



Upcoming Events

Events can also be found on Charlotte Rotary's website under "Upcoming Events".

Tues., Sept. 10 - No Weekly Meeting

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.**

Wed., Sept. 18 - Leadership Impact Group: Monthly meeting at Lost World Brewing, 1100 Metropolitan Ave., Suite 165.

Fri., Sept. 20 - District Event: Rotary Night at "Join or Die" film at Independent Picture House, 7:00 p.m. **Click here for more information.**

Sat., Sept. 21 - District Event: District Membership Summit - All Members are Welcome at 5 locations across the District, 8:30–12:30. Every Rotarian is on the membership committee.

Sat., Oct. 5 - District Volunteer Event: Catawba River Cleanup Volunteer at the annual Catawba Riversweep. **Registration now open!**

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



CLT Airport Panel Discussion featuring:

-Jack Christine, Chief Infrastructure Officer, City of Charlotte

-Ben Goebel, AIA, Gresham Smith, Aviation Senior Architect

-Stuart Hair, Asst Airport Director, Charlotte Douglas International Airport

by Elly Clary

Fifty-three million passengers used Charlotte Douglas International Airport last year and 2024 projections show that will soar to 60 million.

Impressive numbers put the phenomenal growth of Charlotte Douglas International Airport and its years-long construction projects into perspective for Rotarians and guests.

Providing the figures were Jack Christine, chief infrastructure officer for the city of Charlotte; **Ben Goebel**, Gresham Smith's aviation senior architect; and panel moderator **Stuart Hair**, assistant airport director.

They explained the enormity of the airport's Destination CLT Capital Improvement Program, which took off in 2016 and will be completed in 2025. [Click here to read more.](#)

[Click here for a recording of the meeting.](#) The program's introduction begins at approximately 26 minutes and 55 seconds.







Thank you to The Charlotte Ledger for the news story on this week's meeting called **It's a bird! It's a Plane! It's a flying Uber? Aviation architect tells Charlotte audience that air taxis are on the way"**

Club News



A special thank you to club member and Asst Airport Director, **Stuart Hair** for organizing insightful tours of the airport for our club members. His efforts have provided a unique behind-the-scenes experience. Additionally, Stuart has generously arranged a discount code for the **Sullenberger Aviation Museum**,

allowing us to explore even more of Charlotte's rich aviation history!

To take advantage of the discount:

- Use the Code "Rotary2024" if **purchasing online**.
- Tell the Welcome Center Staff they are with the Rotary Club if purchasing tickets on site.

This code will be good from Sept. 3 through Sept. 17. The group rate is \$18 for adults and \$15 for children (5-17 years old). Kids under 5 are always free.

Club Banner Exchange with a Twist

Charlotte Rotary member [Carol Ransone](#) recently traveled to Turkey to visit her son-in-law's family. While she was there, she took the opportunity to attend a local Rotary meeting. Eager to participate in the traditional Rotary banner exchange, she discovered that the club did not have any banners. Instead, they embraced the spirit of Rotary and presented her with a special plaque, symbolizing the connection between our clubs.



Guest Check-In Updates!

You might have noticed that we're changing our visitor check-in processes. We are excited to announce that our guest and visitor check-in process has been updated and modernized! We've introduced a fully automated system that includes a QR code for easy scanning, as well as computers for guests to check in



seamlessly. This new process will streamline visitor management, make it quicker and more efficient for everyone involved. *AND...* Preregistration is encouraged to get your guests in the door quicker.

Thank you for your patience and support as we implement new technology to enhance our guest experience.



New fully automated guest check in system



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
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First Responders Scholarship Luncheon

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.

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

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

Beyond the Club



Join or Die - A movie! Watch a movie with your Rotary friends.

Join us for a powerful event on Fri., Sept. 20, that tackles one of the most pressing issues in America: the crisis of declining trust, social isolation, and rising conflict. Discover groundbreaking research on how these trends can be reversed, especially in our community and civic clubs—key to rebuilding connections in a post-pandemic world. Learn why it's crucial for civic organizations, like Rotary, to remain relevant in today's changing social landscape.

Event Details:

Date: Fri., Sept. 20, 2024

Location: The Independent, 4237 Raleigh St, Charlotte, NC 28213

Tickets: \$8 ([Click to buy tickets](#))

Don't miss this chance to gain valuable insights and be part of the solution!



District Membership Workshop - September 21st

The District Membership Workshop will be held across five locations on Sat., Sept. 21st, from 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM. This event is crucial for club leaders to strategize their club's future and develop a Membership Growth Plan. We encourage the President, President-Elect, Membership Chair, and key influencers (2-5 leaders per club) to attend. Attendees will work together to create their club's Membership Growth Plan, and no technology is required. The event is free, and locations include Central Charlotte, Northern Mecklenburg, Union County, Gaston County, and North Wilkesboro. For more details, contact your Area Governor or Mike Walker, District Membership Chair. **Sign up on DACdb or [click here](#).**

Catawba River Cleanup Registration Now Open!

Exciting news! 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.

District Update: Foundation Celebration Registration is Now Live!

Exciting news! The registration for our upcoming Foundation Celebration is now open. You can register 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

07/01/2024 249

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Meeting Attendance - Tuesday, September 3, 2024: 108

Guests in attendance: Byrd Bergeron (Bill Gill), Elizabeth Donovan (Jim Mannix), Dan Gelles (Roger Sarow), David Hare (Charlotte SouthPark Rotary), Titus Heagins (Roger Sarow), Cynthia Henry (Tish Atkins Charles and Rotary South), Cael Howard (Chuck Howard), Laura Little (Leadership Impact Group), Ted Reed (Media), Libby Simonini (Alan Simonini), Kevin Utsey (Leadership Impact Group), Sarah Yost (Tish Atkins Charles)

Milestones (Week of Sept. 10 - 16)

Birthdays

11 - Bryan Adams
11 - John Armistead
12 - Helen Verkamp
13 - Mike Connor
15 - Rich Campbell
15 - Katie Tyler
16 - Gray Langley

Wedding Anniversaries

10 - Libby & Alan Simonini
11 - Meg & Bryan Adams
12 - Linda Gallehugh & Elly Clary
14 - Elsie & Will Barnhardt
16 - Renee & Chris Jackson
16 - Kaye & Lamar Thomas
16 - Dena Diorio & Phil Volponi

Rotary Anniversaries

19 years: Steve Meckler

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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