



**ROTARY:
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DIFFERENCE**

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A note from Governor Scott Van Der Linden

Changing the culture of Membership from “it happens” to an “intentional process” takes some time. Guess what...in the past month the district has gone from - 35 members YTD, to -8 members YTD. And I am told that includes more diversity (gender, age and race). Pat yourselves on the back...then *turn that minus into a plus*.

Warmer weather brings outside activities such as Oyster Roasts, Men Cooking, golf tournaments (some with clubs and some with discs), baseball socials, lake clean-ups, hands-on projects and so much more. Invite potential Rotarians to your activities. Invite your local press. Invite Rotarian families. Invite Rotary Alumni, Interact and Rotaract clubs. And past Rotarians. Borrow one of the district’s blow-up Rotary Wheels, banners or tents. Spring is the season for new growth. Put all this together and imagine the energy your club can enjoy...and then *turn that minus into a plus*.

This Rotary Year concludes in four months, but our commitment to service knows of no such limitation. My priority is to help clubs become stronger, (as evidenced by your club earning the *Presidential Citation*), so that we can fulfill our ongoing commitments to service. Decide now to finish strong. Decide to Make a Difference. Decide to...*turn any minus into a plus*.

Now if you would excuse me, I need to catch some rays with the First Lady.

Reminders

President-Elects, please register for **PETS on March 15-17, 2018**, at the Sheraton Greensboro.

Karen Bell needs 6-10 pictures or power point screen shots of your club and activities throughout the last 12 months in .jpg format, for the District Conference slide show of each club, emailed to her by **April 30**. *At least one picture should contain the name of your club*, whether it’s on a club banner, tent, poster, or typed on a power point slide.

Upcoming District Events

Joint All Club Conference for Districts 7680 and 7750 Celebrate Together May 18-20, 2018



Register Now: Registration is open for the 2018 District 7680 and District 7750 Joint All Club Conference in Charleston SC. Come join us and meet other Rotarians from our District and the District on “the other side of the border”. This is a great opportunity to make new friends, exchange ideas and information, and lay the groundwork for development of future joint projects between our Districts. Our featured speakers include Immediate Past Rotary International President John Germ, and Incoming Rotary Director David Stovall. South Carolina’s Attorney General Alan Wilson will give a

special presentation on Human Trafficking.

We will be entertained by the popular dance band 17 South. All proceeds from the silent auction will be donated to CART. And time is set in the schedule for you to take advantage of various planned activities in the Charleston area or just strike out on your own to enjoy an afternoon in the city. Come join us at Embassy Suites Charleston Area Convention Center. Plan to have FUN, build new friendships, and expand your Rotary knowledge and experience.

Rotaract Turns 50 Conference and Monument Dedication

Rotaract’s first club was chartered at UNC Charlotte on March 13, 1968. There are now 10,563 clubs throughout the world. The Rotaract Monument dedication is part of the International Rotaract Turns 50 Conference in Charlotte, featuring Rotary International President Elect Barry Rassin and other RI dignitaries, the weekend of **June 1-3, 2018**.



Be a part of history and contribute to *The Rotaract Monument* or sponsor the *Rotaract Turns 50 Conference*.

The Rotaract Monument, contact Bill Whittaker at 704.339.9862 or bwhittaker@wbbatty.com.
Rotaract Turns 50 Conference, contact John Luebke at 980.422.3574 or john.n.luebke@live.com.

SAVE THE DATE



**16th Annual Fundraiser
ALL YOU CAN EAT**

**OYSTER ROAST,
BAR-B-QUE, and
SILENT AUCTION**

Saturday, March 24, 2018
5:00-8:00PM
William R. Davie Park
4623 Pineville - Matthews Rd.

ADULTS \$45 (In Advance)
CHILDREN under 10 FREE

Tickets Available Online:
www.charlotteprovidencerotary.org

Benefits:
 Crisis Assistance - Minority
 Urban Ministry
 UHAR
 Military Hero Dishes

MENU
 All you can eat
 Oyster Roast & Conchitas
 Homemade Chili Con Carne
 Smoky Bar-B-Que - Slow
 Bread Buns - Mouthwatering
 Hot Deep Fried Fried Pickles with
 Homemade Dressing
 Salt Cracker Focaccia
 Refreshing Cold Beer and Soft
 Drinks and Coffee, Milk & Shakes

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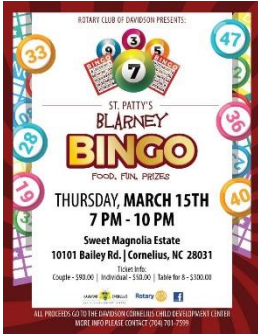
You are Invited

Charlotte Providence Rotary Annual Oyster Roast and Silent Auction will be held on **March 24, 2018.**

Happy Hour Rotary Club is having a fundraiser for over 30 charities on **Sunday, March 25, from noon – 3:00 pm** at Langtree Plantation in Mooresville. Tickets are \$10 each. Contact Ineke Wilson at for.ineke@gmail.com for more information.



Rotary Tree Planting on **Saturday, March 17**, from 9 AM to 12 PM, at Community House Middle School, 9500 Community House Road, Charlotte, NC 28277. Join hundreds of Rotarians around the district for this annual event. Bring your shovel and a smile and help plant hundreds of trees at this middle school. FREE coffee, doughnuts, and BBQ lunch after the planting.



Please join the **Rotary Club of Davidson** on **Thursday, March 15**, from 7:00 pm – 10:00 pm, for a fun St. Patty’s Day night to benefit a wonderful community asset, the Davidson Cornelius Child Development Center Capital Campaign. Master of Ceremonies will be Cale Evans, from popular improve troupe "Now Are the Foxes." Hors d'oeuvres, Cash Bar Beer/Wine, Game Prizes!

30th Annual Global Youth Service Day on **Saturday April 14**, from 10 to Noon, is an annual celebration of young volunteers around the world. Rotarians with a passion for youth or who would like to know more about our youth programs are invited to attend. There will be a fun community service project coordinated with the Catawba Riverkeeper to clean up the river district on Lake Wylie. Kayaks will be provided. The event will take place at **Tailrace Marina, 1010 Marina Village Drive, Mount Holly**. For more information contact: Lorena Prince - District Youth Service Chair, or Ineke Wilson - District Youth Conference Chair



Rotarians at Work

The Rotary Club of Mooresville, The Rotary Club of Top of the Lake – Mooresville and The Rotary Club of Mooresville – Lake Norman dedicated a much-improved parking lot at Mooresville Soup Kitchen. The Rotary clubs banded together to support one of the towns greatest

community organizations: The Mooresville Soup Kitchen (MSK). When it became apparent that MSK needed to replace its asphalt parking lot with a more sturdier concrete one, the Rotarians went into action to generate the funds and support the cause. The fundraising events that each of the three clubs host – including the annual Great Chili Cookoff – generate funds they can invest in Mooresville.

The Rotary Clubs in Cabarrus County have joined together to earn a Dementia Friendly Community designation through Dementia Friendly America. Their effort began with a community meeting to



identify recommendations for 8 various categories, including home and community services, business and retail services, legal and financial services, the faith community, emergency response, transportation, housing, and clinical providers. With an assist from all the other Area 3 clubs and Rotarians around the District, the **Southwest Cabarrus Club** hosted *A Night to Remember*, a fundraising event for CART. This was the third *A Night to Remember* event, and the club hopes to repeat it every November during Alzheimer’s Disease Awareness Month.



Rotary Club of Lake Norman – Huntersville Celebrates its 20th Birthday

So, over a period of 25 years, three Rotarians have been recognized by RI in our District for their meritorious service. DG Scott should be very proud that two Rotarians have received the awards this year. **MARTIN WATERS, of the Charlotte Rotary Club, received the Citation for Meritorious Service Award and FIROZ PEERA from the Ballantyne Rotary Club, was awarded the Distinguished Service Award at the District Mid Year Assembly.**



Gaston County Welcomes the NewGen Peacebuilders

Eight high school students from Gaston County (from four Gaston County high schools) have been accepted for the Spring 2018 Metro-Charlotte cohort of nearly 70 students! **Sponsored in part by**



Rotary District 7680 and area Rotary Clubs, the program helps youth and young adults understand frameworks related to peace, develop project management skills, and embrace peacebuilding as

a personal responsibility. Rotarians have opportunities to serve as small group facilitation leaders, attend peacebuilding workshops, mentor sponsored students and see some exciting peace projects come to fruition.

RI Conference, Toronto - June 23-27, 2018



You're invited to attend the 2018 Rotary International Convention, 23-27 June in Toronto, Ontario, Canada, where there's Inspiration Around Every Corner. The Rotary Convention offers something for all Rotarians. Visit riconvention.org to learn what's in store. Be sure to register before **March 31** for the best available rates.

Register now at riconvention.org!

15th Annual Rotary Duke – UNC Spring Peace Center Conference

Please join us on **April 7, 2018** for the 15th Annual Rotary Spring Conference! The theme this year is "Pieces of Peace - Our Commitments to Peacebuilding for a Plural World. The Duke-UNC Rotary Center is one of six Rotary Peace Center Partner Universities worldwide.



Duke-UNC Rotary Peace Center
Annual Spring Conference
April 7, 2018

PIECES OF PEACE

Our commitments to peacebuilding for a plural world.

More information at
rotarypeacecentermc.org
#piecesofpeace

Contact information may be found on DACdb

District Leadership

Governor	Scott Van Der Linden
Governor-Elect	David Hare
Governor-Nominee	Beth Trotter
Immediate Past District Governor	Tom Smith, PDG
Governor's Aide	Bill Burnham
Secretary	Wally Olson
Treasurer	Phil Volponi

Finance

Chair	Bob Wilson, PDG
Chair-Elect	Luther Moore, PDG
Chair-Nominee	Allen Langley, PDG
Immediate Past Finance Chair	Chris Jones, PDG

Foundation

<i>Chair</i>	Joe Morris, PDG
<i>Global Grants</i>	
DDF Grants	Sean Gautam
Audit & Stewardship	Tom Harmon
Grant Treasurer	John Blair
Funding-Annual Fund	Bryan Cochran
<i>PHF & PHS, through Rotary Direct</i>	
Funding-Permanent Fund	Don Morris
<i>Benefactor, Bequest Society & Major Gifts</i>	
Foundation Banquet	Maha Gingrich
Major Donor/PHS Cruise	Betty Kernizan
Peace Center/Fellowships	Sharon Heinrich
Polio	Carly Little

International Services

<i>Chair</i>	Ineke Wilson, PDG
Youth Exchange	Karen Steffens

Membership

<i>Chair</i>	Glenn Hood, PDG
Attracting	Travis Vance
Diversity	Kasper Mingo
Engagement	G. Mike Walker
RLI Coordinator	Georgia Oakes
Trainer	Mark Markanda, PDG

Club Services

<i>Chair</i>	Cathy Bentz
All Clubs' (District) Conference Alumni	Erika Erlenbach
	Patricia Shafer
	Taura Napier
Awards	Barbara Dresser
CART	Luther Moore, PDG
	Jack Setzer
District's 25th Anniversary	Ken Dresser, PDG
	Lois Crumpler, PDG
	Jim Stump, PDG
Family of Rotary	Jack Setzer
Governor's Installation Banquet	Curt Oliver
Historian	Mark Markanda, PDG
Newsletter	Cathy Bentz
Public Image/Public Relations	David Keith
Technology Help	Ken Dresser, PDG
	Jack Setzer

DACdb & Rotary Club Central

Webmaster	Lisa Perry
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Youth Services

<i>Chair</i>	Lorena Prince
Interact	Ryan Pegarsch
Rotaract	Eric Elizondo
Rotaract's 50th Anniversary	Bill Whittaker
	John Luebke
SFTL	Fae Shaffer
Youth Conference	Ineke Wilson, PDG
Youth Protection Officer	Lianna Rossman

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