



ROTARY REPORTER

May 13, 2025

Upcoming Events

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

Important Note: Parking will be limited on Tuesday!

Tues., May 20 - Weekly Meeting returning to Fairfield Inn but in the Charlotte Ballroom: Meck Dec Day Celebration led by Dr. Tony Zeiss, President Emeritus, CPCC and Dan Nance, Historical Artist

Wed., May 21 - Leadership Impact Group (LIG) Meeting: 5:30–7 p.m., Lost World Brewery, 1100 Metropolitan Ave., Charlotte, NC, featuring **Spencer Lueders, Founder, 24 Foundation**

Month of June - Donation Drive: Weekly collection of Peanut Butter to stock the shelves at Nourish Up. Details below.

June 7 - Club Event: Nourish Up Service Project: 9–11 a.m., 901 Carrier Drive. Limited to 20 volunteers. See details below. [Click here to sign up.](#)

June 12-13 - District Event: CART Fund 2025 Annual Meeting & 30th Anniversary Celebration Thurs., June 12 and Fri., June 13. See **details below.**

Month of July - Donation Drive: Goodwill Industries of the Southern Piedmont Electronics Donation & Recycling. 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.

Save the date! Tues., Dec. 16 - Club Event: American Red Cross Blood Drive.

This Week's Meeting

WHAT'S IN A SHELTERBOX?



ShelterBox USA: A Beacon of Hope In Disaster Relief by Layne McGuire

Our speaker was Kerri Murray, fellow Rotarian and President of ShelterBox USA. In the wake of devastating natural disasters, ShelterBox USA stands as a beacon of hope, providing essential relief to families who have lost everything. Founded in 2000 by a group of Rotarians, ShelterBox has evolved from creating emergency survival kits to offering customized shelter solutions tailored to the unique needs of disaster-stricken communities.

Kerri Murray, President of ShelterBox USA, shared her poignant journey into disaster relief. Her involvement began after a personal tragedy when her daughter was born under life-threatening conditions, and both their lives were at risk. This experience ignited a deep sense of responsibility in Kerri, leading her to leave her corporate career at GlaxoSmithKline and dedicate herself to humanitarian work. Since joining ShelterBox in 2015, Kerri has been on the front lines of some of the world's worst disasters, witnessing firsthand the transformative impact of ShelterBox's efforts. [Click here to read more.](#)

*Due to the change in location, this meeting was not recorded.







Club News

PLEASE READ: IMPORTANT MESSAGE

After a week away from our regular venue, we'll be back at the Fairfield Inn & Suites Charlotte Uptown for this week's meeting.

Please note, however, that we'll be gathering in the *Charlotte Ballroom*, located at the opposite end of the hall from our usual space.

Another group will be using our regular ballroom, so we anticipate increased activity and limited parking. We encourage everyone to *arrive early to allow ample time to park*.

Prayers for Debbie Constangy - Please keep Debbie Constangy, wife of fellow Rotarian **Bill Constangy**, in your thoughts and prayers as she undergoes treatment for HER2-positive breast cancer. Debbie has completed six of twelve weekly chemotherapy sessions at Atrium Levine Cancer Institute and will continue with surgery, radiation, and immunotherapy. Though aggressive, the cancer was caught early and has not spread beyond one lymph node. Her doctors are optimistic about a full recovery. Bill and Debbie are deeply grateful for the love and support of their Rotary family.

Congratulations to Mark and Ann Erwin! Warm wishes to Mark Erwin and his new bride, Ann, who were recently married in a private ceremony. The happy couple is currently celebrating in Paris. Cheers to a beautiful beginning!



Honoring Distinguished Rotarians: Stuart Hair, Joe Morris, and Rex Reynolds

The Rotary Club of Charlotte recently honored three exemplary members with the Distinguished Rotarian Award — a recognition reserved for individuals whose service, leadership, and commitment embody the highest ideals of Rotary.

Stuart Hair and **Joe Morris** were celebrated at a recent club meeting, where they were recognized for their lasting impact on both the club and the broader Charlotte community. Though not pictured, **Rex Reynolds** was also named a Distinguished Rotarian, and his contributions to the First Responders Scholarship Fundraiser Luncheon were warmly acknowledged.

Each of these members has demonstrated a profound dedication to "Service Above Self," contributing not only their time and talents, but also their hearts to the mission of Rotary. Whether leading initiatives, mentoring fellow Rotarians, or lending their professional expertise to support club priorities, Stuart, Joe, and Rex have left a lasting legacy of integrity and service.

Please join us in congratulating our Distinguished Rotarians — and in thanking them for the example they set and the lives they continue to touch through Rotary.



Leadership Impact Group - Wednesday, May 21 | 5:30–7:00 p.m. | Lost World Brewery

Join us for the next Leadership Impact Group (LIG) meeting on Wednesday, May 21, from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. at Lost World Brewery, located at 1100 Metropolitan Ave. in Charlotte. This month's featured speaker is Spencer Lueders, founder of the 24 Foundation — an organization dedicated to changing the course of cancer navigation and survivorship.

Don't miss this opportunity to connect with fellow leaders and hear from one of Charlotte's most inspiring changemakers. All members and guests are welcome.

	LAST NAME, FIRST NAME <small>Year joined</small> <small>Nick Name</small> <small>Spouse Nick Name</small>
	Career Category <small>Company Name</small> <small>Company Address (Zip Code)</small> <small>(O) Office Phone Number</small> <small>Office e-mail</small> <small>Home Address (Zip Code)</small> <small>Home/Cell Phone number</small> <small>Home e-mail</small> <small>Paul Harris Fellow (+?)</small> <small>Paul Harris Society, Bequest Society</small> <small>President XXXX - XXXX, †</small> <small>Major Donor, Benefactor</small>

Help Us Finalize the 2025–2026 Club Roster!

Deadline: Friday, June 6.

We're preparing to print the 2025–2026 Rotary Club of Charlotte roster, and **we need your help** with one important step: **making sure your contact information is accurate.**

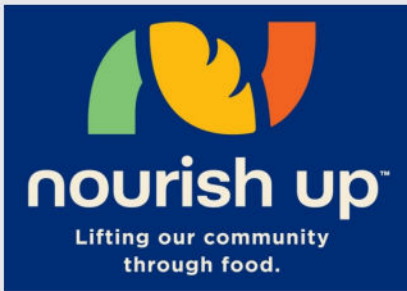
Please take a few minutes to review and update your member record on DACdb.com, our club and district database. It's quick, easy, and the best way to ensure your details are correct in the printed roster. To make the process even easier, [click here for a Step-by-Step Guide to walk you through it.](#)

Prefer to update manually? No problem—just email your changes directly to Executive Director, [Christine Cipriano](mailto:ChristineCipriano@charlotterotary.org) at christine@charlotterotary.org.

You'll also be receiving a screenshot of your current listing by email along with a sample of our standard member record template so you can see exactly what we're working with. Note: Some members choose

to list only their work information, while others include home details—that's entirely your choice. Please also take a moment to confirm or update your employment classification, which helps us maintain accurate club records.

Meeting a June 6th deadline will help us stay on track to have the new roster printed and ready for distribution by the end of July. Thanks in advance for helping us make this our most accurate and up-to-date roster yet!



Nourish Up Service Event - Mark your calendars for a meaningful Saturday morning!

On Saturday, June 7, 2025, we're teaming up with Nourish Up for a hands-on service project at their brand-new facility (901 Carrier Drive) from 9 to 11 a.m.

Whether we're sorting food donations or packing meals for distribution, it'll be two hours of impact and connection—plus, it's always more fun together!

Space is limited to 20 volunteers, so grab your spot early: [Click here to sign up](#). Spouses and significant others are welcome to join the fun, too!

Beyond the Club

YOU ARE INVITED!

30TH ANNIVERSARY RECEPTION

THURS, JUNE 12, 5:30-6:30PM

(NO CHARGE TO ATTEND)

ANNUAL MEETING

FRI, JUNE 13, 10AM-3PM

(\$50 PER PERSON INCLUDES LUNCH)

HILTON CHARLOTTE AIRPORT (CHARLOTTE, NC)

REGISTER IN DACDB

(MULTI-DISTRICT EVENTS CALENDAR)

OR WWW.CARTFUND.ORG

Celebrate 30 Years of Impact at the 2025 CART Fund Annual Meeting

Join us as The CART Fund marks "Thirty Years of Service" at its 2025 Annual Meeting, held at the Hilton Charlotte Airport (2800 Coliseum Centre Dr., Charlotte, NC). This special milestone event will recognize CART's three decades of dedication to Alzheimer's research and feature the awarding of a record-setting \$2 million in grants.

Thursday, June 12 | 5:30-6:30 PM

The celebration begins with a complimentary reception, generously underwritten by sponsors, to honor CART's 30th Anniversary. All attendees will receive a commemorative gift. While the event is free and open to all, registration is required. Afterward, guests are invited to attend Dutch-treat group dinners with CART-funded researchers at local restaurants.

Friday, June 13 | 10:00 AM-3:00 PM

The Annual Meeting will feature the introduction of six groundbreaking researchers selected for 2025 CART grants. Attendees will enjoy special guest speakers and a panel discussion on current advancements in Alzheimer's research.

- Cost: \$50 per person, which includes lunch.

- **Registration: Must be completed in advance through DACdb.** Special links are available for non-Rotarians, or they may be added as guests to Rotarian registrations.
- **Virtual Access:** The event will be livestreamed free of charge via Zoom for those unable to attend in person (link provided the day before).

Additionally, the CART Board of Directors will hold its Annual Meeting from 8:30–9:30 AM, prior to the general session.

Business/Rotary attire is requested for all events.

With gratitude to our generous sponsors: District 7680 Governor Kevin Kendrick, CART President Carol Burdette, and the Rotary Club of Anderson (SC).

Membership Update

07/01/2024 249

04/30/2025 239

05/13/2025 241 (Reinstated: John Galles, New LIG: Issa Smith)

Meeting Attendance - Tuesday, May 13, 2025: 79

Guests in attendance: Bo Coggins ([Boyd Coggins](#)), John Galles ([Tony Zeiss](#)), Page Kizer ([Ed Kizer](#)), William McNamara ([John Galles](#)), William Quarles ([Kathi Knier](#)), Libby Simonini ([Alan Simonini](#))

Milestones (Week of May 20–26)

Birthdays

21 - Ann Clark
22 - Rick Handford
22 - Abigail Weinschel
24 - Helmut Deussen

Wedding Anniversaries

13 - Angela & Reggie Johnson
14 - Liz & Dave Caspers

Member Rotary Anniversaries

22 years - Angela & Reggie Johnson
14 - Liz & Dave Caspers

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, Elizabeth Teagarden, 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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