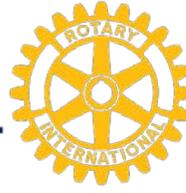




Rotary
District 7680

Serving West-Central
North Carolina & the world!



Welcome Rotarians!

I am honored to serve with you as your incoming District Governor. I am really excited about many of the club projects currently underway. We are making a tremendous impact on our communities and my goal in the coming Rotary year is to focus a spotlight on "Service Above Self" and your efforts. Help me do this! Please [email me](#) your photos and a quick summary of your club projects (no need for a long report). I will be sure to include it in this District-wide newsletter each month. We will publish this on the first of every calendar month, so that you feel connected to our efforts throughout the District. Thank you for all you do!

Our theme in the new Rotary year is: Be a gift to the world. The incoming presidents have completed their PETS (President Elect Training Seminar) and are getting ready for their upcoming year. To find out about next year's projects and service opportunities take a look at the 2015-16 District Resource manual: <http://goo.gl/V603M4>

District Grants

Accepting New Applications June 1

In the 2014-15 Rotary year, our District distributed over \$90,000 in grants to 19 clubs. If you are one of those clubs, please be sure your final reports are submitted to Joe Morris by Friday, May 15.

Next year the District will have available \$100,000 in grants. Please apply for your District grant by June 1. Information on the grant applications can be found on DaCdb under the tab marked "Grants". For additional information, contact [David Hare](#)

District Assembly

Saturday June 27

Mark your calendar. All Rotarians are invited to attend our District Assembly on Saturday, June 27 from 4:30PM to 6PM at [The Langtree Plantation](#) in Mooresville. There is no fee to attend! Enjoy education, motivation and inspiration about the upcoming Rotary Year. Meet the District Leadership Team and the county District Coordinators. Learn about the new projects and many opportunities to collaborate with others. Breakouts include:

Community Service - Monarch Butterfly Gardens

Youth Service Programs

End Polio Now - Paint Purple Pinkie Project

and many more.

Vocational Service - First Responders Program

Foundation - Annual Fund and Grants

International Service - Friendship Exchange with India

District Leadership Team Installation

Saturday June 27

All Rotarians are invited to attend this event, to follow the District Assembly that same day. There will be a Happy Hour reception from 6PM to 7PM, hosted by the Huntersville Happy Hour Rotary Club. Dinner will be served from 7PM to 9PM at The Langtree Plantation (554 Langtree Road, Mooresville, NC). Enjoy music, speakers, fellowship, and meet the incoming club presidents, assistant governors and district team.

What Foundation program has affected your life?



Charlotte Top of the Week Rotarian David Hare was published in the Rotarian Magazine in 2010 when he was in Hungary visiting the Immanuel Home, a day care for 75 severely disabled children. They were able to buy two vans and school equipment through a partnership with a local Rotary Club and a \$25,000 matching grant.



District Conference in Greensboro

Another Fun-Filled Weekend at Grandover

Nothing highlights a vibrant Rotary District like the fun and fellowship we enjoyed at this year's [District Conference at the Grandover](#) in Greensboro. I want to thank Ken Dresser and his team of conference organizers in pulling off a fantastic event.

Youth Service

Many Thanks to All Clubs Who Sponsored Students

[Seminar For Tomorrow's Leaders](#) (SFTL) is a program focusing on and investing in our youth, specifically our

rising 11th and 12th graders. The curriculum is designed by the Center for Creative Leadership and the program will be held June 18-21 at Queens University in Charlotte. Thanks to the 42 clubs who committed to sponsor 110 students this year.



Youth Service

Five High School Teams Created Peace Projects

The NewGen Peacebuilders concluded its spring 2015 seminar in Charlotte last month at Providence Day School. Rotary Peace Fellow Patricia Shafer (member of Rotary Club of Charlotte) and Elizabeth Peacock of Mothering Across Continents created the syllabus and led the instruction for 27 students from five area high schools. Among the projects conducted by these five teams of high school students included a re-imagined hunger drive at their school, a charity walk fundraiser for scientific equipment for a school in South Sudan, a Fun Run for children in Tanzania and an English tutoring mission to rural China. Kudos to the Rotary Club of Charlotte, Charlotte North, Charlotte South, Charlotte International and Charlotte SouthPark for their generous donations that made this seminar possible.

Youth Service

Students Participate in District 7680 Conference

Twenty-three Rotary Youth Exchange students from both District 7680 and 7670 attended the District Conference last month. Our Rotary Youth Exchange leadership and Youth Exchange students made presentations at the conference and shared their experiences and gratitude.



International Service

Relief and Recovery Efforts in Nepal - April 25 Earthquake

RI President Gary C.K. Huang recently submitted a letter to Nepal, stating: *"We express our profound sadness and extend our sympathies to all those affected by the devastation resulting from the April 25 deadly earthquake. Rescue missions and emergency aid continue to arrive in Nepal for the 8 million people impacted by the massive 7.8 magnitude quake. As we mourn the thousands of lost lives, Rotary joins many international agencies in providing immediate relief to survivors and mobilizing our expertise to support long-term recovery and rebuilding efforts."*



Our District Governor, [Ken Dresser](#), has committed to match dollar-for-dollar towards any funds your club may raise (up to \$5,000) to support Nepal Disaster Relief.

Community Service

Coins for Alzheimer's Research Trust

May 5-16 Annual Board Meeting

In October 1995, the Sumter, SC Rotary Club, led by Roger Ackerman (pictured below with Ineke) and Dr. Jack Bevan, initiated the effort to prove that Rotarians voluntarily emptying their pockets of change for a good cause could produce significant levels of funds to support Alzheimer's disease research.



The CART Fund (Coins for Alzheimer's Research Trust) was the name given to the project, which proved to be highly successful during an 8-month testing period. In May 1996, the CART Fund was introduced at the Rotary District 7770 Conference and was enthusiastically received. The District leaders agreed to adopt CART as a project, if a committee made up of Sumter Rotarians could obtain the support of the individual clubs in the District. During the 1996-97 Rotary year, CART programs were presented in 62 of the 68 clubs in D-7770. Since then, additional Rotary Districts throughout the southeastern United States have joined in the effort to raise funds and support significant work in the Alzheimer's research field to discover the cause and eventually a cure for the disease.

Rotary clubs are encouraged to pass the blue buckets at meetings, encourage sponsorships and dedicate memorials to the CART Fund. On May 5 CART awarded \$450,000 in grants to 3 medical researchers. District 7680 raised almost \$68,000 this Rotary year. If your club would like to schedule a Rotary presentation on CART, contact District Chair Venetia Skahen at 704-785-0835 or Barbara Ivey at [704-877-9283](tel:704-877-9283).

International Service

Dilworth Rotary Raises Funds for 11 Scholarships

Bridge to Opportunity

[Charlotte Dilworth Rotary Club](#) recently hosted a barbecue dinner to raise funds for the Bridge to Opportunity scholarships. These scholarships are focused on deserving high school graduates in Alto Cayma, Peru. Monies raised will pay the tuition for students to attend academies that help them prepare for university entrance exams. This year, Dilworth is funding eleven scholarships!

Area Leadership Meeting

Cabarrus/Rowan County

Every 3 months Assistant Governor JC McKenzie gets together with his presidents, presidents-elect and club officers. They greet, eat and meet. Topics are upcoming events, how the clubs can collaborate on projects and sharing ideas. At the May 6 meeting we had a full house with over 20 Rotarians in attendance. Four of these clubs won the Presidential Award this Rotary year, out of 10 in the whole district. Keep up the good work!

