



Upcoming Events

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

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. Due to an illness, Mr. George Shinn has canceled his appearance. The new **speaker is Mr. David Erdman**, on "**Watergate: 50 Years Later - An Insider's View**"

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.**

Deadline! *Fri., Aug. 30 - Club Committees:* Please complete the Member Committee Registration form (**Click here**) and select your committees by Friday, Aug. 30, 2024. After this, assignments will be based on club needs.

Deadline! 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.

Fundraising raffles each 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. 20 - District Event: Rotary Night at "Join or Die" film at Independent Picture House, 7:00 p.m. See details below.

Sat., Sept. 21 - District Event: District Membership Summit - All Members are Welcome at 5 locations across the District, 8:30–12:30. Every Rotarian is on the membership committee. 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

*Ed Driggs, District 7 Representative,
City of Charlotte*

by Susie Masotti

Rotary member **Jim Rogers** introduced this week's speaker – **Ed**



Driggs, District 7 Representative Charlotte City Council. Jim's introduction started with the statement that leadership makes things happen and that truly describes **Ed Driggs**. When he moved here, he got involved in the Council, Public Television through WTVI, and CMS, and worked with the NC League of Municipalities. He has been honored for his leadership in public television and he is a proud volunteer with Classroom Central. Ed has been on the City Council since 2013 and represents all of Charlotte's citizens. A graduate of Clemson University he also studied at Berlin and Oxford Universities and is fluent in German. Ed is a Rotary Paul Harris Fellow, and a

talented musician (both with a guitar and singing). If you'd like to see him in action, you can find him on his own YouTube Channel. He is married to Caroline and is the proud parent of 2 children. [Click here to read more.](#)

[Click here for a recording of the meeting.](#) The speaker's introduction begins at approximately 16 minutes and 55 seconds.





Club News

Continued Prayers for Terri DeBoo's son, Blaine, as him and Terri and family continue to navigate his recent health issues.



Congratulations to Chris Kemper!

We are thrilled to congratulate Charlotte Rotary club member, **Chris Kemper**, for being part of the prestigious group that rang the closing bell at the New York Stock Exchange. While he didn't ring the bell himself, Chris was honored with the commemorative coin and experienced a momentous occasion on Wall Street. *Well done, Chris!*



Congratulations to Charlotte Rotary member, Lori Keeton, on being among the 2024 50 Most Influential Women!

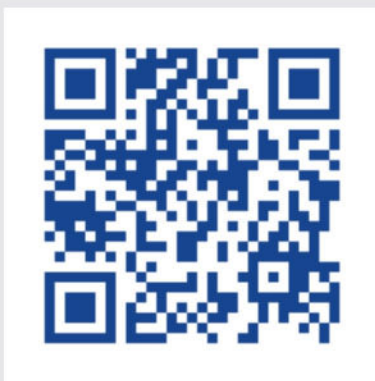
The 50 Most Influential Women event highlights the significant contributions of women leaders in the Carolinas' legal and business sectors. Honorees are recognized for their leadership, business expertise, mentorship, and community engagement. *We are very proud of you, Lori!*



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.

Unfortunately, George Shinn has canceled due to illness, and we wish him a speedy recovery. We are pleased to welcome fellow Charlotte Rotary member David Erdman as our new speaker on "Watergate: 50 Years Later -- An Insider's View." Mr. Erdman is a distinguished attorney and historian.



Guest Check-In Updates!

You might have noticed that we're changing our visitor check-in processes. We are excited to announce that our guest and visitor check-in process has been updated and modernized! We've introduced a fully automated system that includes a QR code for easy scanning, as well as computers for guests to check in seamlessly. This new process will streamline visitor management, make it quicker and more efficient for everyone involved. *AND...* Preregistration is encouraged to get your guests in the door quicker.

Thank you for your patience and support as we implement new technology to enhance our guest experience.

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



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.

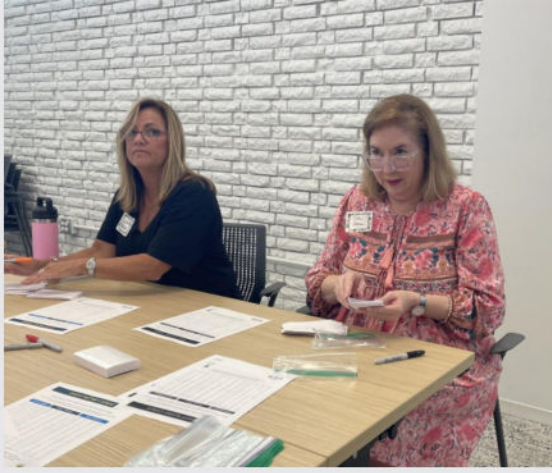
Contact Information: [Christine Cipriano](#), Rotary Club of Charlotte, 1850 East 3rd St., Suite 220, Charlotte, NC 28204-3455, christine@charlotterotary.org or 704-375-6816

Rotarians in Action

Club members volunteer and socialize while creating Sight Words flash cards at Classroom Central, supporting local education efforts and fostering community spirit.







Leadership Impact Group

The Leadership Impact Group had an engaging meeting at their new location, featuring a panel of Nonprofit Executives. A fire alarm interruption led them to finish the discussion on the Greenway, making for a memorable and resourceful gathering.



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!

INTERNATIONAL PEACE DAY

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



District Membership Workshop - September 21st

The District Membership Workshop will be held across five locations on Sat., Sept. 21st, from 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM. This event is crucial for club leaders to strategize their club's future and develop a Membership Growth Plan. We encourage the President, President-Elect, Membership Chair, and key influencers (2-5 leaders per club) to attend. Attendees will work together to create their club's Membership Growth Plan, and no technology is required. The event is free, and locations include Central Charlotte, Northern Mecklenburg, Union County, Gaston County, and North Wilkesboro. For more details, contact your Area Governor or Mike Walker, District Membership Chair. **Sign up on DACdb or click here.**

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

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Recommended for Membership (*comments to Rotary office by August 30, 2024*):

Molly Collins, Sr. Business Development Director, AtkinsRealis

Sponsor: Linwood Bolles

Endorsed: Kim Brattain and Margaret Donovan

Recommended for Membership (*comments to Rotary office by August 30, 2024*):

Dr. Layne McGuire, Director, EisnerAmper, LLP

Sponsor: Tish Atkins Charles

Endorsed: Kim Brattain and Christine Cipriano

Meeting Attendance - Tuesday, August 20, 2024: 102

Guests in attendance: Holt Broadhurst ([Tish Atkins Charles](#)), Jacob Cantrell (Leadership Impact Group), Caroline Driggs ([Ed Driggs](#)), Jamie Goldenberg ([Andy Dinkin](#)), Ayo Johnson ([J Hill](#)), Laura Little (Leadership Impact Group), Layne McGuire ([Christine Cipriano](#)), Larry Shaheen ([Ed Driggs](#))

Milestones (Week of Aug. 27 - Sept. 2)

Birthdays

31 - Charlie Vesely

Rotary Anniversaries

28 years: David Zimmerman

23 years: David Erdman

8 years: Randall Mountcastle

Wedding Anniversaries

27 - Emmy Lou & Robert Burchette

30 - Marilyn & Roger Sarow

1 - Sally & Linwood Bolles

3 years: Harriett Porter

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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