



Upcoming Events

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

Tues., Nov. 26 - Weekly Meeting: *Thanksgiving Gratitude Program*

Last week! *Remember to bring a coat, sweater, or any warm clothing for donation to Western NC.

Last week! *Remember to bring a new book for Big Brothers Big Sisters. Ages 5 to 18

Next week! *Sun., Dec. 1 - Excellence in Leadership* Nominations due. See details below.

December Volunteer Opportunity: *The Salvation Army Bell Ringing a Red Kettle Campaign.* Ring the bell for The Salvation Army and participate in the raffle drawings. See full details below.

Tues., Dec. 17 - Volunteer Opportunity: *Blood Drive! Join Charlotte Rotary and the American Red Cross Blood Drive*, 10 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., www.redcrossblood.org and use sponsor code Charlotterotary or call 1-800-redcross to make your appointment.

Weds., Dec. 25 - Volunteer Opportunity: *Christmas Morning Breakfast at Charlotte Rescue Mission*, 6 - 8:30 a.m., 907 W. 1st St., Charlotte, NC 28202. Dress Attire: Black pants and white shirt. 30 volunteers are needed. Please confirm your attendance by signing up at <https://vhub.at/charlotterotaryclub> or email [Tracy Reading](mailto:Tracy.Reading@treading1@mac.com) at treading1@mac.com. See details below.

SAVE THE DATE! *Thurs, Feb. 20, 2025 Volunteer Event:* CART Event, The Village on Morehead.

This Week's Meeting



Kelly Weeks and the Instantaneous Standing Ovation
by Marilyn Bowler

At Tuesday's Charlotte Rotary meeting the packed ballroom was treated to a lesson in heroics. The amazing Kelly Weeks, widow of slain U.S. Marshal Tommy Weeks who was murdered when he and three other law enforcement officers arrived at a home in east Charlotte to make an arrest on a man who fired at them as they approached the house.

Christine Cipriano introduced her longtime good friend, giving us all some insight into the stupendous young wife, mother, stepmother, and friend our speaker has always been and continues to be as she journeys through widowhood and becomes a staunch spokesperson for law enforcement. In Christine's words, "Kelly is courageous, resilient, and a "beacon of hope."

Since that awful day seven months ago, Kelly has stepped up in a way that seems almost unbelievable. She is an advocate for citizens' strong support of law enforcement, speaking publicly about the extreme stress and daily trauma endured by members of the U.S. Marshal's office and police officers all over the country.

Her grief is palpable, but her strength is even more so. She's a mother who is raising her daughter and stepdaughter to understand that it's "okay to grieve and be vulnerable" but also to look for ways to emerge from this huge tragedy in ways that help, support, and encourage officers of the law. **Click here to read more.**

A recording of the meeting can be found here:

With slides: <https://vimeo.com/1031279913>

Without slides: <https://vimeo.com/1031278704>

The presenter's introduction begins at approximately 25 minutes and 35 seconds.



Thank you to media!

Thank you to Tony Mecia and Lindsey Banks from *The Charlotte Ledger* for their coverage of this week's speaker. *The Charlotte Ledger* has released our meeting as a podcast. **Click here to listen.** Give them a follow while you are there. You will not regret it.

Thank you to *The Charlotte Observer*, Jeff Chamer, and Diamond Vences (a former Rotary Exchange Student) for their coverage of this week's meeting. Their message can be found here: **US Marshal widow on April police shootout in Charlotte NC | Charlotte Observer**

Club News



Christmas Morning at Charlotte Rescue Mission

Join Charlotte Rotary in continuing its cherished tradition of volunteering at the Charlotte Rescue Mission Christmas morning breakfast! Help serve breakfast, coffee, and juice and spread joy to residents and the community on this special morning.

At least 30 volunteers are needed to make the morning unforgettable. If you're interested, please confirm your attendance by signing up at the link below, or email Tracy Reading at treading1@mac.com directly so he can help you sign up.

Here are the details:

- Date: December 25, 2024
- Time: 6:00 AM – 8:30 AM
- Location: 907 W. 1st St., Charlotte, NC 28202
- Dress Attire: Black pants and a white shirt

Sign Up Here: <https://vhub.at/charlotterotaryclub>



Western North Carolina Relief - Last week!

Charlotte Rotary's current efforts to help Western NC, led by Past President [David Anderson](#) and [Robert Shaw](#), are to donate to organizations already making a significant impact in Western North Carolina relief. If you'd like to contribute items,

Charlotte Rotary's efforts are focused on coats, blankets and sweaters. Please bring warm clothing to donate at our next meeting. The items you bring will be distributed through Crisis Assistance Ministry. David will be collecting the items on the hotel level of the parking deck.

David and Robert are also looking for volunteers to help collect the coats. Reach out to David if you can help at dlanderson62@gmail.com.

Another opportunity to help Western North Carolina through *Carolina Cares*.

The impact of Hurricane Helene continues to be a focus across the region. This is an opportunity for Charlotte region corporate and community partners to come together and directly support those who have been affected in Western North Carolina:


You're invited to join "Carolina Cares" on Tuesday, Nov. 26 at the Bank of America Stadium to benefit those impacted by Hurricane Helene. We're partnering with the Salvation Army and local companies to host a Charlotte wide volunteer event, and there are a few ways to participate:

- **REGISTER HERE** to help sort donated items throughout the day. If you are attending as a volunteer, we ask that you also bring an item to donate.
- **DROP OFF** donations at Bank of America Stadium. A list of items being collected can be found

below:

- **New coats, jackets and cold weather accessories** (hats, gloves, socks, boots, scarves) and **undergarments** for men, women and children in all sizes
- **Baby items:** clothes, diapers, formula, blankets, baby toiletries, bottles, baby wash, lotion
- **Basic toiletries:** toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo/conditioner, deodorant, hairbrushes/combs, hand sanitizer, toilet paper/Kleenex, face wipes, lip balm. (no items with metal will be accepted. i.e. razors, manicure kits)


We look forward to coming together for a great day, with partners across the region, to support our friends, teammates, and communities in Western North Carolina. Music, coffee, and hot chocolate will be offered.



Great job Charlotte Rotary - Thank you for your generosity last week. We are now at 65 books. Let's pass our goal of 100 new books. Every book counts, and together we can make a big impact.

Goal = 100 New Books

65 books now received



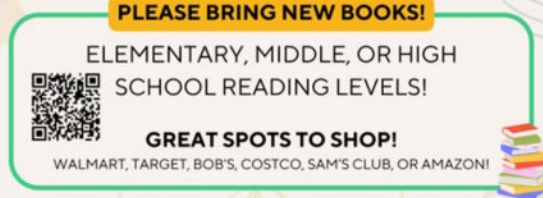
Holiday Book Drive for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Carolinas

Great job, Charlotte Rotary!

We have now received 65 books. Let's pass our goal of 100 new books this week!

Help bring joy and inspire young readers by bringing a new book each Tuesday. Your donations will make a wonderful impact this holiday season. Let's come together to make a difference—one book at a time.

Click here for ideas. However, it is not a requirement to buy them from Amazon.



Excellence in Leadership - Nominations due next week.

The Excellence in Leadership Award Committee is now accepting nominations for this year's award. Established in 1988 by the Rotary Club of Charlotte, Charlotte Business Journal, and the Charlotte Chamber, the Management Excellence Award celebrates outstanding leadership in the Charlotte-area business community. Inspired by Rotary's commitment to "high ethical standards in business," the award highlights the role of professionals who exemplify integrity, fairness, and service. As always, we will honor someone who exemplifies visionary leadership in their profession or organization. Nominees should demonstrate remarkable professional success, visionary leadership, civic involvement, and a reputation for integrity that aligns with the Four-Way Test.

Nominations are due December 1. Contact [Christine Cipriano](mailto:christine@charlotterotary.org) at christine@charlotterotary.org for the details, including a list of past recipients, or [click here](#).



Charlotte Rotary Red Kettle Campaign

The Charlotte Rotary club enters its 30th year of support to The Salvation Army's annual Red Kettle Campaign. This support has included volunteer bell ringers at Uptown locations, a raffle, and a virtual red kettle (online) to help with fundraising efforts.

There are two ways in which Rotarians can participate:

1. Sign up to ring the bell.
2. Purchase raffle tickets (at upcoming meetings or online)

Sign-ups for bell ringing will take place at the Nov. 19 Rotary meeting or you can email mark.norman@jwu.edu.

Volunteer slots are one hour each and the schedule is as follows:

Dec. 4, 6, 11, and 18 from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. at The Square uptown

Dec. 7 from 2 p.m. – 7 p.m. at Truist Field

Raffle tickets will be sold at Rotary meetings on Dec. 3, 10, and 17 with raffle prizes drawn each week. You can also purchase raffle tickets online by contributing to our Virtual Red Kettle. Just click on the QR code below to make your contribution directly. You will receive one raffle ticket for each \$20 contribution. (i.e. \$100 gift = 5 raffle tickets)

The efforts of Charlotte Rotary will contribute to serving thousands of youth this holiday season and in the coming year.



Leaders Save Lives

Make your mark.

HUMANkind

Rotary Club Of Charlotte Blood Drive

Fairfield Inn & Suites Charlotte Uptown

Ballroom
201 S McDowell Street
Charlotte, NC 28204

Tuesday, December 17th
10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.



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Plan Ahead: Make Your Year-End Donations now for Tax Benefits

As the calendar year comes to a close, now is the perfect time to make your donations to The Rotary Foundation. Contributions made before December 31 are eligible for this year's tax deductions, allowing you to support meaningful causes while also benefiting your financial planning. Your generosity helps fund programs locally and globally, aligning with Rotary's mission of service above self. To donate or learn more, see below, visit <https://my.rotary.org/en/donate> or contact [Christine Cipriano](mailto:Christine.Cipriano@charlotterotary.org) at christine@charlotterotary.org. Thank you for your continued support!

Beyond the Club



Click here for the November issue of the District 7680 Newsletter



Congratulations to Sharon Heinrich of the Rotary Club of Gastonia. Sharon has been selected by the District Nominating Committee to serve as Governor for District 7680 during Rotary Year 2027-2028.

Congratulations Sharon!



November is Rotary Foundation Month

WHAT IS THE ROTARY FOUNDATION?

The Rotary Foundation is the charitable arm of Rotary International. It is a non-profit supported solely by voluntary contributions from Rotarians and friends of The Rotary Foundation who share its vision of a better world. Its sole mission is to support the efforts of Rotarians through Rotary's mission, and the achievement of world understanding and peace through local, national and international humanitarian and educational programs in your backyard and around the globe.

HOW DID THE ROTARY FOUNDATION GET STARTED?

The Rotary Foundation was founded in 1917 by Rotary International's sixth president, Arch C. Klumph, as an endowment fund for Rotary "to do good in the world." It has grown from an initial contribution in 1917 of \$26.50 from the Rotary Club of Kansas City, Missouri to more than \$4.4 billion in total contributions. The Rotary Foundation made its first grant of \$500.00 to the International Society for Crippled Children in 1930, and to this day, it continues to "do good in the world" in the name of Rotary.

How do I contribute to The Rotary Foundation?

There are many ways to give to The Rotary Foundation.

You choose how much and how often to give. The three primary ways are:

1. Directly! Contributions can be made at <https://my.rotary.org/en/donate>. Online credit card contributions can be made once, monthly, quarterly, or annually with a \$25 minimum.
2. Write a check payable to The Rotary Foundation and mail it either to the club office **1850 E. 3rd Street, Suite 220, Charlotte, NC 28204** or to Rotary Direct (17th Floor, Annual Giving One Rotary Center **1560 Sherman Avenue Evanston, IL 60201**) along with **this form**. You will need your Rotary ID number.
3. Contact Christine Cipriano contact Christine at christine@charlotterotary.org to incorporate your contribution to The Rotary Foundation Annual Fund into your Quarterly Dues.

Donors can change or cancel their recurring giving at any time.

Thank you for supporting The Rotary Foundation and its work.

Membership Update

07/01/2024 249

10/29/2024 249

11/19/2024 247

Meeting Attendance - Tuesday, November 19, 2024: 103

Guests in attendance: Cheryl Banks-Barber ([Catherine Bracey](#)), Jeff Chamer (media), Jean Harvey ([Lori Keeton](#)), Liz Hood ([Lori Keeton](#)), Ayo Johnson ([J Hill](#)), Jeff Monheit (media), Jeff Siner (media), Diamond Vences (media), Raynard Washington ([Dena Diorio](#)), Alex Wiltberger ([Hallie Rojas](#)), Kenny Xu ([Luther Moore](#)), Beth Zeiss ([Tony Zeiss](#))

Milestones (Week of Nov. 26 - Dec. 2)

Birthdays

26 - John Shell
26 - Clayton Woodard
30 - Carolyn Carlburg
30 - Bob Freeman
30 - Tony Marciano
2 - Molly Collins

Member Anniversaries

32 years: Pat Millen
30 years: Herb Harriss
22 years: Carol Hardison
17 years: Dan Rajkowski
14 years: Henry Batten
2 years: Susie Bunch-Masotti
2 years: Pete Keane
1 year: Vernon Goode

Wedding Anniversaries

26 - Debbie & Sadler 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



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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