



Upcoming Events

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

Tues., May 27 - Weekly Meeting: George Shinn, Founder and Original Owner of the Charlotte Hornets

*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.*

*July 15-29 - Electronics Donation Drive: Goodwill Industries of the Southern Piedmont Electronics
Donation & Recycling. 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.*

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

This Week's Meeting



Dr. Tony Zeiss, President Emeritus, CPCC



Mr. Dan Nance, Historical Artisan

*Meck Dec Day Celebration - May 20th, 2025: Dr. Tony Zeiss and Dan Nance
by Bill Bartee*

The meeting of Charlotte Rotary began with a resounding "Hip, Hip, Huzzah," brought by our introductory speaker, Charlotte Rotary Club's past president, **Dr. Tony Zeiss**. The reason? The club's meeting date,

May 20th, is the semiquincentennial (or the 250th anniversary) of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence, which occurred in 1775.

Zeiss, wearing a Mecklenburg SAR color guard uniform, championed the founders of the May 20th Society for their work and advocacy on behalf of Mecklenburg's place in history. This current grouping of citizens champion the love of history and celebrate the brave people who risked their lives, property, and citizenship to refute allegiance to the Crown.

Zeiss continued with the meeting of educated leaders in this area that assembled on May 19th, 1775. There were 27 Committee members present in the Courthouse. The founder of Charlotte and the leader of the meeting was Thomas Polk. Abraham Alexander chaired the meeting, with Dr. Ephraim Brevard as the key author and John McKnitt Alexander acting as the Secretary. They were upset with the Battle of Lexington and Concord that occurred in Massachusetts the previous month. Lexington and Concord were the first major battles of the Revolution and ignited the Carolina frontier as a "hornet's nest of rebellion." He continued that the men quickly agreed on their want to separate from the Crown but spent the night debating the wording. **Click here to read more.**

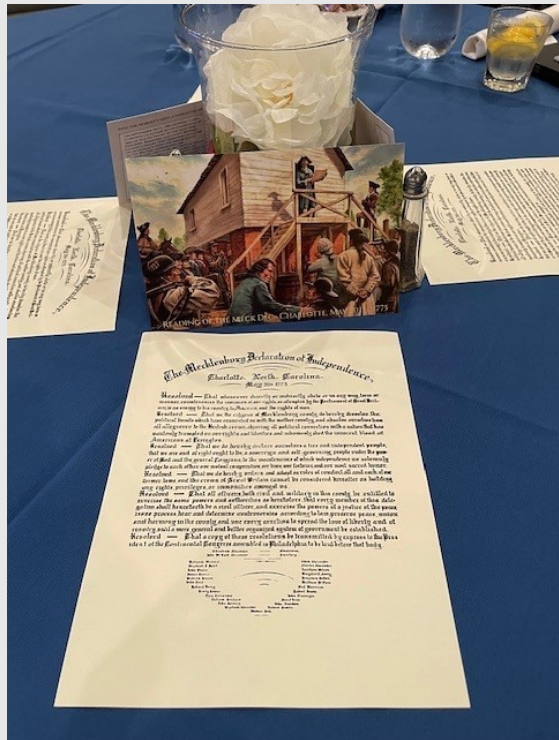
A recording of the meeting can be found here:

This one is without the slides: <https://vimeo.com/1086516729>

This one is with the slides: <https://vimeo.com/1086469249>

The program starts at 11 minutes and 40 seconds.





The Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence
Charlotte, North Carolina
May 20, 1775

Resolved — That whenever America is peacefully united, she is not less an united country than the united States; and that she is not less entitled to the same rights and liberties as the united States.

Resolved — That on the violation of the rights of the Colonies, the united States are bound to support them, and that the Colonies are bound to support the united States.

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Club News

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

	LAST NAME, FIRST NAME
	Year joined
	Nick Name Spouse Nick Name
	Career Category
	Company Name
	Company Address (Zip Code)
	(O) Office Phone Number
	Office e-mail
	Home Address (Zip Code)
	Home/Cell Phone number
Home e-mail	
Paul Harris Fellow (+?)	
Paul Harris Society, Bequest Society	
President XXXX - XXXX, 1	
Major Donor, Benefactor	

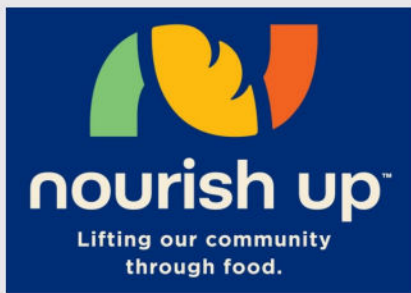
step: *making sure your contact information is accurate.*

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:christine@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!



Clear Out Your Old Electronics — and Support a Great Cause!

This July 15-29, bring your used electronics to any Rotary meeting — we're collecting them all month long! So, bring your electronics with you and drop them off at the collection table!

It's the perfect time to finally part with old phones, outdated cords, broken tablets, and forgotten gadgets — all while

supporting Goodwill's mission to help people pursue the life they want through career services and employment placement.

Over the past 10 years, Goodwill has responsibly disposed of more than 8 million pounds of electronic waste. Every donated item is handled securely and sustainably:

- **Data Sanitation:** Devices undergo Department of Defense-level (DoD – Level 3) data wiping using DBAN and Parted Magic on industrial-grade equipment.
- **Secure Disposal:** Items that cannot be wiped are physically shredded and sent to DELL for responsible recycling.
- **Trusted Process:** Goodwill is the e-waste recycling choice for organizations such as the City of Charlotte, Charlotte Douglas Airport, Coca-Cola, Mecklenburg & Gaston Counties, Skyla Credit Union, Husqvarna, and DeMayo Law Firm.
- **Certified Vendors:** All non-data-related e-waste is recycled through R2-certified partners.

Bring your unused electronics to Rotary in late July to declutter your home, protect your data, and make a meaningful impact.

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).

Rotary Leadership Institute



HAVE YOU REGISTERED YET ??

You definitely don't want to miss the . . .

2025 Mid Atlantic RLI Summer Meeting !!

- *Regional Coordinator, District Chair, and Committee brainstorming sessions*
- *Faculty Update featuring new techniques & evaluation expectations*
- *RLI Parts I-III, Graduate & New Faculty courses available*
- *Breakouts exploring "What's Next for MARLI ?"*
- *Inaugural RLI Alumni Social*
- *And our special guest presenter . . .*

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**Zones 33/34 RI Director
PATRICK EAKES !!**

**July 10-12, 2025
Rowan-Cabarrus Community College
Kannapolis NC**



VISIT THE DACDB CALENDAR TODAY FOR
REGISTRATION & LODGING LINK

What is Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI)?

Founded in 1992, the Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) is a grassroots coalition of Rotary districts offering a leadership development program for potential Rotary club leaders. While not an official Rotary International program, RLI is widely supported by current and past Rotary International Presidents and Directors, and has been recommended by both the RI Board and the Council on Legislation.

RLI operates globally with divisions on every continent, providing non-job-specific leadership training to help Rotarians understand Rotary's global impact and develop the skills needed to guide clubs in a rapidly changing world. The core program consists of three non-consecutive days of training that combine Rotary knowledge with leadership development tailored for voluntary organizations.

Graduates of the basic course can further their learning through advanced seminars on key Rotary topics. The program's mission is to help clubs identify and sponsor members with leadership potential, though any Rotarian is welcome to attend on their own initiative.

RLI's ultimate goal is to inspire enthusiasm for Rotary by expanding members' understanding of the organization beyond their own clubs and equipping them to lead with vision, purpose, and passion.

The current curriculum for RLI has the following course sessions:

PART I

Insights Into Leadership
My Rotary World
Ethics-Vocation Service
Foundation I: Our Foundation
Engaging Members
Creating Service Projects

PART II

Strategic Planning & Analysis
Attracting Members
Club Communication
Team Building
Foundation II: Targeted Service

PART III

Rotary Opportunities
Effective Leadership Strategies
Foundation III: International Service

Enrolling in the Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) is a valuable step toward enhancing your leadership skills and deepening your Rotary knowledge. Here's how you can get started:

Step 1: Find a Course Near You

RLI courses are offered both in-person and virtually across various districts. Upcoming dates include: en't listed in the provided information, neighboring districts have scheduled sessions that you might consider: (Mid-Atlantic RLI)

- May 31, 2025: Parts I, II, III in Washington, NC
- July 12, 2025: Parts I, II, III, and Graduate sessions in Kannapolis, NC
- September 13, 2025: Parts I, II, III in Durham, NC

You can view the full schedule and register for these events through the Mid-Atlantic RLI website [Mid-Atlantic RLI](#)

Step 2: Register for a Course

Registration is handled through [DACdb](#)

1. Log into your DACdb account.
2. Navigate to the My Club section.
3. Select the Calendar (ensure the "RLI Training Events" box is checked).
4. Find the event you're interested in and click on Register Now.

Step 3: Understand the Costs

The cost of attending RLI courses varies depending on the format:

- In-Person Events: Typically around \$95 per part.
- Virtual Events: Approximately \$35 per part. (Mid-Atlantic RLI)

These fees cover course materials and other associated costs.

Step 4: Seek Assistance if Needed

If you need help identifying the appropriate RLI division or have questions about course offerings, consider reaching out to your Club Executive Director [Christine Cipriano](#) at christine@charlotterotary.org

By participating in RLI, you'll join a network of Rotarians committed to service and leadership excellence. It's an opportunity to grow personally and professionally while making a meaningful impact in your community.



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

The dates for the 2025 Seminar for Tomorrow's Leaders (SFTL) are 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.

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 or 704.574.5000.

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

Membership Update

Guests in attendance: Lisa Altizer, Bailey Bartee ([Bill Bartee](#)), Phyllis Holly-Ward ([Ayo M. Johnson](#)), Sylvia Hyatt ([Larry Hyatt](#)), Matt Ibbetson ([Tony Zeiss](#)), Sandy Ibbetson ([Tony Zeiss](#)), Sandra Moore ([Luther Moore](#)), Bob Morgan ([Fred Wagner](#)), Josiah Smith ([Mark Turner](#)), Patty Thorne ([Tod Thorne](#)), Beth Zeiss ([Tony Zeiss](#))

Milestones (Week of May 27–June 2)

Birthdays

28 - Susie Bunch-Masotti
29 - Brad Crotts
29 - John Galles
30 - Greg Hatcher

Rotary Anniversaries

38 years: Phil Volponi
32 years: Bill Loftin
27 years: Tony Lathrop
22 years: Henry Cantrell
10 years (17 total): Travis Vance
7 years (37 total): Tony Zeiss

Wedding Anniversaries

27 - Claire & Jerry Coughter
27 - Sandra & Luther Moore
27 - Mariana & Mike Orzech
28 - Karen & Doug Bean
28 - Jessica & Devin Dupree
29 - Claire & Brent Trexler
30 - Byrd & Joseph Bergeron
2 - Margaret & Harrison Marshall

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, 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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