



## Upcoming Events

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

**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 - Weekly Meeting:** [Sharon L. Gaber, Ph.D., Chancellor, University of North Carolina at Charlotte](#)

**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:** Path to Leadership Series, Speakers: Dr. Kandi Deiteimeyer, President, CPCC and Lucia Zapata Griffith, Architect, METRO Landmarks; 5:30 - 7 p.m., Lost World Brewing, 1100 Metropolitan Ave, Suite 165, Charlotte.

**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.](#)

**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



***Who Knew A Meteorologist Could Sing?!***  
***(We now know that WSOC-TV's John Ahrens can.)***

by [Marilynn Bowler](#)

As a super-fan of Frank Sinatra and with a voice to match, **John Ahrens** burst into song at the start of our Rotary meeting on Tuesday, delighting us with "Fly Me to the Moon and let me play among the Stars". Dr. Thomas Moore tickled the keys in his own, inimitable way and one could see several of our members singing along. What fun it was!

Longtime weatherman and now *WSOC-TV's Chief Meteorologist*, John is a man of many talents. He's into running, performing in major theatre productions, sports, and ~ as we found out on Tuesday ~ delivering interesting presentations.

His address was no happenstance. President [Kim Brattain](#) and Program Chair [Luther Moore](#) chose John to address our club to educate us all on the whys and wherefores of Hurricane Helene and forecast what Hurricane Milton would be wreaking. John filled us in on all of that and more. In her intro, Kim described him as a "superstar" in the world of meteorologists. She could not have said it better.

John began his remarks by thanking Charlotte Rotary for its longtime commitment to our community *and* to the far-away towns and villages we help every year. [Click here to read more.](#)

[Click here for a recording of the meeting.](#) The program's introduction begins at approximately 32 minutes and 05 seconds.







# Club News

**YOUR GIFT + DISTRICT MATCH =**

**DOUBLE YOUR IMPACT!**

## ROTARY DISTRICT 7680 MATCHING GIFT CHALLENGE

*Your gift today can go twice as far!*

**Rotary District 7680 is THRILLED to announce matching contributions!**

The first \$50,000 in new contributions to the District will be matched dollar for dollar by the District, giving us \$100,000 to meet critical needs.

This initiative aims to raise funds for disasters occurring in hard-hit areas of 7680 and in our sister District, 7670.

**DONATE NOW**

go to [www.rotary.org/daf](http://www.rotary.org/daf)  
Pick "How to Contribute"  
Fund #574

*\*Updated from last week! The District has a new platform for assisting Western NC*

## ***Western NC Disaster***

Charlotte Rotary members are encouraged to visit the **Rotary District 7680 website** for the latest opportunities to support our neighbors in Western North Carolina who have been devastated by Hurricane Helene. Your assistance can make a meaningful impact as we work together to help with recovery efforts in the region.

Rotary District 7680 is thrilled to announce matching contributions!

As a result, the Zone is now allowing donors to direct where they want the donation to go. If you wish those donations to go to western North Carolina counties most seriously impacted by Helene, please indicate this in the memo section of your check or in the portion of your credit card donation that says, "Transaction Description". In both cases, saying "Western NC -TS Helene" will ensure it is directed to the most impacted portions of our District 7680 and our sister District, 7670. If you don't care where the money goes, simply leave the memo/transaction description sections blank.

The \$50,000 challenge is still in effect and District 7680 will match every dollar donated in that challenge for a total of \$100,000. We know that money will be used for mid-term and long-term needs in our two districts. Funds already donated to the DAF will be transferred out and applied to the \$50,000 goal for clubs and individuals.

Here is where/how you can make a directed donation on the Zone platform:

Disaster Recovery | Rotary International Zones 33/34 ([rizoness33-34.org](http://rizoness33-34.org))

**PLEASE SEND CHECKS TO OUR DISTRICT PO BOX AND NOT TO THE ZONE. THE ADDRESS IS:**

Rotary International District 7680

P.O. Box 79132

Charlotte, NC 28271

**Click here for instructions on how to donate.**

The District is also presently working to provide grant applications to those in need. More information on applications will be coming very soon.

*\*Funds already donated to the DAF will be transferred out and applied to the \$50,000 goal for clubs and individuals.*



### ***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.**

### ***Leadership Impact Group now on LinkedIn***

For those of you with a LinkedIn account, we encourage you to follow the Leadership Impact Group's new page! Stay connected





and up-to-date with the latest news, events, and opportunities from Charlotte Rotary's new satellite club, Leadership Impact Group. [Click here to be directed to their page.](#)

The next meeting of the Leadership Impact Group is **Wed., Oct. 16**: Featuring the continuing Path to leadership Series with speakers: Dr. Kandi Deiteimeyer, President, CPCC and Lucia Zapata Griffith, Architect, METRO Landmarks; 5:30–7 p.m., Lost World Brewing, 1100 Metropolitan Ave, Suite 165, Charlotte.



### *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](mailto:larry@hyattguns.com) or Christina Prouty at [christina@hyattshootingcomplex.com](mailto:christina@hyattshootingcomplex.com).

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

## Beyond the Club



[Click here to read the September District Newsletter](#)

### *Show Your Support for World Polio Day*

In her World Polio Day message, Rotary International President Stephanie Urchick calls upon the Rotary community to build on our incredible progress, face the challenges ahead with tenacity, and stay focused on our ultimate goal: a polio-free world.



**STEPHANIE A. URCHICK**

President, 2024-25  
Rotary International



### *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

07/01/2024 249

08/31/2024 253

10/08/2024 251 (Resignation: Jamien Harvey, Yazmin DeHaven)

Meeting Attendance - Tuesday, October 8, 2024: 93

Guests in attendance: John Bauer ([Rich Duncan](#) and Milwaukee Rotary Club), Lake Bartee ([Bill Bartee](#)), Sylena Hutchinson, Pauline Langemanb, Dominick Mortarotti ([Kim Brattain](#)), Kendrick Williams ([Richard Malnati](#))

## Milestones (Week of Oct. 15 - 21)

### Birthdays

18 - Henry Cantrell

21 - Harriett Porter

### Rotary Anniversaries

19 years: Ed Driggs

9 years: Rex Reynolds

5 years: Jason Otte

### Wedding Anniversaries

15 - Denise & Diego Ramon

19 - Cheryl & Will Hadley

19 - Diana & Mark Turner

20 - Shelley & Chris Kemper

# 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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