

Rotary  
Club of  
Charlotte



# THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

June 25, 2024

## 2023-2024 Board Members

President Edwin Peacock

Pres Elect Kim Brattain

Past Pres William Bradley

Secretary John Cantrell

Treasurer Craig Field

Exec Sec Christine Cipriano

### Directors 2022-2024

Will Barnhardt

Glenn Bouley

Margaret Donovan

Laura Little

Mark Norman

Diego Ramon

Robert Shaw

### Directors 2023-2025

Patrick Baker

Linwood Bolles

Terri DeBoo

Andy Dinkin

Donna Dunlap

David Head

Joel Ford

Membership Terri DeBoo

Foundation Joe Morris

Programs Andy Dinkin



Edwin Peacock  
President 2023 - 2024



Kim Brattain  
President 2024 - 2025

## *Annual Presidential Transition Ceremony*

by **Elly Clary**

Before an audience sprinkled with district governors past and present and former club presidents, **Edwin Peacock** passed the Charlotte Rotary president's pin to **Kim Brattain**, our leader for 2024-25.

The Rotary International Vision inspired him, Peacock said, and he shared it: "We see a world where people unite and take action to create a lasting change – across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves."

An emotional Brattain told the crowd: "I see your hearts; I see your kindness and your compassion. You humble me. You inspire me. It is an honor and privilege to be your next president."

Three focus areas – growth, retention, and impact – guided Peacock in his presidency.

For retention, Peacock said he built on initiatives started by his predecessor William Bradley, using a non-profit membership, a corporate membership, and a satellite club.

Spearheading retention, he strived to make Charlotte Rotary a premiere speaking destination. He thanked speaker chair Andy Dinkin and committee member Joel Ford as well as sergeant-at-arms Bill Gill, who worked to improve decorum.

For impact, Peacock emphasized Rotary Foundation support. With a voluntary Foundation donation added to membership invoices, about 95 percent of Charlotte Rotarians gave at least \$100.

Peacock also shared the 10 most cherished memories of his presidency. They included a Rotary board gathering at his house and the first club Christmas party. Ranking high was celebration of the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Charlotte Rotary-instituted Interact club at Myers Park High and the Interact's acceptance of his suggestion to participate in the St. Patrick's Day parade.

Presenting the Excellence In Leadership award to civic icon Johnny Harris, whom he called "the godfather of sports in Charlotte," was huge. The program included Pat McCrory, a former governor and Charlotte mayor and a previous award winner.

Securing a District grant to support a statue of Loonis McGlohon, a Charlotte music legend, in the city's Trail of History made Peacock's list, as did his family hosting the club's exchange student from India.

The birth and growth of the club's Leadership Impact Group pleased him. Generally younger than most in our lunch club, its 30 or so members gather on the third Wednesday in a brewery's private room.

Two large meetings impressed Peacock. One was the 7680 District Conference in Charleston, which he thanked District Gov. Deb Corbett for hosting. And his top memory was attending the Rotary International Convention in Singapore.

"Creating lasting change really comes alive at the International Convention," he said. "It gets you excited about what you can do in our community."

After accepting the Charlotte Rotary president's pin, Brattain threw out a related challenge. She told the audience: "We have opportunities this year to dive deeper into service."

A recording of the meeting can be found here: <https://vimeo.com/970982039>  
The program introduction begins at approximately 30 minutes and 30 seconds.