



Upcoming Events

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

December Service:

- **The Salvation Army Bell Ringing.** Bell ringing begins this week. See details below, or contact [Mark Norman](#) with questions.
- **Christmas Morning Breakfast at Charlotte Rescue Mission.** See details below.

Tues., Dec. 2 - Weekly Meeting: William McKee, CEO, Knowmad Digital Marketing

Tues., Dec. 2 - Giving Tuesday. Consider supporting The Rotary Foundation with a gift. [Click here to donate.](#)

Tues., Dec. 9 - Weekly Meeting: Panel: Good Friends and Good Fellows moderated by Nancy McNealis

Dec. 15 - Price increase for Rotary International Conference

Tues., Dec. 16 - Weekly Meeting: Dr. Will Kohlway, Extension Specialist for Christmas Tree Production & Marketing at NC State University. Joined by Santa Claus and a holiday Sing Along!

Thurs., Dec. 18 - Club Social: Swing Into the Season at the club Holiday Party, 6–8 p.m., InTown Golf Club, 4425 Sharon Rd, Suite M200A.

Thurs., Dec. 25 - Volunteer Opportunity: Christmas Morning Breakfast at Charlotte Rescue Mission 6:00–8:30 a.m., 907 W. 1st St., Charlotte, NC 28202. Dress Attire: Black pants and white shirt. 20 volunteers are needed. Please confirm your attendance by signing up at <https://vhub.at/charlotterotaryclub> or email [Tracy Reading](mailto:Tracy.Reading@treading1@mac.com) at treading1@mac.com. Tracy will sign you up. He will need the following from you. Full Name, Home Address, Email Address, DOB. It's imperative we officially sign up all volunteers prior to the event.

Tues., Jan. 6 - Club Event: American Red Cross Blood Drive

This Week's Meeting



Barbara Bleiweis, Chair of the North Carolina Soil and Water Conservation Commission
by Paul Bartholomy

Barbara Bleiweis delivered a powerful and eye-opening program this week, giving Rotary members a front-row look at the past, present, and future of North Carolina's natural resources. As the Chair of the North Carolina Soil and Water Conservation Commission and current President of the NC Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts, she brought undeniable passion and urgency to the room. Her "triple crown" of statewide leadership, combined with her hands-on experience as an elected Mecklenburg Soil and Water Supervisor, made for a presentation rich in insight and real-world stories about a rapidly changing state. She reminded us that Charlotte's booming

growth is a blessing, but one that requires thoughtful stewardship to protect our air, soil, water, and open space.

Barbara brought history to life as she walked us through the 88-year evolution of soil and water

conservation, beginning with the devastation of the Dust Bowl. She highlighted North Carolina's deep agricultural roots, the creation of the state's first conservation districts, and the enduring importance of regenerative farming – long before the term became trendy. There was noteworthy spotlight on Mecklenburg's small farms, century farms, and innovative programs like aquaponic systems in local schools. These initiatives, she explained, not only strengthen food security but also help young people understand where their food truly comes from. [Click here to read more.](#)

Here are the recordings:

With slides: <https://vimeo.com/1140842315?fl=pl&fe=sh>

Without slides: <https://vimeo.com/1140842518?fl=pl&fe=sh>

The speaker's introduction starts at about 26 minutes.





Club News

Prayers for **Shelley Dean** as she has been navigating a serious family and health situation, which has kept her temporarily away from club meetings. Shelley has asked that the club keep her family and others impacted by severe mental illness — and those advocating for the care they need — in our collective thoughts and prayers. She sends gratitude for Rotary’s strength and all of us standing together through all of life’s moments.



Giving Tuesday is a global day of generosity when we all come together to make a collective impact. This year, consider making a special gift to **The Rotary Foundation**. Your support helps fund sustainable projects that create positive change in communities around the world. Together, we can continue Doing Good in the World.



The Salvation Army

For the 31st year, Charlotte Rotary will support The Salvation Army by ringing bells on Trade & Tryon and also at Truist Ballpark on Dec 3, 4, 5, 6 and 10. We will be selling raffle tickets on Dec 2, 9 and 16 to provide financial support to the Army. Participants will be eligible for some great prizes.

The Salvation Army provides services for homelessness, emergency response, Christmas assistance and youth programs. Below is a highlight of youth services.

- Since 1934, The Salvation Army supports children and teens through its Red Shield Youth Centers and summer camps; providing safe, nurturing spaces to build character, confidence and life skills.
- The Salvation Army has 2 Red Shield Youth Centers serving Sedgfield on Marsh Rd and another serving the Belmont community near Plaza Midwood.
- The youth and teens meet daily and receive support on homework, financial literacy, career education, healthy lifestyle programming and recreation.



Christmas Morning at Charlotte Rescue Mission

Join Charlotte Rotary in continuing its cherished tradition of volunteering at the Charlotte Rescue Mission Christmas morning breakfast! Help serve breakfast, coffee, and juice and spread joy to residents and the community on this special morning.

At least 20 volunteers are needed to make the morning unforgettable. If you're interested, please confirm your attendance by signing up at the link below, or email [Tracy Reading](mailto:TracyReading@treading1@mac.com) at treading1@mac.com directly so he can help you sign up.

Here are the details:

- Date: December 25, 2025
- Time: 6:00 AM – 8:30 AM
- Location: 907 W. 1st St., Charlotte, NC 28202
- Parking is at Community Matters Cafe, then you will walk down the Parking Lot to the CRM Beatty Center.
- Dress Attire: Black pants and a white shirt

Sign Up Here: <https://vhub.at/charlotterotaryclub>

Insider Tips

Charlotte Rotary Insider Tip: Guests at meetings!

Guests are welcome at every meeting — seriously, anytime! Are you bringing a friend, a coworker, a neighbor, or a future Rotarian? Do it! We always save a seat for guests.

Attendance cost: \$30 per person. Ways to pay:

1. They pay during registration or when they arrive to the meeting.
2. You cover it either:
 - During registration or
 - Charge it to your member account.

Skip the lobby line! **Pre-register your guest** by clicking below to log them in early — no waiting for a name tag at the door, no badge suspense, no hunger delays.

Click to register your guest ahead of time

Beyond the Club

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District 7680

NEWSLETTER



#PeopleOfAction #ServiceAboveSelf #ProudRotarian

Be sure to check out the latest **District 7680 newsletter** for updates, opportunities, and Rotary news from across the district. It's a quick read and full of great info!



Price increase on December 15th!

Join Us in Taipei! Register for the Rotary International Convention

Rotarians from around the world will gather in Taipei, Taiwan, for the 2026 Rotary International Convention, and you won't want to miss it! This is your chance to connect with fellow Rotarians, attend inspiring sessions, and experience the rich culture, cuisine, and energy of one of Asia's most vibrant cities.

From networking with global leaders to discovering innovative service ideas, the Convention is an unforgettable opportunity to celebrate Rotary's impact while exploring new ways to make a difference in your community and beyond.

Don't wait—register today and be part of this extraordinary global gathering! Registration cost increases on Dec. 15. For more information and registration details, visit **Rotary International Convention**.

Membership Update

07/01/2025 224
10/31/2025 217
11/25/2025 215

Meeting Attendance - Tuesday, Nov. 25, 2025: 75

Guests in attendance: Howard Joyce ([Richard Malnati](#)), Theresa Joyce ([Richard Malnati](#)), Sherry Keller ([Lori Keller](#)), William McNamara ([John Galles](#)), EC Myers ([David Zimmerman](#)), Anthony Weiss, Andrew Wiley ([Mark Norman](#))

Milestones

(Week of Dec. 2 - 8)

Birthdays

3 – Steve Meckler
5 – David Head
5 – Kyle Woodruff
7 – Terri-Lynn Fite

Rotary Anniversaries

25 years (32 total): Cynthia Marshall
23 years (33 total): Floyd Davis

Wedding Anniversaries

5 - Catherine & Bob Finley

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, 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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