



Upcoming Events

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

Rotary Office Closure Notice: The Rotary office will be closed on Wed., April 9, Thurs., April 10, and Fri., April 11, as Executive Director **Christine Cipriano** will be on vacation during these days. Regular office hours will resume on Monday, April 14.

Tues., April 1 - Weekly Meeting: *Cathy Bessant, CEO, Foundation For The Carolinas*

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

Sat., April 12 - Club Social: *Hyatt Farms Sporting Clay Rotary Day*, 10:30 a.m., 990 Burnsville Church Rd., Polkton, NC. Details below. Sign up here.

Thurs., April 17 - Club Event: *Rotary Means Business*. 5:30 - 7:30 p.m., Gilde Brewery, 3530 Dewitt Lane, Charlotte. Details are below. Click here to sign up.

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.

May 2-3 - District 7680 Conference. Statesville Civic Center, 300 S. Center St., Statesville. Click here for the agenda. Or details are 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



NC State Senator Woodson Bradley
by Elly Clary

Newly minted State Sen. **Woodson Bradley** described her victory thusly:

"Through the campaign, people instilled the courage to just be myself. Many of us might not have had the same philosophy about a lot of things, but you knew my heart and I knew yours, and I listened to you. I thank you."

She ended her presentation to her Charlotte Rotary home club with that and received a standing ovation.

Democrat Bradley won her south Charlotte district by about 200 votes. She survived multiple recounts and court hearings. She was unsure of her seat until she entered the

Senate in January and saw her name on an electronic roster.

Making up for lost time, she got a security badge and clearance. She found a cubby hole office and filled it with discarded furniture – all with good cheer.

"If I started off with a bitter attitude, where would I be right now?" she asked. [Click here to read more.](#)

A recording of the meeting can be found here:
With Slides: [State Senator Woodson Bradley with slides on Vimeo](#)
Without Slides: [State Senator Woodson Bradley without slides on Vimeo](#)
The introduction begins at about 28 minutes and 30 seconds.





Club News

Condolences Our heartfelt condolences go out to our own pianist, Dr. Thomas Moore, on the loss of his mother, Mary Currence Moore Adams. Please keep Thomas and his family in your thoughts during this difficult time.

Condolences Our deepest condolences go out to club member **Pat Millen** on the passing of his mother, Nancy Gilchrist Millen, of Chapel Hill, NC. Please keep Pat and his family in your thoughts during this time of their grieving.



Congratulations to recent Paul Harris Fellow recognition recipients, and Thank you for your dedication to **The Rotary Foundation**. Your generous contributions are essential to securing and growing Rotary programs throughout the world. Recognition of donors helps express our gratitude for your commitment.

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Rick Handford

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Bill Gill

Paul Harris Fellow - Level 8
Warren Kean



Rotary Club of Charlotte in the News

Over the past year, our club has received fantastic media coverage, highlighting this past Rotary year's presentations thanks to Chair PDG **Luther Moore** and his committee.

Below is a roundup of some of the key stories that showcased Rotary's commitment to making a difference.

- 3/18/2025 – Dr. Crystal Hill, CMS Superintendent was covered by **WFAE**.
- 2/18/2025 – Excellence in Leadership honoree County Manager, Dena Diorio was covered by **Hoodline Charlotte**.
- 1/21/2025 – Rhett Mabry, The Duke Endowment was covered by **Business NC**.
- 12/10/2024 – **Business NC Daily Digest**, reporter Kevin Ellis covered new member, **Byrd Bergeron's** HIGWIA.
- 11/19/2024 – Kelly Weeks, widow of US Marshal killed on April 29, 2024 was covered by **The Charlotte Ledger** which created a podcast and The Charlotte Observer, Jeff Chamer and Diamond Vences (a previous Rotary Exchange Student).
- 10/22/2024 – Andy Ellen, President and General Counsel, NC Merchants Assoc. was covered by **Business NC**
- 10/15/2024 – UNC Charlotte Chancellor Dr. Sharon Gaber was covered by **Business NC** AND **The Charlotte Ledger**
- 9/19/2024 – Mark Robinson (from the previous year) was covered by **WFAE**
- 9/3/2024 – Our Airport Panel was covered by **The Charlotte Ledger**
- 7/31/2024 – Former Governor and Honorary Member Pat McCrory was covered by **The Charlotte Ledger**

Thank You for Your Service – Looking Ahead to More Opportunities!

A huge thank you to all who participated in this year's service projects!

Your dedication has made a meaningful impact in our community, from



**SERVICE
ABOVE SELF**

supporting students and the children of first responders to helping those in need through various collection drives, cleanups, and hands-on volunteer efforts. Your commitment to Service Above Self continues to inspire.

As we move into the next few months, we have even more opportunities to give back - Below is our FY2024-25 Monthly Service Focus – mark your calendars and join us in continuing our tradition of service!

- April = Blood Donation Drive on April 1st. Ronald McDonald House onsite support
- May = Samaritan's Feet shoe collection and packing
- June = Nourish Up collection of peanut butter
- July = Goodwill old technology drive

Thank you for all you do.



**American
Red Cross**

This week!

Tues., April 1, 2025

10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

**Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott
during our weekly meeting.**

Click here to sign up and help save lives!

**We need participants for the Rotary Blood Drive!
If you cannot give, bring someone who can.**

**7 ~~9~~ more sign-
ups needed!**



1-800-REDCROSS

or visit RedCrossBlood.org

Sponsor Code "CharlotteRotary"



Sporting Clay Shooting Fundraiser

Sat., April 12 (rain date Sat., April 19)

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 AM 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, a donation will go towards the club. It's a wonderful way to enjoy the day, bond with Rotary friends, and support a meaningful project!

- Date: April 12 (Rain date: April 19)
- Time: 10:30 AM
- Where: Hyatt Farms Shooting Complex, 990 Burnsville Church Rd, Polkton, NC

Questions? Contact Tod Thorne at todthorne@aol.com. [Sign up here](#).

Let's have a blast—literally!



Rotary Means Business: Networking Opportunity for Rotarians

Join us for **Rotary Means Business**, a great opportunity to network and build mutually beneficial relationships with fellow Rotarians. This event will take place on Thurs., April 17, 2025, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Gilde Brewery, located at 3530 Dewitt

Lane, Charlotte.

Whether you're looking to grow your business or simply connect with others in the Rotary community, this relaxed event provides a perfect platform to foster new connections, exchange ideas, and collaborate. Come prepared to meet fellow Rotarians, share your expertise, and discover new opportunities for both personal and professional growth.

We look forward to seeing you there and building stronger connections within our Rotary network. For more information, contact [Glenn Bouley](#) or [Jason Otte](#).



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 **RotaryCART 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.



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Experience **THE MAGIC OF ROTARY** at the **Rotary DISTRICT 7680 CONFERENCE**

Fun! Service! Inspiration!

Fun is guaranteed!
Service – Contribute your time!
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In Revitalized Statesville! Centrally Located - Less than 2 hours drive!
Lowest cost in years! \$125 includes dinner on Friday and breakfast and lunch on Saturday

Awards for Clubs and Distinguished Rotarians
House of Friendship including a **memorial** for Rotarians we lost this year

May 2 - 3, 2025
 Statesville Civic Center, 300 S. Center Street

Reserve your spot today! Register on DACdb

Membership Update

07/01/2024 249
 02/28/2025 244
 03/25/2025 243 (Resignations: Ceci Armour, Charles Vesely, Casey Williamson)

Meeting Attendance - Tuesday, March 25, 2025: 97

Guests in attendance: Claire Coughter ([Jerry Coughter](#)), Nancy McNelis (President [Kim Brattain](#)), Jennifer Roberts (Past President [Edwin Peacock](#)), Libby Simonini ([Alan Simonini](#)), Nicole Smith ([J Hill](#))

Milestones (Week of April 1 - 7)

Birthdays

7 - David Anderson

Wedding Anniversaries

4 - Debbie & Bill Constangy
 7 - Vicki & Pete Brunnick

Rotary Anniversaries

45 years: George Rohe
 34 years (44 total): Jesse Hite
 24 years: Bryan Adams
 23 years: Warren Kean
 22 years: William Bradley
 1 year: John Clarkson

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: 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, Lori Keeton, Virginia Owen

Contact Us

For more information about how to get involved, volunteer opportunities and meeting topics, contact [Christine Cipriano](mailto:christine@charlotterotary.org), 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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