



## Upcoming Events

*A complete list of upcoming events can be found on the Rotary Club of Charlotte website under [Upcoming Events](#)*

**Tues., July 16 - Weekly Meeting:** Keith Stanley, President & CEO, University City Partners

**Thurs., July 25 - Club Social:** Service and Social at The Auto Pour, 5033 South Blvd., 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Join Charlotte Rotary for wine and friendship and donations for Dove's Nest. [Click here to sign up.](#)

**Fri., Aug. 2 - Club Invoices Due**

**Save the Date! Wed., Aug. 28 - Leadership Impact Group Volunteer Opportunity:** American Red Cross Blood Drive, 1:30 - 6 p.m., Fairfield Inn & Suites Charlotte Uptown, 201 S. McDowell St.

**Time to signup! Fri., Sept. 13 - Club Signature Project: First Responders Scholarship Luncheon,** Help us help the people who save lives and protect us. See details below. [Click here for registration.](#)

## This Week's Meeting



### ***SHE IS RAMONA AND SHE IS FABULOUS*** by [Marilynn Bowler](#)

Beloved by an army of those seated in the filled ballroom at Charlotte Rotary on Tuesday, [Ramona Holloway](#) shared the story of her journey alongside her mother ("Wheezy") during the years Ramona became caretaker and, in a reverse role, "mother" to the woman who had raised her. The Alzheimer's which took her beloved Mom's life did not take her self-respect because Ramona refused to let that happen.

Stating unequivocally that she is not an expert on dementia, Ramona spoke eloquently and candidly about her decision to move her mother into her home ~ at first due to required back surgery and then in order to oversee Wheezy's dementia care ~ as together they traveled the journey none of us wish for and all of us dread. And yet, her message was one of hope and, in the end, quiet peace. [Click here to read more.](#)

[Click here for a recording of the meeting.](#) The speaker's introduction begins at approximately 17 minutes and 28 seconds.



# Club News



**Welcome Trina Fullard!** Trina was born and raised in a small suburb of Pittsburgh, PA. She holds a B.A. in Psychology from Washington and Jefferson College and a master's in Rehabilitation Counseling from the University of Maryland. A Licensed Clinical Addiction Specialist and Certified Clinical Supervisor, Trina began her career aiding adolescents and working in substance use disorder treatment. After moving to Charlotte in 1997, she spent 21 years at McLeod Addictive Disease Center, rising to Vice President of Clinical Services. She has been active in community engagements including, the Mecklenburg County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council, Central Piedmont Community College Human Services Advisory Committee, North Carolina Juvenile Services Association Board,

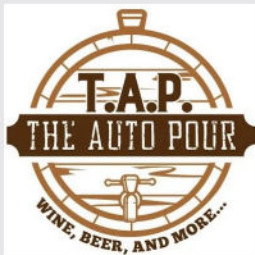
and Police Activities League Planning Committee. Her training audiences have included the Piedmont Area Substance Abuse Professionals, NC Juvenile Services Association, Mecklenburg County Health Department, McLeod Center Professional Training Series, Goodwill Industries of NC, and the Addiction Professionals of NC organization. Trina joined Charlotte Rescue Mission in 2019/ Prior to becoming CEO in June 2024, she was the organization's first Chief Program Officer. Trina and her husband, who met in college, have three adult children and enjoy sports, travel, and hosting gatherings. *Once again, welcome Trina!*



### **Chris Thomas in SouthPark**

Congratulations to our fellow Charlotte Rotary Club member, Chris Thomas, on his fantastic interview featured in SouthPark Magazine. Chris's insights and achievements, highlighted in the article, are truly inspiring and a testament to his dedication and hard work. We are proud to have him as part of our Rotary family.

**Click here to read the full interview.**



**Service and Social at The Auto Pour**, 5033 South Blvd., Thurs., July 25, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Join Charlotte Rotary for a glass of wine and support **Dove's Nest - Women's Addiction Recovery Center**, a faith-based, free, residential recovery program for women and their children ages 3-11. Bring a donation to be delivered to Dove's Nest the next day. Donations are also being accepted at the next two meetings.

The Top 5 needs for Dove's Nest include:

- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Body Lotion
- Body Wash
- Women's Underwear Size 5-9

Come and enjoy an evening of wine and friendship with Rotary. It's the perfect opportunity to relax, connect, and celebrate our commitment to service by contributing to women in need. Contact **Tish Atkins Charles** at [charlestish22@gmail.com](mailto:charlestish22@gmail.com) for more information. [RSVP here](#) and indicate if you will bring an [appetizer](#).



### *Quarterly Club Invoices*

Since emails sent from DACdb sometimes go to your Spam Folders, please note that the quarterly invoices were sent out on July 3rd and are due on August 2nd. Please check your email for the invoice details and ensure timely payment to keep our club's activities and initiatives running smoothly.

If you have any questions or need assistance, feel free to reach out to our Executive Secretary, [Christine Cipriano](mailto:christine@charlotterotary.org) at [christine@charlotterotary.org](mailto:christine@charlotterotary.org). Thank you!

## Rotary Club of Charlotte's 22nd Annual

# First Responders Scholarship Luncheon 2024



### **When:**

**Friday**

**9/13/2024**

12:00 - 2:00 pm

Join us for:

Lunch

Speakers

Live & Silent Auction

### **Where:**

**Charlotte  
City Club**

Charlotte City Club  
121 W Trade St,  
32nd Floor  
Charlotte, NC 28202

### *Announcing the First Responders Scholarship Luncheon*

Join us for a special luncheon dedicated to honoring our brave first responders and supporting the Rotary Club of Charlotte's 22nd Annual First Responders Scholarship Event.

Help us help the people who save lives and protect us.

After 9-11, the Rotary Club of Charlotte began a scholarship fund for children of those who protect and serve. Since 2002, we've raised more than \$1,000,000 and awarded over 90 multi-year college scholarships to families of our Charlotte-Mecklenburg first responders.

### Why Attend?

- Support a Noble Cause: Provides an opportunity to show appreciation for the steadfast dedication from our local first responders.
- Show Appreciation: Acknowledge the hard work and dedication of our local heroes.
- Engage with the Community: Strengthen your ties with the community and fellow Rotary members.

How to Attend: Space is limited - Charlotte Rotarians are invited to sign up first. Confirm your attendance by [registering here](#). Sponsorships available.

Let's come together to make this event a success and show our unwavering support for our first responders. Mark your calendars and join us for an afternoon of gratitude, inspiration, and community spirit.

Contact Information: Christine Cipriano, Rotary Club of Charlotte, 1850 East 3rd St., Suite 220, Charlotte, NC 28204-3455, [christine@charlotterotary.org](mailto:christine@charlotterotary.org) or 704-375-6816

## Rotarians Out and About



Rotarians are active throughout Charlotte!

The recent Chamber of Commerce Newsletter highlights our own Tish Atkins Charles, a Chamber ambassador, supporting the new local business, Taylor's Pro Tax & Beyond. Good luck to them!

## Beyond the Club

**Happy News!** Jenny Kendrick, wife of our new District Governor, Kevin Kendrick, has "graduated" to an acute care in-house rehab facility. She will have therapy each day, both physical and occupational. Kevin is so grateful for how far she has come and your support and prayers along the way.



### *Duke-UNC Rotary Peace Center*

As the past Host Area Coordinator for the Duke/UNC Rotary Peace Center, Scott Reynolds, from the Shelby Breakfast Club, was responsible for stocking a warehouse with slightly used furniture in good condition for the Fellows at the Peace Center. Since the Fellows arrive with suitcase, the coordinators help them to furnish their apartments and in some cases find bikes too.

This year the Peace Center is receiving 11 new Fellows and unfortunately with the lingering impacts of COVID, inflation and other things affecting the economy it has become harder for the new Host Area Coordinator to find donations to stock the warehouse.

The Peace Center is short of furniture for about four apartments. Below are some of the needs. This is a great opportunity for a club member or spouse to do a little remodeling and help out a Peace Fellow. The apartments are small, so the furniture needs to be smaller in scale too.

- Loveseats
- Upholstered chairs
- Ottomans
- Side tables
- Small four person kitchen tables
- Double or queen beds
- Small dressers
- Nightstands
- Desks and chairs
- Lamps, lamps, lamps
- Items to stock a kitchen
- Cleaning supplies

Scott is willing to work with you to help pick up and store times - his number is 919-210-3779.

## Membership Update

07/01/2024 249

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07/09/2024 247 (New member: Trina Fullard, Resignations: JC Cousar, Stephanie Scholler Hinrichs)

Meeting Attendance - Tuesday, July 9, 2024: 98

Guests in attendance: Alex Browning ([Bryan Adams](#)), J Hill ([Woodson Bradley](#)), Emily Hull ([Helen Verkamp](#)), Jan Ivey ([Marilynn Bowler](#)), Emily Nantz ([Marilynn Bowler](#)), Natalie Norman ([Kim Brattain](#)), Mordecai Scott (Leadership Impact Group), Isabella Warner (Club Guest), Velva Woollen ([Carla DuPuy](#))

## Milestones (Week of July 16)

### Birthdays

17 - Tom Cottingham

17 - Peirce Ward

21 - John Phillips

### Wedding Anniversaries

19 - Joy & Ken Poe

20 - Sally & Joe Morris

### Rotary Anniversaries

*16 years.* Will Hadley

*10 years.* David Head

*7 years.* Howard Hoyle

*5 years.* Diego Ramon

*5 years.* Clayton Woodard

*3 years.* Donna Dunlap

## 2024 - 2025 Board Members

- President Kim Brattain
- President-Elect Patrick Baker
- Immediate Past President Edwin Peacock
- Secretary Bill Gill
- Treasurer Craig Field
- Sergeant at Arms Mike Wollinger

**Current Directors:** Linwood Bolles, Woodson Bradley, Benton S. Bragg, John F. Cantrell, Tish Atkins Charles, Terri DeBoo, Andrew "Andy" B. Dinkin, Dena R. Diorio, Donna Y. Dunlap, Joel D. Ford, Stuart P. Hair, David Head, Jesse G. Hite, Virginia Owen

# Contact Us

For more information about how to get involved, volunteer opportunities and meeting topics, contact Christine Cipriano, Executive Secretary at [christine@charlotterotary.org](mailto: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.

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