-driven initiatives with a collaborative and strategic approach. She has held leadership roles with Habitat for Humanity, the Junior League, local education and hospital boards, PTOs, HOAs, and faith-based committees, reflecting her deep commitment to service. Originally from southwestern Pennsylvania, Pam has called Denver, North Carolina, home for 18 years. She is the proud mother of three children attending or graduated from NC State, UNC Chapel Hill, and UNC Wilmington. Pamela holds a Master's in Urban and Regional Planning from the University of Pittsburgh and a Bachelor's in Political Science from Washington & Jefferson College. *Please join us in warmly welcoming Pam to our club!*



Congratulations to our fellow Rotarian, **Bryan Adams**, who has been recognized once again in the 2026 edition of The Best Lawyers in America. Bryan is being honored in three categories: Litigation - Labor and Employment, Labor Law – Management, and Employment Law – Management.

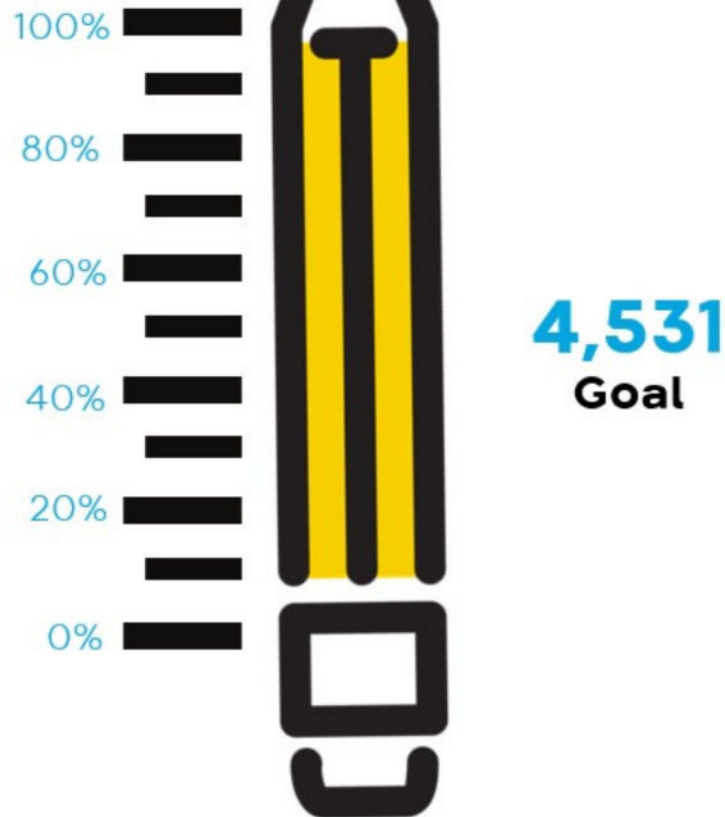
Bryan has been consistently recognized in this prestigious publication since 2012, a true reflection of his peers' respect and his outstanding commitment to excellence. *Congratulations to you, Bryan, on this well-deserved honor!*



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!



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. **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 place to go for all things Rotary

ROTARY.ORG and MY ROTARY

You might find yourself wondering....

What is the difference between Rotary.org and MyRotary.org?

Rotary.org provides information for the public, program participants, and other nonmembers. It describes our programs and initiatives and also includes content of interest to members, like the latest Rotary news and online giving opportunities.

- Serves as the official global website for Rotary International
- General Information about Rotary's mission
- Welcomes potential members, and anyone interested in learning about Rotary work.

Rotary's official website for members, **My Rotary**, offers information about membership, scholarships, Rotary events, and stories of Rotary service and other activities all over the globe. When you register for a **My Rotary account**, you gain access to a variety of resources:

- **Foundation Giving** — Your "My Rotary" account allows you to see and download copies of your Foundation donations.
- **Brand Center** — Find downloadable messaging and visual guidelines along with customizable materials you can use to promote the club, projects, and programs.
- **Club Finder** — Whether you're traveling across town or around the globe, find a club to visit.
- **Grant Center** — Apply for and manage your club's grants.
- **Learning Center** — Take online courses about Rotary and professional development topics.
- **Rotary Club Central** — See your Rotary club's profile and goals.

With a **My Rotary account**, you can also register for international events and network with other professionals. To learn how to get a My Rotary account, click here for step-by-step instructions: **How to Create a My Rotary Account**.

Beyond the Club

Olayinka Hakeem Babalola to Lead Rotary International in 2026–27

Rotary International has selected **Olayinka Hakeem Babalola** of the Rotary Club of Trans Amadi, Nigeria, as president for 2026–27. A Rotarian since 1994, Babalola has served as district governor, Rotary International vice president, and on the RI Board, as well as contributing to Rotary's End Polio Now efforts.

An engineer and business leader, Babalola is also a strong supporter of **The Rotary Foundation** and recipient of Rotary's highest honors for service. He and his wife, Preba, live in Port Harcourt, Nigeria.



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.](#)

HOW ROTARY REMAINS FOCUSED ON PEACE BUILDING

**JOIN THE WEBINAR
21 SEPTEMBER 2025
5:00 PM EDT (GMT-4)**

**HOSTED BY
STEPHANIE URCHICK**

REGISTER NOW

[TINYURL.COM/ROTARY-PEACE-BUILDING](https://tinyurl.com/rotary-peace-building)

Rotary Remains Focused on Peace-Building

On Sunday, Sept. 21, 2025, join **Past Rotary International President Stephanie Urchick** and special guests for a powerful online program celebrating the International Day of Peace.

Hear from Rotary leaders including PDG Robert Friend, Rebecca Crall, Larry Strober, and RI Director Patrick Eakes as they share inspiring insights on peacebuilding initiatives. From the Opus for Peace and the Peace Activator Program to Peace Poles plus how Zones 33/34 are leading the way.

September 21, 2025, Online. Register here.

All are welcome! Invite friends, colleagues, and family to celebrate peace with Rotary!

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

Membership Update

07/01/2025 224

08/31/2025 221

09/02/2025 221 (Resigned: Mordecai Scott)

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

Tchernavia Montgomery, CEO, Care Ring

Sponsor: Will Hadley

Endorsed: Dena Diorio and PDG Kevin Kendrick

Meeting Attendance - Tuesday, Sept. 2, 2025: 84

Guests in attendance: Melinda Barb ([Greg Reagan](#)), Robyn Hazel ([Greg Reagan](#)), Daniel Holden ([Mark Turner](#)), Lynda Lewis ([Greg Reagan](#)), Kerri Massey ([Pam Glass](#)), Samantha Story ([Pam Glass](#))

Milestones (Week of September 9 - 15)

Birthdays

9 – Colleen Brannan
9 – Robert Shaw
10 – Ariel Hausman
11 – Bryan Adams
11 – John Armistead
12 – Helen Verkamp
13 – Mike Connor
15 – Katie Tyler

Rotary Anniversaries

28 years: Rob Thomas
20 years: Steve Meckler
9 years: Parker Cains
8 years: Ann Clark

Wedding Anniversaries

10 – Libby & Alan Simonini
11 – Meg & Bryan Adams
12 – Linda Gallehugh & Elly Clary
13 – Kathi & John Knier
14 – Elsie & Will Barnhardt

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

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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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