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A note from Governor Scott Van Der Linden

Joint All Club (District) Conference starts in two weeks...have you Registered? Think about what this opportunity...Charleston. Two Districts. Celebrating this past Rotary year. Music to get up and dance. RI Director Elect David Stovall. Learning from other Rotarians. Clubs presenting Best Practices. Charleston. Getting inspired for the next Rotary year. Immediate Past RI President John Germ. Charleston. Come early and stay late in...Charleston.

Rotaract 50 Conference in four weeks...this is a big deal. We still need some sponsorship money for the Conference (\$250-\$1,000), or to sponsor individual Rotaractors from our district (only \$100). Plus, Rotarians are invited to the Friday lunch featuring RI President Elect Barry Rassin (\$50).

20+ clubs have earned the *Rotary (Presidential) Citation* and a few less the *Club of Excellence*. It's all about entering data into Rotary Club Central for the *Rotary (Presidential) Citation* and then checking boxes for the *Club of Excellence* and emailing to District Award Chair Barbara Dresser. Help your Club President accomplish these tasks, so your club receives recognition for your hard work.

This is a special Rotary year...let's finish strong! The First Lady and I look forward to seeing you in...Charleston.

You'll be seeing some changes in Rotary.org and DACdb.com in the coming weeks because the European Union's General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) takes effect on May 25 and Rotary staff members process the personal data of our European members, Rotaractors, program participants, and others, we're obligated to comply with this new data privacy law. Rotary is using this opportunity to reinforce our data privacy and security methods for anyone who shares personal information with Rotary — no matter where they live. If you have any questions, go to privacy@rotary.org.





Reminders

District Grant Deadlines - Planning to apply for money from the District to fund projects in 2018-19? Be sure to get reports on 2017-8 projects in by **May 15, 2018**, and Grant Applications are due **June 15, 2018**. Contact Sean Gautam, DDG Grants Chair for more information.

Zone Training at Embassy Suites in Greensboro, NC **June 1 – 2, 2018**. A wonderful training opportunity for all Rotarians, but especially for those planning to work with Membership and Foundation work.

Every year Rotary International awards **Peace Fellowships** to 100 qualified students and professionals at one of six Global Peace Centers. Deadlines for consideration for a 2019-20 Peace Fellowship is on **May 31, 2018**.

District Service Awards submissions must be received by **June 15, 2018**, so they can be presented at the **Governor's Installation** on **July 7, 2018**.

The Presidential Citation and District Club of Excellence Criteria closes **June 30**, the end of the Rotary Year.

Upcoming District Events

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



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. Register Now at <http://www.IsMyRotaryClub.org/Register/RegisterMe.cfm?EventID=77363944>



Rotaract Turns 50 Conference

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

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/rotaract-turns-50-charlotte-nc-celebration-tickets-38886062259>

Duck Race is Back On!

The ducks will be racing again this year to raise money to eradicate polio on **October 13, 2018**. If you want to help with this fun event, please go to duckraceforpolio@gmail.com.



Albemarle Rotary Club Celebrated 90th Birthday



On April 12th, the Albemarle Rotary Club celebrated its 90th birthday. Mike Riemann, Club President, presented an overview of the club's history and the various locations for meetings. John Lowder and Sherrill Smith talked about how the Club raised \$200,000 to develop the All Children's Park, which accommodates handicapped children. It was completed in 2006 with on-site bathrooms added in 2009. Past-President, Angela Mills, a public school principal, shared what it was like to become the club's first female member in 1988. She served as Club President from 1997-1998 and her son, Jonathan Mills, was Club President during 2016-2017.

Help Honor Our Veterans – May 26, 2018, Honor Flight to Washington DC



Rotary District 7680 Flight of Honor was a service project (2009-2012) and honored the lives, valor and courage of over 800 World War II veterans from 14 counties in District 7680. The honor flights are back and they are honoring WWII, Korea and

combat Vietnam veterans and terminally ill veterans of any conflict. Additional information is on the website: www.QChonorflight.org. If you or your club want to be part of this incredible mission please feel free to reach out to Nico Iannelli at nico.iannelli@qchonorflight.org.

YP35 Rotarians Glow for Good

The YP35 Rotary Club of Lake Norman - Huntersville raised funds by putting up and taking down holiday lights in neighborhoods and donated over \$2,000 to the Men's Shelter of Charlotte.



Needed Place to Sit

Paul Newton, President of the **Rotary Club of North Mecklenburg**, presented the Mayor of Cornelius, Rotarian Woody Washam, with a check for \$15,000 for much needed park benches for Smithfield Park.

Congratulations to Mark Markanda!



Governor Scott Van Der Linden made a very special tribute to **Mark Markanda** this week. Mark's 41 year Rotary history is legendary and his achievements are many. Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation have awards in place to recognize Rotarians that exhibit exemplary service. Mark has received the Citation for Meritorious Service Award (1989-1990; 325 awards presented on average), Distinguished Service Award (1993-1994; max of 50 presented annually), Service Above Self Award (1997-1998; max of 50 presented annually), and International Service Award for a Polio Free World (2001-2002; max of 10 presented annually). Mark is one of 17 Rotarians to have received the Polio Plus Pioneer Award. This

award is for Rotarians who performed exceptional meritorious service to the ultimate cause of polio eradication prior to November, 1992. Congratulations Mark.

Youth Service

Global Youth Service Day

Saturday April 14 – 10 am to 2 pm

Tailrace Marina, 1010 Marina Village Drive, Mount Holly

A celebration of young volunteers that encourages youth to participate in community service. Members Bob and Ineke Wilson hosted this district event with Catawba Riverkeepers and 50+ Rotaract and Interact students to clean up the river district on Lake Wylie.

Students from our North Meck High School Interact attended with their families.



RI Conference, Toronto - June 23-27, 2018



You're invited to attend the 2018 Rotary International Convention, **June 23-27** 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. Register now at riconvention.org!



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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	Erika Erlenbach
Alumni	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
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	Jack Setzer
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Webmaster	Lisa Perry

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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Cabarrus	Dale Gentle
Cleveland	Suzanne Amos
Gaston	Fred Caldwell
Iredell/Rowan	James Mallory
Mecklenburg-central	J. Mike Walker
Mecklenburg-north	Kamlesh Chandan
Mecklenburg-south	Beth Trotter
Union	Nico Iannelli