



Upcoming Events

A complete list of upcoming events can be found on the Rotary Club of Charlotte website under [Upcoming Events](#).

August Weekly Donation Opportunity: Classroom Central School Supply Drive, Donations for the back-to-school drive may be dropped off at the weekly meetings in the month of August. See details below.

Tues., Aug. 13 - Weekly Meeting: Brian Norris, Director, Americas Integrated Facilities Management

Wed., Aug. 21 - Service and Social Event: Classroom Central, 4–5 p.m. Service Hour, 5–7 p.m. Social Hours. 2116 Wilkinson Blvd. See below for details and to sign up for either or both opportunities.

Wed., Aug. 21 - Leadership Impact Group Monthly Meeting, 5:30–7 p.m., Lost Worlds Brewing, 1100 Metropolitan Ave. Speaker: Panel of non-profit professionals.

Location change! Tues., Aug. 27 - Weekly Meeting: Please note that the weekly meeting on Aug. 27th will be held at [SMS Catering](#), 1764 Norland Rd, Charlotte, 28205. The speaker that day will be **Mr. George Shinn, American Businessperson and former owner of the Hornets**

Sign up now available! Wed., Aug. 28 - Leadership Impact Group Volunteer Opportunity: American Red Cross Blood Drive, 1:30–6 p.m., Fairfield Inn & Suites Charlotte Uptown, 201 S. McDowell St. [Click here to schedule an appointment.](#)

Limited availability. Sign up now! Tues., Sept. 3 - Tour Opportunity after Weekly Meeting: CLT Tours, 2 different tours available. 2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Details available below.

Time to sign up! Fri., Sept. 13 - Club Signature Project: First Responders Scholarship Luncheon, Help us help the people who save lives and protect us. See details below. [Click here for registration.](#)

Save the Date! Sat., Oct. 5 - District Volunteer Event: Catawba River Cleanup Volunteer at the annual Catawba Riversweep. Registration opens soon.

Save the Date! Fri., Nov. 8 - District Event: The Rotary Foundation Celebration, Gastonia Conference Center, 145 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Way, Gastonia, NC 28052.

This Week's Meeting

Kevin Kendrick, Rotary District 7680, District Governor
by [Elly Clary](#)

Making Rotary irresistible is International President Stephanie



Urchick's goal, and District 7680 Governor Kevin Kendrick passed that on to our club.

It involves magic, Kendrick explained. He told of Urchick working on a Rotary project to bring running water to a Dominican Republic village that had never enjoyed it. Changing filters, volunteers briefly shut off the flow. A little boy pleaded, "Please ma'am, make the magic happen again."

That's Urchick's mandate, Kendrick said. "We need to be the spark that ignites the magic of Rotary."

Kendrick retired as special agent in charge of the Charlotte Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. He's been a Rotarian since 2007, initially in Michigan and now with the Dilworth South End Club, where he is a former president. He is a Paul Harris Fellow +8. [Click here to read more.](#)

[Click here for a recording of the meeting.](#) The speaker's introduction begins at approximately 25 minutes and 35 seconds.







Club News

Continued prayers for Past President and our oldest, and longest-serving member, **Mr. K. "Martin" Waters**. Reports are that Martin is recovering well after his recent fall. His resilience and spirit continue to inspire us all.

Congratulations to Past President **David Zimmerman** on the joyful news of recently becoming a grandfather for the first time, welcoming not just one, but two beautiful grandchildren—twins! A girl, Elizabeth, and a boy, Everett were born to David and Anja's son, Carl and his wife Catherine. A double blessing for this lucky family!



Charlotte Rotary Board of Director Member and Mecklenburg County Manager **Dena Diorio** announced her retirement after 11+ years of leadership. Dena was the county's first female manager and led major initiatives. She plans to step down in July 2025. *Congratulations Dena!*

And Thank you to The Charlotte Ledger for their mention of Charlotte Rotary in conjunction with such a high profile **announcement**.



Rotary Club Tours of Charlotte Douglas International Airport

We're building an Airport fit for the Queen! CLT invites you to join them on the journey with an exclusive behind-the-scenes tour of Destination CLT Project.

Join Rotarians on Tues., Sept. 3 after the weekly meeting for your choice of two exclusive behind-the-scenes tours of the Charlotte Douglas International Airport's (CLT) exciting

"Destination CLT" projects. After the Rotary meeting featuring Panelists Jack Christine, Chief Infrastructure Officer, club member Ben Goebel, AIA, Gresham Smith's Aviation Senior Architect and club member, Stuart Hair, Assistant Airport Director, gather in the Eagle Conference Room at CLT Center

(5601 Wilkinson Blvd) between 2:00-2:15 PM. Tours will start at 2:30 PM and end by 3:30 PM.

Two tour options are available:

1. Terminal Lobby Expansion (TLE): An indoor walking tour showcasing lobby enhancements, new security checkpoints, ticket counters, and the Queen's Court.
2. Construction Projects: A bus tour featuring airfield improvements like the Fourth Parallel Runway and the new Airport Overlook.

Space is limited to 25 participants per tour. **Please sign up via Sign Up Genius with your full legal name, date of birth, gender as on government-issued ID, and tour preference.** Further details on parking and logistics will be provided. We look forward to seeing you there!



Charlotte Rotary's Back-to-School Initiative with Classroom Central

This August, Charlotte Rotary is proud to support back-to-school efforts through a partnership with **Classroom Central**. Our initiative includes three key components to ensure students are well-equipped and supported as they return to school.

1.9 School Tools Supply Drive: We are collecting essential school supplies at weekly meetings in August to help students start the school year with the tools they need to succeed. Your donations of notebooks, pencils, backpacks, and other supplies (detailed list below) will make a significant difference.

2. Service: Join us for a volunteer opportunity on Wed., Aug. 21, from 4 - 5 p.m. at Classroom Central, 2116 Wilkinson Blvd. Help sort and organize supplies, and get them ready for distribution to students and teachers in need. See the details below to register to serve.

3. Social: Engage with fellow Rotary members on Wed., Aug. 21 from 5 - 7 p.m. at Classroom Central, 2116 Wilkinson Blvd. This social event is designed to foster connections and celebrate our collective efforts in supporting education.

For more details on how you can participate and contribute, contact [Christine Cipriano](#) at christine@charlotterotary.org. Let's work together to make a positive impact on our local schools and ensure every student has the resources they need to thrive!

**CLASSROOM
CENTRAL**

**SCHOOL
SUPPLY
DRIVE**

To assist students of all ages, we are gathering a variety of supplies, such as filler paper, pencils, crayons, colored markers, highlighters, dry erase markers, glue sticks, pocket folders, & more.

 **CLASSROOM CENTRAL**
2116 Wilkinson Blvd, Charlotte,
NC 28208

9 SCHOOL TOOLS IN DEMAND

 704-377-1740

 [classroomcentria.org](https://www.classroomcentria.org)

9 School Tools Supply Drive

At each meeting in August, Charlotte Rotary is collecting essential school supplies to help students start the school year with the tools they need to succeed. The 9 School Tools in the greatest demand are:

- Crayons
- Colored Markers
- Composition Books
- Dry Erase Markers
- Filler Paper
- Glue Sticks
- Highlighters
- Pencils
- Pocket Folders

Bring your donation to the meetings! There will be a barrel there for your collections.

Charlotte Rotary's Back-to-School Service at Classroom Central

Join Charlotte Rotarian's for a volunteer opportunity on Wed., Aug. 21, 4–5 p.m. at Classroom Central, 2116 Wilkinson Blvd.

Help sort and organize supplies and get Classroom Central ready for distribution to students and teachers in need.

The registration for this event is on the Classroom Central website. This event has required registration;

Classroom Central is not able to accommodate volunteers that show up without a registration. [Click here to sign up.](#)

Address: 2116 Wilkinson Blvd. (just outside of Uptown)

Where to park: Please park on the side of the building or at the back of the building.

Where to enter: Please enter through the front or side doors (not through the warehouse door).

Dress code: Casual (jeans/shorts) with close toe and heel shoes (recommend sneakers) required.

Registration: [Please register using this link.](#) If you are a new user, it is a two-step process:

First you create your account and then click next to register for your event. You will receive two emails confirming your account and registering for the event. If you have previously volunteered with us, you will sign in using your password and select your volunteer date. There is a link to click if you have forgotten your username or password.

Charlotte Rotary's Back-to-School Social at Classroom Central

Engage with fellow Rotary members on Wed., Aug. 21 from 5-7 p.m. at Classroom Central, 2116 Wilkinson Blvd. This social event is designed to foster connections and celebrate our collective efforts in supporting education. You do not have to volunteer to attend the social.

[Click here to sign up and to volunteer to bring hors d'oeuvres or drinks.](#)

When you arrive, please park at the side of the building or at the back of the building.

Please enter through the front or side doors (not the warehouse door).

**Rotary Club of Charlotte's
22nd Annual**

**First Responders
Scholarship Luncheon
2024**

When:
Friday
9/13/2024

12:00 - 2:00 pm
Join us for:
Lunch
Speakers
Live & Silent Auction

Where:
Charlotte
City Club

Charlotte City Club
121 W Trade St,
32nd Floor
Charlotte, NC 28202

First Responders Scholarship Luncheon

Join us for a special luncheon dedicated to honoring our brave first responders and supporting the Rotary Club of Charlotte's 22nd Annual First Responders Scholarship Event.

Help us help the people who save lives and protect us.

After 9-11, the Rotary Club of Charlotte began a scholarship fund for children of those who protect and serve. Since 2002, we've raised more than \$1,000,000 and awarded over 90 multi-year college scholarships to families of our Charlotte-Mecklenburg first responders.

Why Attend?

- Support a Noble Cause: Provides an opportunity to show appreciation for the steadfast dedication from our local first responders.
- Show Appreciation: Acknowledge the hard work and dedication of our local heroes.
- Engage with the Community: Strengthen your ties with the community and fellow Rotary members.

How to Attend: Space is limited - Charlotte Rotarian's are invited to sign up first. Confirm your attendance by [registering here](#). Sponsorships available.

Let's come together to make this event a success and show our unwavering support for our first responders. Mark your calendars and join us for an afternoon of gratitude, inspiration, and community spirit.

Contact Information: [Christine Cipriano](#), Rotary Club of Charlotte, 1850 East 3rd St., Suite 220, Charlotte, NC 28204-3455, christine@charlotterotary.org or 704-375-6816

Leadership Impact Group

The Leadership Impact Group will be hosting a blood drive on Wed., Aug. 28, from 1:30 to 6 p.m. We *urgently* need volunteers to sign up and donate. Your participation can make a significant difference in saving lives. Please consider signing up and encouraging others to join this vital cause.

ROCK & ROLL
UP YOUR SLEEVE



**American
Red Cross**



**GIVE
BLOOD**

Blood Drive
Leadership Impact Group
Rotary Club

Fairfield Inn & Suites Charlotte Uptown - Ballroom
201 S McDowell Street
Charlotte, NC 28204

Wednesday, August 28th
1:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Please visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: LIGRotary to schedule an appointment.

Maximize your blood donation. Help more patients.

If you are an eligible type O, B - or A - donor, consider making a Power Red donation.
Red blood cells are the most commonly transfused blood component.

**Donors needed! Come give blood in August for \$20
Amazon.com Gift Card by email. See rcblood.org/Help**

redcrossblood.org | 1-800-RED CROSS | 1-800-733-2767

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Beyond the Club



Rotary International President for 2026 - 2027 announced

Sangkoo Yun, a member of the Rotary Club of Sae Hanyang, Seoul, Korea, is the selection of the Nominating Committee or President to become Rotary International's president for 2026-27. Yun will officially become the nominee on 15 September if no other candidates challenge him.

[Read more about Yun](#)



ShelterBox All-Hands Rotary Roundup: Invitation

As ShelterBox nears its 25th anniversary in global disaster relief, you are invited to join “ShelterBox All-Hands Rotary Roundup” on Wed., Aug. 28th at 12 pm PT / 3 pm ET via Zoom.

This 30-minute session will highlight the strong partnership between ShelterBox and Rotary. It will feature insights from ShelterBox USA President, Kerri Murray, of the Rotary Club of Montecito, CA, and ShelterBox Response Team member, Brian Glenn, of the Rotary Club of Denton-Lake Cities, TX. They will discuss how Rotarians play vital roles in disaster response, with a focus on the recent earthquake relief efforts in Morocco and updates on ongoing initiatives in the Caribbean and beyond.

Rotarians are essential to the mission of ShelterBox—from fundraising to field support—and they encourage you to attend to learn more about how you can contribute.

****Register here for the Zoom Link****

Can't attend live? Register anyway to receive the recording afterward.

Membership Update

07/01/2024 249

07/31/2024 249

08/06/2024 249

Recommended for Membership (*comments to Rotary office by August 16, 2024*):

Isabella Warner, Senior Client Associate, ECM an IMA Company

Sponsor: Margaret Donovan

Endorsed: Linwood Bolles and Terri DeBoo

Recommended for Membership (*comments to Rotary office by August 16, 2024*):

Elizabeth "Liz" Caspers, Area Director of Sales, Summit Hospitality

Sponsor: Harriett Porter

Endorsed: Michael Orzech and Kevin Utsey

Meeting Attendance - Tuesday, August 6, 2024: 98

Guests in attendance: Jacob Cantrell (Leadership Impact Group), Lemuelle Claud (Leadership Impact Group), PDG Debb Corbett (Meck Co.-South), Kevin Ellis (Media), Wesley Harris (Luther Moore), Layne McGuire, Wally Olson (Meck Co.-South), Jacob Cantrell (Leadership Impact Group), Lemuelle Claud (Leadership Impact Group), Austin Wilson (Lori Keeton's nephew), Mark Woolen (John Cantrell), Mordecai Scott (Leadership Impact Group)

Milestones (Week of Aug. 13 - 19)

Birthdays

14 - Howard Hoyle

17 - Patti Mashburn

Rotary Anniversaries

10 years: Dena Diorio

7 years: Margaret Marshall

Wedding Anniversaries

14 - Kelly & Greg Reagan

15 - Deborah & Joel Ford

15 - Suzanne & Bill Nichols

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: Linwood Bolles, 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



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.

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