



Upcoming Events

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

Tues., Feb. 4 - Weekly Meeting: *Justin Favaro, MD, PhD, Oncology Specialists of Charlotte*

Wed., Feb. 19 - Leadership Impact Group (LIG) Monthly Meeting, 5:30 p.m., Lost World Brewing, 1100 Metropolitan Ave., Suite 165, Charlotte. See details below.

Thurs, Feb. 20 - Club Event: *Minds Matter! Event to Support Alzheimer's Research* Thurs., Feb. 20 at The Village on Morehead, 5-7 p.m. See below for details.

SAVE THE DATE! Tues., April 1 - Club Event: *American Red Cross Blood Drive*. Details to come.

July 17-20 - District Event: *Seminar for Tomorrow's Leaders (SFTL)* Gardner-Webb University. Volunteer and Scholarship Opportunities and open to High School rising Juniors and Seniors. See below for details.

This Week's Meeting



Jonathan Justice, Art: The Accidental Asset
by **Rick Handford**

Past President **Edwin Peacock** introduced **Jonathan Justice**, who serves as Chief Strategy Officer for Atelier 4, LLC, an art logistics and services company established in 1989 in New York City and now headquartered in Charlotte.

Prior to Atelier 4, Jonathan spent 25 years in financial and art services. He began his career at Sotheby's auction house in Manhattan and later transitioned to private banking, where he held senior roles at several private banks and trust companies. He is a member of the Estate Planning Council of New York City and the Charlotte Estate

Planning Council, and he is an Adjunct Instructor in the Financial Services Institute at Central Piedmont Community College.

Jonathan is an alumnus of Charlotte Country Day School and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where he was a Morehead Scholar. He earned an AB in English with Honors in Creative Writing, and a Minor in Art History. Jonathan earned a Certificate in Non-Profit Leadership from Rutgers Business School and holds the designation of Certified Trust and Fiduciary Advisor from the American Bankers Association. Jonathan has been named an Accredited Estate Planner® by the National Association of Estate Planners and Councils. **Click here to read more.**

A recording of the meeting can be found here:

With Slides: <https://vimeo.com/1051668228>

Without Slides: <https://vimeo.com/1051685971>

The presenter's introduction begins at approximately 26 minutes and 25 seconds.



Club News



Welcome Robert "Bob" Wilhelm! Bob Wilhelm is in the middle of a long career of engineering, leadership, technology policy, and economic development. He has held executive and faculty positions with two research universities, Nebraska and UNC Charlotte, worked in engineering and management for the NAVY, DOE, Cincinnati Milacron, and Rockwell, and successfully run his own company.

Bob was a Rotary Foundation Fellow in the U.K., he studied the history of science and technology at the University of Leicester and the Ironbridge Gorge Museum. Born in Mobile AL, Bob grew up in Raleigh, NC and Morgantown, WV. He has studied and worked in cities across the country and around the world that include Washington, Wichita, Ironbridge, West Lafayette, Cincinnati, Champaign, San Francisco, and Lincoln, with over 25 years in Charlotte.

Bob has served on many regional, national, and international boards. In Lincoln, he enabled key partnerships, large scale research and commercialization while serving on the boards of NICDC, NUtech, Bio Nebraska and NSRI. In Charlotte, he led the reorganization of the University Research Park as chair of University City Partners, worked to define a state-wide agenda for research and innovation while serving on the NC Board of Science, Technology, and Innovation, and supported commissioning of ten new works as collections board chair and trustee for the Mint Museum, nationally and internationally known for craft and design.

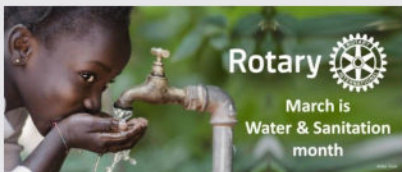
Lynda and Bob's children, Menaka and Amelia, both now in the Pacific Northwest, have been raised in a multi-cultural family with relatives on four continents. In his spare time, Bob enjoys art and design, reading, cooking, the outdoors, casual golf, and marital bliss! *Welcome Bob!*



Charlotte Rotary member **Anne Brown** welcomes her first granddaughter, Genevieve! Everyone is happy, healthy, and a little tired—but filled with joy!



Charlotte Rotarian **Herb Harriss** is on an incredible adventure in Antarctica!



Opportunity to Serve in Guatemala – One Spot Left!
Charlotte Rotarian, **Chad Lloyd**, will be joining Living Water World Missions on a trip to Guatemala from March 8-15, to install a water purification system and provide clean water to those in need. This is not a Rotary trip, however, March IS Water & Sanitation month in Rotary—This is your chance to make a difference! For details, contact Chad at 828-450-5049.



Super Bowl Sunday
If you are not at Caesars Superdome on Sunday, Feb. 9, be at the next best place - SMS Catering Services! (1764 Norland Road).

For \$25, our friends at **SMS Catering, Bob Freeman** or **Robert Freeman**, are offering three 9 ft x 12 ft TV screens in addition to more extra wide-screen TVs, including a complete BBQ dinner, pre-game food, and a full-service cash bar.

Are you ready for some giving? Bob and Robert are also giving 20% back to Rotary for everyone who attends from Rotary!

Friend **SMS Catering** on Facebook for a chance to win prizes!

Pre-Game: 4 p.m. Game: 6:30 - 10 p.m. Register by phone at 704-536-1500 or email at info@smscater.com. Include your name, phone and email address.



Leadership Impact Group Monthly Meeting
Wed., Feb. 19 5:30-7 p.m., Lost Worlds Brewing

Join LIG for an evening featuring an expert panel of community leaders discussing the challenges and opportunities within Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools (CMS). Panelists include **Sonja Gantt** (Former News Anchor & Executive Director, CMS Foundation), **Ashelyn James** (Director, CMS Foundation), **Kristen Howard** (VP, Government & Community Relations, Novant Health), and **Raki**

McGregor (Chief Executive in Residence, CMS & Charlotte Executive Leadership Council). The discussion will cover the biggest challenges facing CMS, the role of the CMS Foundation, and why education should be a top priority for young professionals and families alike. Learn how you can make a meaningful impact through fundraising, volunteering, and advocacy.

MINDS MATTER!

Experience Fun Ways to Support Your Brain
&
Support Cutting Edge Alzheimers Research

TICKETS
\$40



THANKS FOR THE
MEMORIES
\$250

A CART Fundraiser
20 February 2025
The Village at Morehead
727 E Morehead Street



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Minds Matter! Event to Support Alzheimer's Research

The Rotary Club of Charlotte is excited to host "***Minds Matter!***", a special benefit event supporting the **CART (Coins for Alzheimer's Research Trust) Fund**

Individual tickets are \$40 with an opportunity to feature your loved one at \$250, as well as sponsorship opportunities. Thanks to a generous donor, we have already secured a \$2,500 matching grant, ensuring your contributions make an even greater impact.

All profits from the event will directly benefit the Rotary**CART Fund**, advancing research to find a cure for Alzheimer's disease. **Click here** to register for this meaningful evening of community and support for a vital cause! Together, we can make a difference!

February 20, 2025 (5-7 pm)
The Village at Morehead
Click here to register.

Join us for an evening dedicated to benefiting Alzheimer's research! Let's come together to support an incredible cause, inspire hope, and take action for healthier minds.

Thank you to our sponsors:

THE *V*ILLAGE
on Morehead

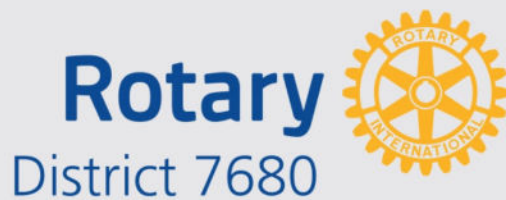


Hat and Glove and Warm Clothing Drive

Thank you, Rotary members, for your generous donations of hats, gloves, and warm clothing for Crisis Assistance Ministry!

Your kindness is helping keep our neighbors warm this winter.

Beyond the Club



Exciting Opportunities at the 2025 Seminar for Tomorrow's Leaders (SFTL)

Mark your calendars! The dates for the 2025 Seminar for Tomorrow's Leaders (SFTL) have been set: July 17-20, 2025, with volunteers arriving on July 16.

This transformative leadership experience will take place at Gardner-Webb University and is open to rising high school juniors and seniors.

We are thrilled to offer several ways for you to get involved:

- **Scholarship Opportunities:** Support students by sponsoring their participation in this life-changing event.
- **Volunteer Opportunities:** Join our dedicated team and help make this event unforgettable for tomorrow's leaders. ([Click here to volunteer.](#))
- **Student Participation:** Encourage rising juniors and seniors in your community to apply and take part in this exceptional leadership development program. ([Click here to nominate your student.](#))

For more details on how to volunteer, apply, or sponsor a student, contact Scott Van Der Linden,

Don't miss the chance to shape the leaders of tomorrow!

Membership Update

07/01/2024 249
12/31/2024 244
01/28/2025 241 (Resignation: John zumBrunnen)

Meeting Attendance - Tuesday, January 28, 2025: 96

Guests in attendance: Hannah Blanton ([JD DuPuy](#)), Kendall Kendrick ([Tony Zeiss](#)), Stacy Moore ([Jonathan Justice](#)), Jonathan Schwartz ([Jonathan Justice](#)), Sarah Yost ([Tish Atkins](#))

Milestones (Week of Feb. 4 - 10)

Birthdays

5 - Woodson Bradley
9 - John Cantrell
9 - Hunter Widener

Wedding Anniversaries

4 - Lynn & David Erdman
5 - Jeanie & Tom Cottingham
9 - Katie & Scott Tyler

Rotary Anniversaries

19 years: John Shell
14 years: Wes Jones
11 years: Tim Flanagan
10 years: Tom Blocker
9 years: Andy Dinkin
9 years: Vanessa Stolen
5 years: Bryan Zeiss
2 years: JD DuPuy

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: 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.



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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