



Upcoming Events

Events can also be found on Charlotte Rotary's website under "Upcoming Events".

August Weekly Donation Opportunity: Classroom Central School Supply Drive, Donations for the back-to-school drive may be dropped off at the weekly meetings through Aug. 20th. See details below.

Tues., Aug. 20 - Weekly Meeting: *Ed Driggs, District 7 Representative, Charlotte City Council*

Wed., Aug. 21 - Service and Social Event: *Classroom Central*, The service hour is now full. However, everyone is welcome to join us at the social, 5–7 p.m. 2116 Wilkinson Blvd. See below for details and to sign up for the social event.

Wed., Aug. 21 - Leadership Impact Group Monthly Meeting, 5:30–7 p.m., Lost Worlds Brewing, 1100 Metropolitan Ave. Speaker: Panel of non-profit professionals.

Important! Tues., Aug. 27 - Weekly Meeting: Please note that the weekly meeting on Aug. 27th will be held at *SMS Catering, 1764 Norland Rd, Charlotte, 28205*. The speaker that day will be *Mr. George Shinn, American Businessperson and former owner of the Hornets*

Wed., Aug. 28 - Leadership Impact Group Volunteer: American Red Cross Blood Drive, 1:30–6 p.m., Fairfield Inn & Suites Charlotte Uptown, 201 S. McDowell St. **Click here to schedule your appointment.**

Limited availability. Tues., Sept. 3 - Tour Opportunity after Weekly Meeting: *CLT Tours*, 2 different tours available. 2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Deadline, Wed., Aug. 28th. Details below.

Raffles start on Tuesday! 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.**

Fri., Sept. 21 - District Event: "Join or Die" film at Independent Picture House, 10:30 a.m. See details below.

Save the Date! Sat., Oct. 5 - District Volunteer Event: Catawba River Cleanup Volunteer at the annual Catawba Riversweep. **Registration opens soon.**

Save the Date! Fri., Nov. 8 - District Event: The Rotary Foundation Celebration, Gastonia Conference Center, 145 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Way, Gastonia, NC 28052.

This Week's Meeting

Brian Norris, Director, Honeywell

by Paul Bartholomy

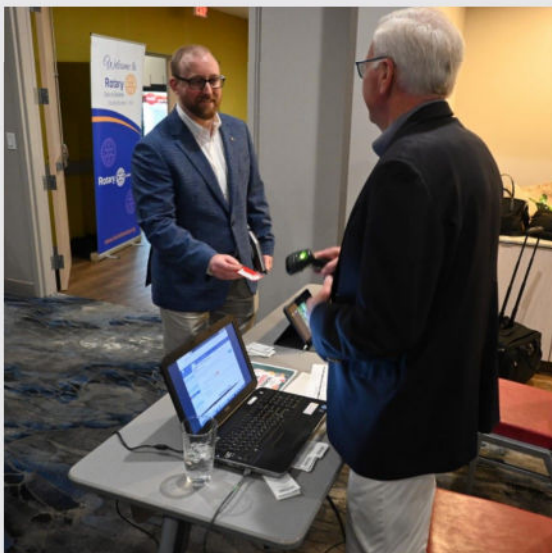


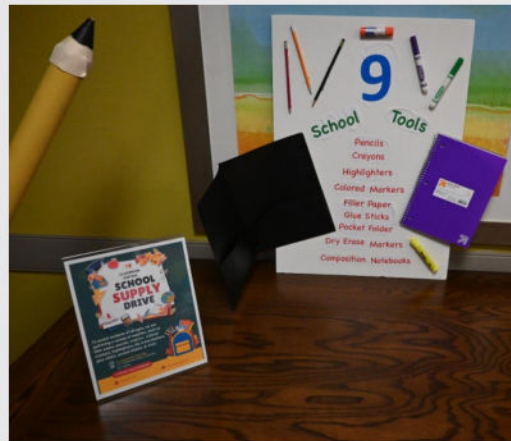
Brian Norris was welcomed to the stage of Charlotte Rotary by [Chris Thomas](#), who recalled the exciting time in 2018 of learning that Honeywell's headquarters was coming to Charlotte, NC. Brian was quick to also recount the opportunity that this presented after he found out the news.

Being involved in designing this building was a "crowning achievement of my career so far" he stated. He explained that the design is a testament of people, space, and optimization of technology. It showcases Charlotte through art procured by local curated artists, minority groups, and vendors of the local Charlotte community.

However, this feat was made even more impressive given that it was accomplished during the pandemic. Brian explained that there was a "career's worth of lessons learned". They were given a two-year window to complete construction. There were three shifts of workers during each 24-hour period, and if any individual presented symptoms, that shift was shut down for two weeks. This coupled with supply chain issues merely added to the challenge. Yet, in the end, they successfully completed the project on time and under budget exactly two years and one day from breaking ground. [Click here to read more.](#)

[Click here for a recording of the meeting.](#) The speaker's introduction begins at approximately 26 minutes and 50 seconds.





Club News

Prayers for Terri DeBoo's son, Blaine, as he was taken to the ER this week and is undergoing tests for his heart.

Meeting location change - Tues., Aug. 27, 2024 -

Charlotte Rotary's regular meeting location is not available on Tues., Aug. 27th. Therefore, President Kim Brattain has arranged for us to



meet at [SMS Catering](#), 1764 Norland Rd, Charlotte, 28205 on that day only. Please note: Meeting times remain the same on this day; only the location will change.

The speaker will be Mr. George Shinn, American Businessperson, best known as the founder and former owner of the Charlotte Hornets.

Make a Difference...

Join a Committee!



To ensure a successful year of service and engagement, we ask club members to participate on one of our committees. Committees fall into one of five categories (also called Avenues of Service):

1. **Club Service** – all activities necessary for Rotarians to make their club and meetings successful.
2. **Community Service** – Encourages Rotarians to improve life for people in the community and to serve the public.
3. **International Service** – the advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through worldwide fellowship
4. **Vocational Service** – the opportunity to represent one's vocation
5. **Youth Service (New Generations)** – the importance of empowering youth and young professionals through leadership development (i.e. Interact, Rotaract)

Take a moment to complete the [Member Committee Registration](#) form found [here \(Click here\)](#) and choose the committee(s) you'd like to be involved in. Please submit your preferences by Friday, Aug. 30, 2024. After this date, your committee assignment will be based on the club's needs.

Your involvement makes a difference. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Thank you for your commitment to Rotary's mission.

Kim Brattain

2024 – 2025 President

Rotary Club of Charlotte



*Back-to-School Initiative with Classroom Central is coming to a close.
Tues., Aug. 20th is the last chance to bring back to school supplies.*

Charlotte Rotary is proud to support back-to-school efforts through a partnership with **Classroom Central**. Our initiative includes three key components to ensure students are well-equipped and supported as they return to school.

1. **9 School Tools Supply Drive:** We are collecting essential school supplies at weekly meetings in August to help students start the school year with the tools they need to succeed. Donations of notebooks, pencils, backpacks, and other supplies will make a significant difference.

Service Hour is now full. 2. **Service:** Volunteer opportunity, Wed., Aug. 21, 4 – 5 p.m. at Classroom Central, 2116 Wilkinson Blvd.

3. **Social:** Everyone is welcome join your fellow Rotary members on Wed., Aug. 21 from 5 - 7 p.m. at Classroom Central, 2116 Wilkinson Blvd. This social event is designed to foster connections and celebrate our collective efforts in supporting education. You do not have to volunteer to attend the social. **Click here to sign up and to volunteer to bring hors d'oeuvres or drinks.**



Rotary Club Tours of Charlotte Douglas International Airport - Deadline Aug. 28 2024

We're building an Airport fit for the Queen! CLT invites you to join them on the journey with an exclusive behind-the-scenes tour of Destination CLT Project.

Join Rotarians on Tues., Sept. 3 after the weekly meeting for your choice of two exclusive behind-the-scenes tours of the Charlotte Douglas International Airport's (CLT) exciting "Destination CLT" projects. After the Rotary meeting featuring Panelists Jack Christine, Chief Infrastructure Officer, club member [Ben Goebel](#), AIA, Gresham Smith's Aviation Senior Architect and club member, [Stuart Hair](#), Assistant Airport Director, gather in the Eagle Conference Room at CLT Center (5601 Wilkinson Blvd) between 2:00-2:15 PM. Tours will start at 2:30 PM and end by 3:30 PM.

Two tour options are available:

1. Terminal Lobby Expansion (TLE): An indoor walking tour showcasing lobby enhancements, new security checkpoints, ticket counters, and the Queen's Court.
2. Construction Projects: A bus tour featuring airfield improvements like the Fourth Parallel Runway and the new Airport Overlook.

Space is limited to 25 participants per tour. **Please sign up via Sign Up Genius with your full legal name, date of birth, gender as on government-issued ID, and tour preference.** Further details on parking and logistics will be provided. We look forward to seeing you there!

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

Raffles prizes start on Tuesday!
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 Rotarian's 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 or 704-375-6816

Beyond the Club



[Click here to read the August District Newsletter](#)



JOIN or DIE

Five screenings of an award-winning film about why the fate of communities depends on participation in clubs

— PRESENTED BY —



[Click here to watch the trailer!](#)

A crisis of declining trust, social isolation, and conflict has been unfolding in America. But research shows that the trend can be turned around if we support engagement in social, civic, school, and faith-based clubs.

COME TOGETHER!



Special Event: Sat., Sept. 21st

TICKETS: \$8.00

- Doors open: 10:30am
- Introductory remarks: 11:00am-11:15am
- Film screening: 11:15am-12:45pm
- Q&A with filmmaker: 12:45pm-1:15pm
- Club showcase & refreshments: 1:15pm-2:00pm



Rebecca Davis
Co-Director & Producer



4237 Raleigh St., Charlotte, NC 28213

There are four customized interest group screenings featuring discussions with local experts.

FRI., SEPT. 20: 7:15PM (Doors open 6:45PM)

Rotary Night

Why is it important for one of the world's oldest and largest civic and social networks to stay relevant?



SUN., SEPT. 22: 12:00PM (Doors open 11:30PM)

Educators

Why has school club/sports participation declined and how can decision makers expand access and inclusion?



SUN., SEPT. 22: 3:30PM (Doors open 3:00PM)

Healthcare

How does club participation improve physical, mental, and emotional well-being, as well as life expectancy?



MON., SEPT. 23: 7:00PM (Doors open 6:30PM)

Faith Communities

Civic associations are multifaceted. Like clubs, how do we re-energize church, mosque and synagogue attendance?



Scan the QR code to see full details for all events.

To purchase tickets for the event that you want to attend, be sure to click on the time button for that showing.



Questions: smanjigani@newgenpeace.org | www.independentpicturehouse.org/film-series/join-or-die

Challenge to our District members in Memory of Jennifer Kendrick

Sadly, our District Governor, Mr. Kevin Kendrick's beloved wife, Jennifer "Jenny", recently passed away. Jenny was truly devoted to Rotary. Her unwavering commitment and active involvement at the club level and at the district level have left an enduring impact on our community.

Jenny Kendrick was a big supporter of the Rotary Foundation and helped to support it on many levels. In addition to being a Paul Harris Society Member, she was PHS+8 Fellow, a Major Donor Level 2 and a Bequest Society Member Level 4. Jenny fervently believed in the power of the Rotary Foundation to change lives and help those on the margins of our communities.

To honor Jenny's memory, PDG David Hare, District PHS Coordinator, has issued a challenge to achieve 50 new District 7680 PHS (Paul Harris Society) members this Rotary year. As of July 31, 2024, we had 168 PHS members. Our goal is 218 by June 30, 2025.

Here's how easy it is to join the Paul Harris Society. Simply inform the Rotary Foundation that it is your

INTENTION to give \$1,000 or more to TRF every year. That's it!

Let's make the memory of Jenny even more special and grow her legacy!

Contact PDG David Hare - District PHS Coordinator (dcrhare@gmail.com) for more details or go to www.rotary.org/paulharrissociety, scroll down and click "Join."

Membership Update

07/01/2024 249

07/31/2024 249

08/13/2024 249

Meeting Attendance - Tuesday, August 13, 2024: 103

Guests in attendance: John Bauer (Rotary Club of Milwaukee, WI), Robert Baysden ([John Tabor](#)), Jonathan Berry ([Brian Moor](#)), Elizabeth Caspers, Skeeter Davis ([Alan Simonini](#)), Mel Ishage ([J. Hill](#)), Nicholas Krell ([Charles Vesely](#)), Laura Little (Leadership Impact Group), Laura Martin (Crossway Foundation), Silas Martin (Crossway Foundation), Devon Newton ([Tish Atkins](#)), Katie Reilly ([Tish Atkins](#)), Mordecai, Scott (Leadership Impact Group), Libby Simonini ([Alan Simonini](#)), Antoine Southern, Casey Williamson (Leadership Impact Group)

Milestones (Week of Aug. 20 - 26)

Birthdays

20 - Lori Gougeon

20 - Carol Hardison

22 - George Edmiston

24 - Elizabeth Teagarden

26 - Bill Constangy

Rotary Anniversaries

74 years: Martin Waters

21 years: Chris Kemper

2 years: Todd Herman

Wedding Anniversaries

24 - Janelle & Paul Bartholomy

24 - Joan & Mark Erwin

24 - Amy & Scott Gakenheimer

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



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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