



## Upcoming Events

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

*Sun., Oct. 20 - Club Social & Fundraiser: Hyatt Farms Sporting Clay Rotary Day & Fundraiser for the Rotary Monument Garden - See below for more details. [Click here](#) to let us know you are coming.*

*Tues., Oct. 22 - Weekly Meeting: [Andy Ellen, President and General Counsel, NC Retail Merchants Association](#)*

*Thurs., Oct. 24 - World Polio Day*

*Fri., Nov. 8 - District Event: Tree Planting in honor of RI President Stephanie Urchick's visit to the area. Luncheon - Confirmation on time to follow. Mint Museum, 2730 Randolph Rd.*

***Registration Deadline is Monday!** Fri., Nov. 8 - District Event: The Rotary Foundation Celebration, Gastonia Conference Center, 145 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Way, Gastonia, NC 28052. [Click here](#) to register.*

*Tues., Dec. 17 - Volunteer Opportunity: Blood Drive! Join Charlotte Rotary and the American Red Cross Blood Drive, 10 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) and use sponsor code Charlotterotary or call 1-800-redcross to make your appointment.*

## This Week's Meeting



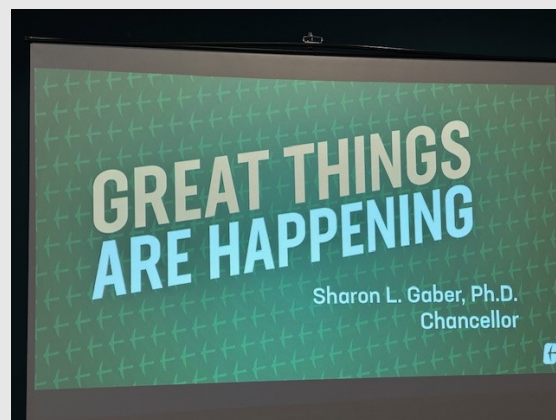
*Dr. Sharon Gaber, Chancellor, UNC Charlotte*  
by Bill Bartee

Dr. Sharon Gaber began her remarks to Charlotte Rotary by noting several distinguished guests, visitors, and members who have a relationship with UNC Charlotte. Members [Elly Clary](#) (graduate), [Joel Ford](#) (UNC Board of Governors), [Clayton Woodard](#) (father of Charlotte 49ers head baseball coach) were on the dais and University Board of Trustee Chair and university alumnus, Dennis Bunker, was at the front table. They were joined by several others who went to UNC Charlotte when Dr. Gaber asked for a show of hands of former students of the University.

Gaber took the reins of the university in July 2020 becoming its fifth chancellor. She last spoke to our group during a 2021 Zoom meeting. This time she reiterated the quote, "Every great city has a great university", and Charlotte is fortunate to have impactful places of higher education with Queens

University, Johnson C. Smith University, Central Piedmont, Johnson and Wales, and UNC Charlotte within the city limits. University of North Carolina Charlotte has specifically worked towards being one of the top public research universities in the United States. [Click here to read more.](#)

[Click here for a recording of the meeting.](#) The program's introduction begins at approximately 20 minutes and 50 seconds.



Thank you to Kevin Ellis and NC Business for recognition of the Rotary Club of Charlotte in the following article: [UNC Charlotte to launch \\$500 million fundraising campaign - Business North Carolina \(businessnc.com\)](#)

Thank you to Lindsey Banks and The Charlotte Ledger for recognition of the Rotary Club of Charlotte in the following article: [UNC Charlotte to become 1 of 4 top-tier research universities in N.C.; 'We are unstoppable,' chancellor declares](#)

# Club News

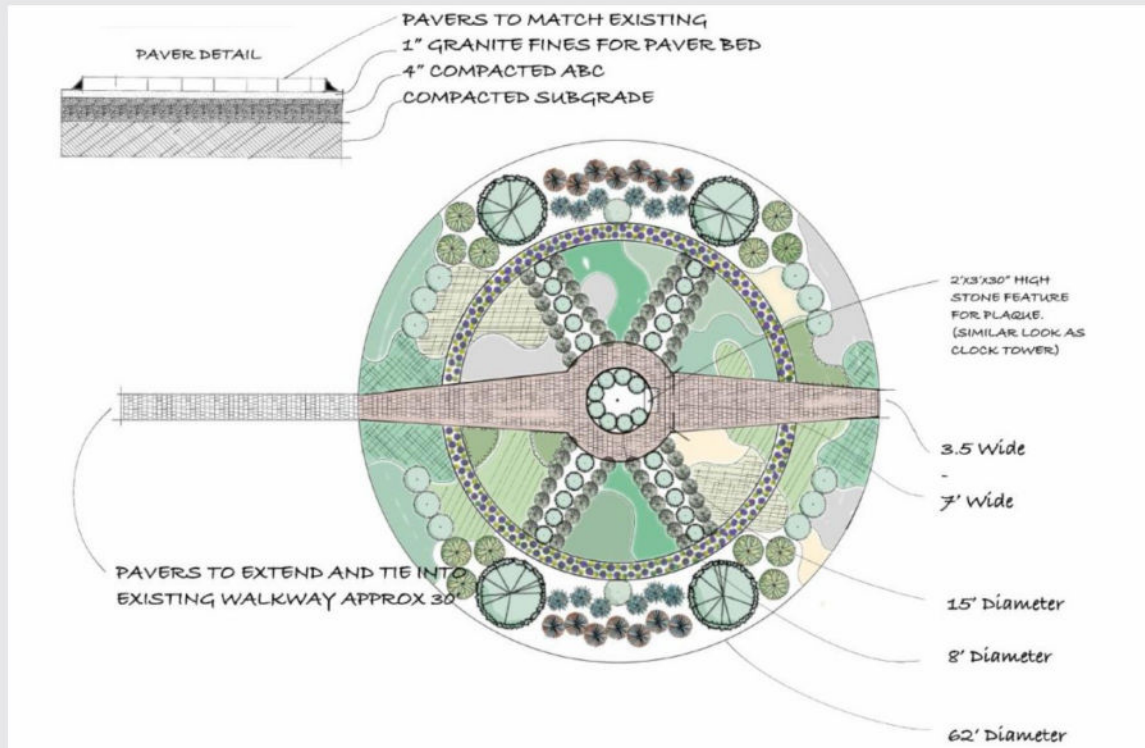


**Sporting Clay Shooting Fundraiser** – Sun., Oct. 20, 10:30 a.m. Discover why sporting clay shooting is becoming the new favorite pastime! Join us for **Rotary Day at Hyatt Farms Shooting Complex** in the beautiful hills of Polkton, NC. We're gathering at 10:30 a.m. for a fun-filled day of fellowship, clay shooting, great food, and drinks (after the shooting, of course). Whether you're a seasoned shooter or a complete beginner, this event is perfect

for all skill levels, with expert instructors guiding us through the course. Plus, **20% of the proceeds** will go towards building the **Rotary Monument Garden** (see below) in Thompson Park, Charlotte. It's a wonderful way to enjoy the day, bond with Rotary friends, and support a meaningful project!

- **Date:** Oct. 20 (Rain date: October 27)
- **Time:** 10:30 a.m.
- **Where:** Hyatt Farms Shooting Complex, 990 Burnsville Church Rd., Polkton, NC
- **Questions?** Contact Larry Hyatt at [larry@hyattguns.com](mailto:larry@hyattguns.com) or Christina Prouty at [christina@hyattshootingcomplex.com](mailto:christina@hyattshootingcomplex.com).

Let's have a blast—literally! [Click here to let us know you will attend.](#)



## ***District Grant Awarded for Rotary Garden Monument Project!***

Charlotte Rotary is proud to announce that we have been awarded a District Grant of \$17,680 to install a Rotary Garden Monument in Thompson Part at St. Mary's Chapel along the Sugar Creek Greenway. The garden, shaped like the iconic Rotary wheel and measuring approximately 66 feet in diameter, will help promote Rotary's brand to thousands of visitors. St. Mary's Chapel hosts 5–6 weddings each weekend during the spring, summer, and fall, making this a prime location for increased community visibility.

This project, in partnership with the Catawba Lands Conservancy (CLC) and Mecklenburg County Park and Recreation, will contribute to environmental protection, pollination, and provide a serene space in a bustling urban setting. The garden will be permanently maintained by Parks and Recreation, ensuring its lasting impact on the community.

***Over 2/3 of the Way to Our Goal!***

Since this is a matching grant, fundraising is needed and is making great progress! We've already raised \$38,000 toward our \$50,000 goal, thanks to the generosity of our members and community partners. As a reminder, a portion of the proceeds from the upcoming event at Hyatt Farms (see above) will also support this meaningful project. If you'd like to contribute and help us reach the finish line, please see [Joe Morris](#), [Tony Zeiss](#), or [Stuart Hair](#). Every contribution counts as we work toward completing this beautiful addition to Thompson Park.

# World Polio Day

## *Show Your Support for World Polio Day*

In her World Polio Day message, Rotary International President Stephanie Urchick calls upon the Rotary community to build on our incredible progress, face the challenges ahead with tenacity, and stay focused on our ultimate goal: a polio-free world.



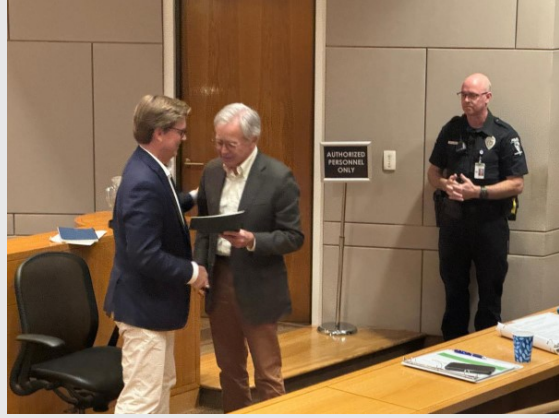
## *Charlotte Rotary Secures Joint Proclamation for World Polio Day*

Charlotte Rotary is proud to announce that the City of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County have officially proclaimed October 24th as World Polio Day! This joint proclamation is a testament to the power of Rotary's global initiative to eradicate polio and our club's dedication to raising awareness within our local community.

With this proclamation, we aim to highlight the significant strides Rotary has made in the fight against polio, while also reminding everyone that the work isn't finished. Charlotte Rotary is honored to spearhead this recognition in partnership with local leaders in both the city and the county, bringing attention to World Polio Day and Rotary's ongoing mission.

We encourage all members to join us in celebrating this important achievement, which further strengthens Rotary's impact both locally and globally. A special Thank you to [Edwin Peacock](#) for spearheading the idea, [Tish Atkins Charles](#) for running with it and [Laura Meier](#) for pulling it all together!

Together, we continue to make a difference!





## Western NC Disaster Relief



### *Western North Carolina Relief*

Charlotte Rotary's current efforts to help Western NC, led by Past President [David Anderson](#) and [Robert Shaw](#), are to donate to organizations already making a significant impact in Western North Carolina relief. If you'd like to contribute items, Charlotte Rotary's efforts are focused on coats, blankets and sweaters. Please bring warm clothing to our next meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 22nd. The items you bring will be distributed through the proper channels.

Our meeting venue, Fairfield Inn and Suites, is also actively supporting Western NC. The hotel is focused on baby and pet supplies. We invite Rotary members to help by donating pet food at next week's meeting—small bags, a few cans, anything helps!

A collection table will be set up in the foyer on the 22nd.

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# ROTARY DISTRICT 7680 MATCHING GIFT CHALLENGE



*Your gift today can go twice as far!*

**Rotary District 7680 is THRILLED to announce matching contributions!**

The first \$50,000 in new contributions to the District will be matched dollar for dollar by the District, giving us \$100,000 to meet critical needs.

This initiative aims to raise funds for disasters occurring in hard-hit areas of 7680 and in our sister District, 7670.



**DOUBLE YOUR  
IMPACT!**

**[DONATE NOW](#)**

**Western NC Disaster** - Charlotte Rotary members are encouraged to visit the **Rotary District 7680 website** for the latest opportunities to support our neighbors in Western North Carolina who have been devastated by Hurricane Helene. Your assistance can make a meaningful impact as we work together to help with recovery efforts in the region.

Rotary District 7680 is also thrilled to announce matching contributions! The \$50,000 challenge is still in effect and District 7680 will match every dollar donated in that challenge for a total of \$100,000. We know that this money will be used for midterm and long-term needs in two districts.

Here is where/how you can make a directed donation:

**Disaster Recovery | Rotary International Zones 33/34 ([rizones33-34.org](http://rizones33-34.org))**

PLEASE SEND CHECKS TO OUR DISTRICT PO BOX AND NOT TO THE ZONE. THE ADDRESS IS:

Rotary International District 7680

P.O. Box 79132

Charlotte, NC 28271

**Click here for instructions on how to donate.**

The District is also presently working to provide grant applications to those in need. More information on applications will be coming very soon.

## Rotarians Out and About

Rotarians enjoyed an evening of great conversation and delicious Italian food at Zio Casual Italian during the club's Third Thursday Gathering.



## Beyond the Club



### *Your Foundation Dollars At-Work!*

District 7680 is pleased to announce that it has received a \$25,000 Disaster Assistance Relief Grant from The Rotary Foundation. This grant will be used to support disaster recovery efforts within the six counties (Allegheny, Ashe, Alexander, Wilkes, Cleveland and Gaston) that are in need in our district. Rotary clubs in District 7680 can submit requests for specific needs, whether it's for supplies, services, or other forms of assistance. This grant will help us respond quickly and effectively to challenges within our communities, reinforcing our commitment to service above self during times of crisis.



### *Foundation Celebration!*

Only 50 tickets left! Friday, Nov. 8, 5:30 - 9 p.m.  
Gastonia Conference Center, 145 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Way, Gastonia

Join District 7680 in welcoming Rotary International President Stephanie Urchick as keynote speaker! Register now using this link: [Register \(dactdb.com\)](https://dactdb.com)

You can take advantage of the District Sponsorship categories and perks, and a flyer with all the details is above. Please share this information with any potential sponsors you know. If you prefer, you can pass along their contact details to **Mike Walker or the District team**, and we'll handle the outreach. **Register now!**

## Membership Update

07/01/2024 249

09/30/2024 253

10/15/2024 248 (Resignations: Richard Campbell, Jessi Little, Patti Mashburn)

Meeting Attendance - Tuesday, October 15, 2024: 109

Guests in attendance: Dennis Bunker ([Jim Rogers](#)), Malcolm Butler ([Karen Calder](#)), Betty Doster (Speaker Guest), Kevin Ellis (Media/[J Hill](#)), Drue Garrison ([Jim Mannix](#)), Lauren Gregg (Speaker Guest) Ayo Johnson ([J Hill](#)), Daniel Levine ([Colleen Brannan](#)), Jessi Little (Leadership Impact Group), Anna London (Mordecai Scott), Daniel Malino ([Colleen Brannan](#)), Lori Melendez ([Tish Atkins Charles](#)), Wendy Nixon ([Tish Atkins Charles](#)), Thomas Poe ([Ken Poe](#)), Mordecai Scott (Leadership Impact Group), Alex Wiltberger([Hallie Rojas](#))

## Milestones (Week of Oct. 22 - 28)

### Birthdays

22 - Vanessa Stolen  
23 - John zumBrunnen  
24 - Charles Robson  
24 - Jerry Walters  
25 - Jim Kelley  
25 - Michael Norton  
28 - Jim Hintz

### Wedding Anniversaries

23 - Sandy & Jim Osborne  
25 - Brooke & Michael Reddington  
27 - Leslie & Andy Dinkin

### Rotary Anniversaries

*19 years:* Sandy Osborne  
*11 years:* Keith Nowokunski

## 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.



*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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