

Agenda for the delegation from Turkey.

Monday November 14

5:00 PM - All team members will take the same flight and arrive in Charlotte.



Tuesday November 15

12:00 PM – The team from Turkey will be honored guests at the Charlotte Rotary Club. The largest and oldest in our District. This meeting will be held at the Charlotte Country Club, 2465 Mecklenburg Ave, Charlotte, NC 28205. Speaker is Chris Williams, executive producer, PBS Carolina Business Review.



After lunch we will visit the Mint Museum of Art where Paul Harris and other Rotary International Presidents have planted trees.

Then, we will visit the District Rotary Headquarters located at 1850 East Third Street, Suite 200.

3:30 PM – Visit the Irwin Academic Center, 329 North Irwin Ave, Charlotte where students will get a Native American program presented by The World in Our Backyard.

6:00 PM – A welcome reception at Past District Governor Bill Belk's home in Charlotte. (Limited)



Wednesday November 16

9:00 AM – A private tour at the largest single-site heated greenhouse in the USA.

Metrolina Greenhouses, 16400 Huntersville-Concord Road, Huntersville. (Max 20 people)

12:00 PM – Lunch meeting of the North Mecklenburg Rotary Club at the Peninsula Club on Lake Norman, 19101 Peninsula Club Drive, Cornelius. Program will consist of a power-point presentation by members of our Friendship Exchange team who visited Turkey in September.

2:30 PM – Visit the Southern Christmas Show, the largest Christmas Show in North America. Shop for holiday gifts such as apparel, seasonal décor, jewelry, housewares & home décor, toys, gourmet foods, and more at The Park Expo & Conference Center, 800 Briar Creek Road, Charlotte.



Thursday November 17

10:00 AM – Concord Mills Shopping Mall and the Bass Pro Shop, one of the top tourist attractions in North Carolina at 8111 Concord Mills Boulevard, Concord, NC 28027.

12:00 PM – Lunch at the Charlotte Motor Speedway Club. (Max 14 people)

1:45 PM – Tour of the Charlotte Motor Speedway. Track President Greg Walter will welcome our visitors. (Max 14 people)

3:00 PM – Concord Rotarians will showcase the downtown works they have performed using Private-Public partnerships along with Rotary District Grants, like the Rotary Splash Park, Harmony Park, etc.

6:00 PM – Dinner will be Potluck on Lake Norman with Rotarians from the North Mecklenburg Rotary Club at 22830 Torrence Chapel Road, Cornelius.



Friday November 18

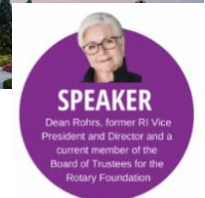
10:00 AM – Tour of North Academy of World Languages, one of the newest Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools. The school is located at 12201 Hambright Road, Huntersville. In addition to learning English, these K-8 students have the opportunity to become highly proficient in Chinese, French or German.

11:30 AM – Our Turkish Rotarians will participate in an interactive presentation to 7th graders about what Rotary is and their mission to End Polio Now! PDG Ineke will lead the group in the Purple Pinkie program.

12:30 PM – Enjoy an American school lunch in the school cafeteria.

1:00 PM – Private tour of Hendrix Motorsports Facility at 4400 Papa Joe Hendrix Boulevard, Concord. (Max 20 people)

6:00 PM – Attend the Foundation Banquet with 200 Rotarians from District 7680 at the Great Wolf Lodge, 10175 Weddington Road, Concord. There will be an introduction of the team and an exchange of banners. Speaker is Dean Rohrs, former Rotary International Vice President and Director and a current member of the Board of Trustees for the Rotary Foundation.



Saturday November 19

9:30 AM – Visit the Renaissance Festival at 16445 Poplar Tent Road, Huntersville.

3:00 PM – Tailgate Lunch Experience and visit to UNCC, the home of Rotaract

3:30 PM – Attend a College Football Game as the UNCC 49ers play host to the Louisiana Tech Bulldogs at Jerry Richardson Stadium. We plan to leave the game early so as to attend the

6:00 PM – Birkdale Village Christmas Parade and Tree Lighting followed by a Taco dinner and reception at the home of PDG Ineke and Bob Wilson. Turkish Cappadonia Wine and Raki will be available.



Sunday November 20

10:00 AM – Leave to the NC mountains and visit the Biltmore House and Gardens, in Asheville. Team will overnight in Asheville.

Monday November 21

10:00 AM – Return trip will include breakfast at the historic Grove Park Inn, a visit to Chimney Rock, and Lake Lure.

2:00 PM – On the way back we will stop at Tony's Ice Cream Company in downtown Gastonia. This family-owned business has been making frozen delights since 1906. This is time well spent!

3:00 PM – Visit to the incredible Schiele Museum and a private tour to the Catawba Indian Village.

6:00 PM – Dinner with host family.



Tuesday November 22

10:00 AM - Visit Mecklenburg County Manager Dena Diori, who serves as CEO of the largest county in the state of North Carolina with 5,000 employees, an annual operating budget of \$1.5 billion and a capital program exceeding \$1 billion. Dena will give us a tour of the government buildings. (Max 20 people)

12:00 PM – Lunch – TBD

3:00 PM – Participate with PDG Bob' and his old 1953 Pickup truck in the Mooresville Christmas Parade. Walk or ride with other Rotarians through this small southern town's Christmas kickoff celebration.

6:00 PM – After the parade we head over to Big Daddy's Restaurant and Oyster Bar.



Wednesday November 23

10:00 AM – Visit to McAdenville, the corporate home of Pharr Yarns. We will meet in a restored section of the old McAdenville textile mill, which was the first mill in North Carolina to be electrified using an Edison Electric Generator. Thomas Edison himself visited McAdenville many times.

11:30 AM - We will visit The Gaston County Museum and show historic artifacts of the early days of textiles.

12:45 PM – Lunch TBD.

2:00 PM - Visit downtown Gastonia where Rotarians will proudly showcase the downtown area that has largely been rebirthed using local money and District Grants from the Rotary Foundation.

4:00 PM – Weather permitting we will celebrate the Friendship Exchange with a boat ride on the Catawba River embarking from Tailrace Marina in Mount Holly. (Max 14 people)

7:00 PM – Country Line dancing at Coyote Joe's Coyote Joe's, 4621 Wilkinson Boulevard, Charlotte. On Wednesday nights it is ladies' night and they teach 3 line dances.



Thursday November 24

Thanksgiving Day with the host family.



Friday November 25

Delegation from Turkey will fly to New York to spend the weekend before going home to Turkey.

