



## Upcoming Events

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

*Month of February service focus:*

*Last chance next week! Scouting for Food. Bring your canned foods.*

*Tues., Feb. 25 - Weekly Meeting: Patricia Shafer, Peace in Our Time: What's a Charlottean To Do?*

*Sat., Mar. 15 - Interact Event: St. Patrick's Day Parade, 10:45-11:30 a.m. Details to come.*

*Sat., Mar. 22 - District Training: Grants, 9-11 a.m. (via Zoom). Registration on DACdb calendar.*

*Tues., April 1 - Club Event: American Red Cross Blood Drive. Sign up here. Sponsor Code is :  
CharlotteRotary. See details below.*

*Event Rescheduled - New Date! Thurs, April 24 - Club Event: Minds Matter! Event to Support Alzheimer's  
Research, Thurs., April 24 at The Village on Morehead, 5-7 p.m. More details below.*

*Save the Date! May 2-3 - District 7680 Conference. Details below.*

*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



**President-Nominee Bill Bartee**



**JD DuPuy**



**J Hill**



**Robert Shaw**

***Four Who Gave Us More***  
by Marilyn Bowler

On Tuesdays, when Charlotte Rotary gathers in the main ballroom at the Fairfield Inn & Suites uptown, a group of 120+ friends, cohorts, and newly installed members enjoy networking, a great buffet lunch, and a program that features some of North and South Carolina's finest businessmen, businesswomen and area VIP's.

This past Tuesday set a sterling example of that mandate with the oh-so-popular *How I Got Where I'm At* quarterly segment. This Rotary year Program Chair **Luther Moore** selected **Chris Kemper** to Chair the HIGWIA speakers and Chris lived up to his reputation as "a man who gets things done in the best possible way."

Stepping to the mic to introduce Tuesday's four Charlotte Rotary members/stars/presenters, Chris spoke humorously about one of his own childhood TV show favorites, *The Little Rascals*. Zeroing in on what he referred to as "The greatest club name ever ... The He-Man Woman Haters Club," Chris shared that he has strongly encouraged his own three sons to take up where that long-ago club left off and start the 2025 version. *The Little Rascals*, he told us, reminds him of the four presenters on the dais on Tuesday, citing their skills, talents, uniqueness and relatability. Chris used the word "remarkable" in describing our speakers and, sure enough, he was right. **Click here to read more.**

A recording of the meeting can be found here:

Without slides: <https://vimeo.com/1058044581>

With slides: <https://vimeo.com/1058018203>

The presentation starts at about 12 minutes and 20 seconds.







## Club News

**Congratulations!** After 43 years of dedicated service with the YMCA and Johnson & Wales University, **Mark Norman** will officially retire on March 1. His commitment to service will continue through volunteering with Rotary, The Salvation Army, and Classroom Central. Congratulations, Mark, on a long incredible career!



### **Last week to bring in canned food! Scouting for Food**

Each Tuesday during the month of February, Charlotte Rotary is supporting the 2025 Scouting for Food drive that supports their partner agency, **Nourish Up**.

Bring in non-perishable food items (minus items in glass or expired items) to each club meeting for collection.

Priority needs include canned fruits, canned meats, canned pastas, and canned vegetables.

Questions? Contact **Jonathan Russell** at [jonathan.russell@scouting.org](mailto:jonathan.russell@scouting.org)



### **Event Rescheduled – Save the Date! Minds Matter! Event to Support Alzheimer's Research**

Due to the inclement weather, our previously postponed event has been rescheduled for Thurs., April 24. We appreciate your patience and hope this means more people can join us for a great time!

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.

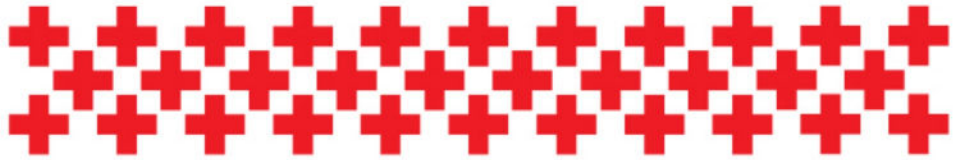
All profits from the event will directly benefit the Rotary **CART Fund**, advancing research to find a cure for Alzheimer's disease. **Click here** to register for this meaningful evening of community and support for a vital cause! Together, we can make a difference!

April 24, 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.

**American Red Cross**

*Give blood.* Help save lives.



**Blood Drive**  
**Rotary Club of Charlotte**  
**at Fairfield Inn & Suites**  
**by Marriott**


**Ballroom**  
**201 S McDowell St**  
**Charlotte, NC 28204**

**Tuesday, April 1, 2025**  
**10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.**

To make an appointment or for more information,  
please call 1-800-REDCROSS (1-800-733-2767)  
or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter  
Sponsor Code "CharlotteRotary".

Bring your Red Cross Donor Card or Photo ID.

**Come give April 1 to 13 for \$15 Gift Card (email)**  
**plus chance to win \$5K prize. See [rcblood.org/hope](http://rcblood.org/hope)**



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# Beyond the Club



Don't forget to read the District newsletter for the latest updates with other clubs and in District 7680!

[Click here to read the February 2025 District newsletter.](#)



## DISTRICT 7680 CONFERENCE

*If you've never attended a District Conference, this is the one you don't want to miss!*

- ✓ Get Inspired!
- ✓ Level Up Your Leadership!
- ✓ Expand Your Network!
- ✓ Experience the Best of Rotary!
- ✓ Fun and awards!



**Speaker:**  
Molly Grantham  
Journalist.  
Speaker.  
Author.  
Mom.

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**MAY 2025**

Statesville NC Civic Center  
300 S Center St  
Statesville, NC

**Don't Miss Out! Secure your spot today and be part of something truly special!**

**REGISTRATION: \$125 (INCLUDES MEALS)**

Register in DACdb

For more information: [www.rotary7680.org/2025-district-conference/](http://www.rotary7680.org/2025-district-conference/)



### *Rotary International Convention*

Join fellow Rotarians at the 2025 Rotary International Convention in Calgary, June 21-25, 2025, for an unforgettable experience of fellowship, inspiration, and global impact.

Connect with Rotary leaders worldwide and celebrate the power of Rotary—don't miss this incredible opportunity!

*Click here for more information!*

**Save the Date!** Join CART in the "Queen City" as they celebrate their 30th Anniversary in a BIG WAY!

The event will be held on Friday, June 13, in Charlotte, NC. More details to follow but mark your calendars now!

Thanks to District 7680 Governor Kevin Kendrick and everyone in that district for their willingness to

**SAVE THE DATE!!**



2025 CART  
ANNUAL MEETING  
FRIDAY, JUNE 13, 2025  
CHARLOTTE, NC

DETAILS COMING SOON

SPECIAL THANKS TO ROTARY DISTRICT  
7680 GOVERNOR KEVIN KENDRICK

Rotary District 7680



SEMINAR FOR TOMORROW'S LEADERS




APPLY HERE




**SUMMER LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE**



Unlock your potential this summer with the ROTARY 7680 leadership program!

OUR SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM:

- ✓ For Rising Juniors and Seniors in High School
- ✓ July 17-20, 2025
- ✓ Gardner Webb University
- ✓ Designed by Center for Creative Leadership



MORE INFORMATION & REGISTRATION <https://rotary7680.org/sftl/>

*Exciting Opportunities or 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, Governor 2017-2018, Rotary Club of Charlotte South, [SVanDerLinden7@gmail.com](mailto:SVanDerLinden7@gmail.com) or 704.574.5000. The deadline is April 11.

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

## Membership Update

07/01/2024 249

01/28/2025 241

02/18/2025 242 (Resignation: Wes Jones)

Meeting Attendance - Tuesday, February 18, 2025: 97

Guests in attendance: Christal Hill ([J Hill](#)) and Kerin Hughes ([Kim Brattain](#))

## Milestones (Week of Feb. 25 - Mar. 3)

### Birthdays

25 - Cynthia Marshall

26 - Will Hadley

27 - Jerry Coughter

28 - Margaret Marshall

### Rotary Anniversaries

*53 years:* Lamar Thomas

*40 years:* John Phillips

*31 years:* Mike Hawley

*10 years:* Fred Wagner

*3 years:* Christine Cipriano

*1 year:* Mark Erwin

### Wedding Anniversaries

3 - Caroline & Ed Driggs

## 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](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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