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# ROTARY REPORTER

## September 24, 2024

### Upcoming Events

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

**Please note:**

The Rotary Office will be closed Tues., Oct. 8--Fri., Oct. 11, as President-Elect **Patrick Baker** and Executive Secretary, **Christine Cipriano** attend the Rotary Large Club Conference for training.

**Tues., Oct. 1 - Weekly Meeting: Adam Rhew, President and CEO, SouthPark Community Partners**

**Wed., Oct. 2 - Rotary Means Business:** 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m., Legion Brewing, 5610 Carnegie Blvd, Special invitation to Charlotte Rotarians! See details below. **Register here.**

**Sat., Oct. 5 - District Volunteer Event: Catawba River Cleanup,** Volunteer at the annual Catawba Riversweep. **Register here.**

**Sat., Oct. 5 - Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI): Parts I, II, & III, Duke Corporate Education, American Tobacco Campus, Durham, NC, 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. For more information or to register, click here!**

**Mon., Oct. 14 - World Polio Day Proclamation at the City of Charlotte Council Meeting:** See below for more details. **Click here to let us know you are coming.**

**Tues., Oct. 15 - World Polio Day Proclamation at the Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners Meeting:** See below for more details. **Click here to let us know you are coming.**

**Wed., Oct. 16 - Leadership Impact Group Monthly Meeting:** Save the date. Details to come.

**Thurs., Oct. 17 - Club Social: Zio's Casual Italian,** Drinks at 5 p.m. dinner at 6 p.m. See below for more details. **Click here to let us know you are coming.**

**Sun., Oct. 20 - Club Social & Fundraiser: Hyatt Farms Sporting Clay Rotary Day & Fundraiser for the Rotary Monument Garden** - See below for more details. [Click here to let us know you are coming.](#)

**Tues., Oct. 22 - Club Social: Jessi Little Cabaret at Middle C Jazz Club** - Doors open at 6 p.m. Light dining by Dressler's Rare Roots Catering. Show starts at 7 p.m. See below for more details. [Click here to purchase tickets.](#)

**Thurs., Oct. 24 - World Polio Day**

**Fri., Nov. 8 - District Event: The Rotary Foundation Celebration**, Gastonia Conference Center, 145 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Way, Gastonia, NC 28052. **Registration now open!**

## This Week's Meeting



**Dave Pitt, Senior Director, Partnerships, Tepper Sports & Entertainment**  
by [Rick Handford](#)

**Andy Dinkin** introduced Dave Pitt, the Senior Director of Corporate Sales for Tepper Sports & Entertainment. With a career in sports spanning nearly two decades, Dave Pitt has worked or consulted for NFL, NBA, MLS, MLB, NHL, NWSL, and Premier League teams to build strategic and business-accelerating partnerships with iconic brands like Google, Mercedes Benz,

United Airlines, DoorDash, Dropbox, and EA Sports.

Dave spent his formative years in Maine, and then went south where he was a walk-on soccer player for Rollins College. After college, he spent three seasons with the Orlando Magic, then joined the Golden State Warriors where he led a transformational departmental shift in sales and strategy that drove partnership revenue increases of more than 10x during his eight seasons in the Bay Area. He also played a key role in the opening of the Chase Center in 2019 which was celebrated as the most successful corporate partnership season in NBA history. [Click here to read more.](#)

[Click here for a recording of the meeting.](#) The program's introduction begins at approximately 26 minutes and 35 seconds.







# Club News



**Welcome, Hallie Rojascki!** We are thrilled to welcome Hallie Rojascki to our Rotary community! Hallie is an exceptional education administrator, bringing over 25 years of teaching and leadership experience to her role as Head of School at The John Crosland School. Hallie holds a bachelor's degree in special education and a master's degree in low-incidence disorders, both earned with honors from East Carolina University. She also

completed a post-master's certificate in school administration from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. Beyond her work in education, Hallie is an active member of the community, engaging with local non-profits through Share Charlotte. In her personal time, she enjoys traveling overseas, experimenting with new recipes, learning Polish, and spending time with her Australian Labradoodle, Bumble. *Please join us in giving Hallie a warm Rotary welcome!*



**Congratulations** to Charlotte Rotarian **Paul Bartholomy** and his wife, Janelle, (as well as grandfather and Past President of Charlotte

Rotary Tom Bartholomy) on the new addition to their family! *Welcome to the world, Aiden!*



**Rotary Means Business** - On Wed., Oct. 2, you are invited to connect with fellow Rotarian's at **Rotary Means Business**. This is a fantastic opportunity to network, collaborate, and strengthen professional ties within our Rotary community. *Don't miss out!*



## ROTARY MEANS BUSINESS AFTER-HOURS

**Wednesday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Social 5:30pm-6:30pm

Structured Networking 6:30pm-7:30pm

Legion Brewing: 5610 Carnegie Blvd., Charlotte



- FREE event!
- Cash bar.
- Social: 5:30pm-6:30pm (drop-in anytime).
- Structured Networking: 6:30pm-7:30pm.
- Estimated 30+ in attendance, 20+ local Rotary Clubs invited.
- Build mutually beneficial relationships with fellow Rotarians.
- Not a member? Learn about Rotary and club options!

RSVP: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/rotary-means-business-after-hours-tickets>

Questions/Sponsorship: Glenn Bouley: 704-737-7573 or [gebouley@bouleyprinting.com](mailto:gebouley@bouleyprinting.com)

### **World Polio Day Proclamation!**

We are excited to announce that both Mecklenburg County and the City of Charlotte will issue official proclamations recognizing World Polio Day this October! These





proclamations underscore our community's commitment to eradicating polio and highlight Rotary's continued role in this global fight.

Immediate Past President **Edwin Peacock** will proudly accept the City of Charlotte's proclamation during the city meeting on Mon., Oct. 14th. The following day, District Governor Kevin Kendrick will accept the proclamation on behalf of Rotary at the Mecklenburg County meeting on Tues., Oct. 15th.

We encourage all members to show their support by attending these important meetings. Let's stand together as a club to celebrate the progress we've made and continue the push toward a polio-free world. *Your presence will make a difference, and we look forward to seeing many of you there! **Sign up here to let us know you will attend.***



### **Rotary Third Thursday at Zio's**

Thurs., Oct. 17, 5 p.m. - Join us for a cozy, laid-back evening at **Zio Casual Italian Restaurant** for our monthly **Third Thursday Gathering!** We'll start with drinks at 5:00 PM on the patio, followed by a delicious dinner at 6:00 PM. Zio's is known for its warm, authentic Italian food, made with fresh herbs and veggies from their own garden. It's the perfect

place to unwind, chat with fellow Rotarians, and enjoy the evening.

- **Date:** Thurs., Oct. 17
- **Time:** 5 p.m. - 6 p.m. for drinks, 6 p.m.
- **Where:** Zio Casual Italian, 116 Middleton Dr., Charlotte, NC
- **Questions?** Contact Tim Chappell at (704) 232-0129

**Be sure to sign up early for dinner—it's limited to 20 people! [Click here to sign-up.](#)**



**Sporting Clay Shooting Fundraiser** - Oct. 20, 10:30 a.m. Discover why sporting clay shooting is becoming the new favorite pastime! Join us for **Rotary Day at Hyatt Farms Shooting Complex** in the beautiful hills of Polkton, NC. We're gathering at 10:30 a.m. for a fun-filled day of fellowship, clay shooting, great food, and drinks (after the shooting, of course). Whether you're a seasoned shooter or a complete

beginner, this event is perfect for all skill levels, with expert instructors guiding us through the course. Plus, **20% of the proceeds** will go towards building the **Rotary Monument Garden** in Thompson Park, Charlotte. It's a wonderful way to enjoy the day, bond with Rotary friends, and support a meaningful project!

- **Date:** Oct. 20 (Rain date: October 27)
- **Time:** 10:30 a.m.
- **Where:** Hyatt Farms Shooting Complex, 990 Burnsville Church Rd., Polkton, NC
- **Questions?** Contact Larry Hyatt at larry@hyattguns.com or Christina Prouty at christina@hyattshootingcomplex.com.

Let's have a blast—literally! **[Click here to let us know you will attend.](#)**



**Jessi Little's Cabaret at Middle C Jazz Club** - Oct. 22,



Doors open at 6 p.m. Get ready for an unforgettable night of music and entertainment as Jessi Little takes the stage at Middle C Jazz Club. Jessi is an incredible performer, blending her acting and musical talents to create magical, interactive moments. From Broadway hits to jazz, pop, and country, she promises a little something for everyone. Doors open at 6 p.m. for light dining by Dressler's Rare Roots Catering, with the show starting at 7 p.m. Join your Rotary friends, grab a bite, and enjoy an amazing evening filled with beautiful music and laughter. Jessi's cabarets are always a hit, so don't wait—tickets are selling fast. **Click here to purchase tickets.**

## Beyond the Club



**Click here to read the September District Newsletter**



### ***Catawba River Cleanup Registration!***

Registration for the Catawba River cleanup on Oct. 5, is officially open. Club members are encouraged to sign up quickly using the provided **SignUpGenius link**. President **Kim Brattain** will be working at Little Sugar Creek if you would like to join her there.

Don't miss out—this is a popular event that fills up fast! The cleanup will take place rain or shine.



### ***Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) -***

Sat., Oct. 5, 8:30 a.m. - 3 p.m., Durham, NC.

Unlock your leadership potential with Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI)! Whether you're new to Rotary or a seasoned member, RLI offers valuable leadership training, networking, and personal growth. All three parts are offered: RLI I, II, or III on Sat., Oct. 5 in Durham, NC.

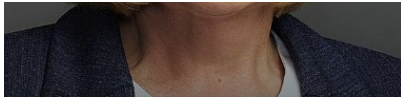
**Register now!**



### ***District Update: Foundation Celebration Registration is Now Live!***

Exciting news! We are excited to welcome Rotary International President Stephanie Urchick as keynote speaker! Register now using this link: **Register (dacdb.com)**

You can take advantage of the District Sponsorship categories and perks, and a flyer with all the details is above. Please



share this information with any potential sponsors you know. If you prefer, you can pass along their contact details to **Mike Walker or the District team**, and we'll handle the outreach.

**Register now!**

# Membership Update

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**Recommended for Membership** *(comments to Rotary office by Oct. 4, 2024):*

**Nonprofit Membership: Goodwill Industries of the Southern Piedmont**

**Lead Rotarian: Jennifer De La Jara, Director of Philanthropy**

**Brian Henry, Corporate Donations**

**Richard Walker, Chief Financial & Strategy Officer**

**Sponsor:** Woodson Bradley

**Endorsed:** Karen Calder and Elizabeth Teagarden

**Recommended for Membership** *(comments to Rotary office by Oct. 4, 2024):*

**Velva Woollen**

**Sponsor:** Carla DuPuy

**Endorsed:** Jim Rogers and Catherine Bracey

Meeting Attendance - Tuesday, September 24, 2024: 112

Guests in attendance: John Bauer ([Rich Duncan](#) and Milwaukee Rotary Club), Byrd Bergeron ([Bill Gill](#)), Ashley Cantrell ([John Cantrell](#)), Emma Claire Cantrell ([John Cantrell](#)), Jacob Cantrell ([John Cantrell](#)), Bo Coggins ([Boyd Coggins](#)), Christine Kahm ([Kim Brittain](#)), David Fisher, Laura Little (Leadership Impact Group), Heather Osterweil ([Robert Thomas](#)), Hallie Rojeski ([Rob Thomas](#)), Mordecai Scott (Leadership Impact Group), Antoine Southern (Charlotte North Rotary), Hillary Southworth (Leadership Impact Group), Casey Williamson (Leadership Impact Group), Sarah Yost ([Tish Atkins](#))

## Milestones (Week of Oct. 1 - 7)

### Birthdays

- 1 - Brian Moor
- 3 - Jason Otte
- 4 - Mike Hawley

### Rotary Anniversaries

2 years: Tish Atkins Charles

### Wedding Anniversaries

- 1 - Joan & Jim Kelley
- 2 - Colleen & Scott Brannan
- 2 - Terry & Ken Fuquay
- 3 - Betsy & Matt Joyner
- 6 - Beth & Rick Handford



1 year: Lori Keeton

# 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.



**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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