



## Upcoming Events

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

**Tues., July 30 - Weekly Meeting:** *Pat McCrory*, American Businessman, Politician, Radio Host and TV Host, 53rd Mayor of Charlotte and 74th Governor of North Carolina. Interview by Chris William, Carolina Business Review

**Tues., July 30 thru Tues., Aug. 20 - 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.

**Fri., Aug. 2 - Club Invoices Due**

**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.

**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.](#)

**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! 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



*Jeff Smithberger, Division Director, Solid Waste and Recycling  
"Solid Waste - Where does it go?"*

by Rick Handford

**Dena Diorio** introduced **Jeff Smithberger**, the director of Solid Waste and Recycling, a division of the Mecklenburg County Land Use and Environmental Services Agency. He is responsible for managing the short and long-term priorities associated with solid waste processing, overseeing solid waste programs and four full-service recycling centers, capital project planning, and conducting residential and business community outreach efforts focusing on sustainability and waste reduction.

Jeff joined the County in 2014 as director. Previously, he served as director of Solid Waste for Fairfax

County, VA. He holds a Bachelor of Science in engineering and has completed coursework toward a Master of Business Administration at Virginia Tech University. He is a member of the Solid Waste Association of North America and was formerly an International Board Member. [Click here to read more.](#)

[Click here for a recording of the meeting.](#) The speaker's introduction begins at approximately 23 minutes and 50 seconds.





*Thank you* to Tony Mecia and The Charlotte Ledger for mentioning Charlotte Rotary in their recent article **"Mecklenburg County's 'Foam-A-Saurus Rex' recycling initiative receives national recognition"**

## Club News

### *Condolences to the Kendrick Family*

The arrangements for Jennifer "Jenny" Kendrick, beloved wife of our District Governor, Kevin Kendrick, are now available. A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Sat., Aug. 10 at St. John Episcopal Church. The family will receive friends following the service. More details can be found here: [Jennifer Ann Kendrick \(kennethpoeservices.com\)](http://kennethpoeservices.com)

Jenny was truly devoted to Rotary. Her unwavering commitment and active involvement at the club level and at the district level have left an enduring



impact on our community.



### *Condolences to the family of Vernon Anderson*

Details are now available for the funeral services of long-time Charlotte Rotarian, Vernon Anderson, who passed on July 15, 2024. The services will be held on Aug. 2 at 11 a.m. at Trinity Presbyterian Church. **Click here for more information.**

Our deepest condolences go to Vernon's wife of 65 years, Gloria, and family.



### *The Next Generation*

We are beginning a program where our esteemed seasoned Rotary members would connect with the younger members of the Leadership Impact Group. Your wealth of experience, wisdom, and insights can provide invaluable guidance and inspiration to the next generation of leaders. By fostering these intergenerational relationships, we can build a stronger, more

vibrant community and ensure our Rotary legacy of service and leadership continues to thrive. Together, we can create meaningful connections that benefit both our organization and the wider community. For more information or to sign up, contact [LIG@charlotterotary.org](mailto:LIG@charlotterotary.org) or Executive Secretary, Christine Cipriano at [christine@charlotterotary.org](mailto:christine@charlotterotary.org).



### *Quarterly Club Invoices*

Since emails sent from DACdb sometimes go to your Spam Folders, please note that the quarterly invoices were sent out on July 3rd and are due on August 2nd. Please check your email for the invoice details and ensure timely payment to keep our club's activities and initiatives running smoothly.

If you have any questions or need assistance, feel free to reach out to our Executive Secretary, [Christine Cipriano](mailto:christine@charlotterotary.org) at [christine@charlotterotary.org](mailto:christine@charlotterotary.org). Thank you!



### *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 details below.

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, please contact [Tish Atkins](mailto:charlestish22@gmail.com) at [charlestish22@gmail.com](mailto:charlestish22@gmail.com). Let's work together to make a positive impact on our local schools and ensure every student has the resources they need to thrive!



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

 [classroomcentrla.org](http://classroomcentrla.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 a 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).

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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

## *Announcing the 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](mailto: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

**GIVE  
BLOOD**



**American  
Red Cross**



**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](http://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](http://rcblood.org/Help)**

**[redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) | 1-800-RED CROSS | 1-800-733-2767**

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**Beyond the Club**



*District Governor Kevin Kendrick is in the news!*

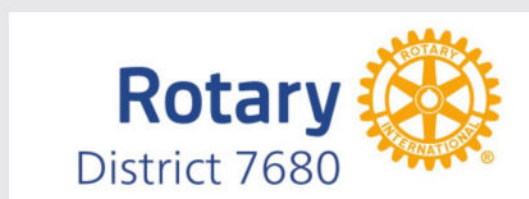
**Carolina Strong: Former police officer leads effort to keep local waterways clean – WSOC TV**

We extend our gratitude to WSOC TV and Charlotte Rotary President [Kim Brattain](#) for the outstanding video and article showcasing our District Governor, Kevin Kendrick. The piece highlights Kevin's impressive journey from his days as a Detroit police officer and FBI agent to his current role leading Rotary District 7680.

Kevin's plans for this Rotary year include collaborations with Catawba Riverkeeper for water quality initiatives and Samaritan's Feet to donate shoes. He also aims to support NC Med Assist and the Diaper Bank of North Carolina.

**Click here to read the article and share it on your social media platforms.**

Don't miss the opportunity to hear DG Kevin as the special speaker on Tues, Aug. 6. Mark your calendars to attend and hear his plans for the year firsthand.



**Click here to read this month's District Newsletter**

# Membership Update

07/01/2024 249

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Meeting Attendance - Tuesday, July 23, 2024: 86

Guests in attendance: Audra Acey ([Jim Mannix](#)), Reece Arlin ([Andy Dinkin](#)), Emanuel Clark (Antoine Southern), Molly Collins ([Linwood Bolles](#)), Lucy Livingstone ([Jim Mannix](#)), Elaine Powell ([Laura Meier](#)), Antoine Southern, Isabella Warner

# Milestones

## (Week of July 30 - Aug. 5)

### Birthdays

31 - Karen Calder  
31 - Donna Dunlap  
1 - Chuck Lew  
3 - Lamar Thomas  
4 - Paul Haddock  
4 - Mark Tuner

### Rotary Anniversaries

*21 years:* Edwin Peacock  
*21 years:* Hunter Widener  
*7 years:* Kyle Woodruff  
*2 years:* Tracy Reading

### Wedding Anniversaries

31 - Vicki & Chad Lloyd  
2 - Catherine & Stanley Bracey  
5 - Dottie & Jim Barnhardt

## 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](mailto: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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