



THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

March 3, 2026

2025-2026 Board Members

President Patrick Baker

Pres Elect Bill Barte

Past Pres Kim Brattain

Secretary Bill Gill

Treasurer Craig Field

Exec Dir Christine Cipriano

Directors 2024-2026

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John Cantrell

Tish Atkins Charles

Dena Diorio

Jesse Hite

Virginia Owen

Directors 2025-2027

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Karen Calder

J Hill

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Shelley Dean

Programs

Elizabeth Teagarden

STATE OF THE CLUB

by **Paul Bartholomy**

This week at the Rotary Club of Charlotte, members gathered for an important "State of the Club" update led by **President Patrick Baker** and members of the Board. The presentation highlighted insights from a recent member survey, financial updates, and the club's strategic vision for the coming years. The survey, completed by approximately half of the membership, provided valuable feedback about engagement, programming, service opportunities, and the overall member experience. Encouragingly, a strong majority of members expressed positive feelings about the club and its impact in the community, while also identifying areas where the club can grow stronger.

Treasurer Craig Field provided a financial overview, noting the club's strong history and resilience through the COVID years. While membership changes and rising costs have recently created financial pressure, the club maintains healthy reserves and remains well-positioned to take proactive steps toward long-term sustainability. Leadership emphasized that this moment represents an opportunity to strengthen membership, engagement, and participation to ensure the club continues thriving for years to come.

Board members also shared details from a recent strategic visioning session conducted with guidance from Rotary International. The effort identified five key pillars that will guide the club's next phase: Engagement, Membership, Adaptation, Reach, and Impact. Members were invited to help shape the future of the club by participating in initiatives connected to these pillars.

President-Elect Bill Barte closed the program with an inspiring look ahead, reminding members that Rotary's greatest strength is the people in the room. By showing up, participating, and inviting others to join, members help ensure that the Rotary Club of Charlotte continues to grow its influence and service in the community. As the club moves forward together, the message was clear: the future of Charlotte Rotary is bright, and the work ahead will be both meaningful and rewarding.

The recording can be found here:

With slides: <https://vimeo.com/1170394977?fl=pl&fe=sh>

Without slides: <https://vimeo.com/1170395382?fl=pl&fe=sh>

The program begins at about 24 minutes and 10 seconds.