



## Protecting the Environment

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Our Rotary  
Foundation  
By James Gouty  
District Rotary  
Foundation  
Chair  
2022-2025



## **FOUNDATION NEWS**

James Gouty DRFC  
April 2025

### **DISTRICT GRANTS**

All clubs that are participating in District Grants are reminded that final reports are due by May 15<sup>th</sup>. Please do not wait until then to file your club's final report. If your grant is completed before May 15<sup>th</sup>, please file it immediately.

The District Grant applications for the upcoming Rotary Year are to be completed by May 31, 2025.

If you have questions about District Grants, please feel free to contact me at [jggouty@gmail.com](mailto:jggouty@gmail.com)

### **SUPPORTING THE ROTARY FOUNDATION**

We as Rotarians continue to make a difference in the world and in the communities, we live in and serve. We focus on the 7 Areas of Service and do provide life-changing solutions to myriad of issues facing our communities and the world.

I would ask you to remember the work our Foundation does, from large multi club global grants to smaller single club district grants, disaster relief grants, global scholarships, Peace Centers, and the eradication of Polio.

As the District begins its "Million Dollar Dinner Campaign" you will have the opportunity to make contributions in many ways. Be on the lookout for addition information regarding this initiative.

The bottom line is, our Foundation touches the lives of millions of people around the world and in our district and I hope you will join me in supporting this life changing organization.

## **PAYMENTS TO THE ROTARY FOUNDATION**

As we move towards the end of this Rotary Year, clubs should be sending in the funds they have collected from their members as soon as possible. Please do not wait until the end of June to send your club's funds to RI as they may not get credited to this Rotary Year. Sending your funds in late, results in less DDF for your club 3 years from now.

The bottom line is, get your funds in early.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

May 1<sup>st</sup>—4<sup>th</sup>—District Conference in Cherokee NC

May 15<sup>th</sup>—Final reports for completed District Grants are due

May 31<sup>st</sup>—Applications for 25-26 District Grants are due.



**Membership Focus**  
*By PDG Jon Spillman*  
**District Membership Chair**  
**2022-2025**



## Big Rocks, Stephen Covey and Membership Keys

A professor stood in front of a class with a large empty jar and proceeded to fill the jar with big rocks. Then he asked is the jar full? They said, "Yes."

Then he pulled out a container of pebbles and poured them into the jar. The pebbles settled in between the big rocks. He asked again, "Is the jar full?" The students said, "Yes."

Next, he poured sand into jar. The sand filled the remaining space. He asked, "Now is the jar full." The students laughed and said, "Yes!"

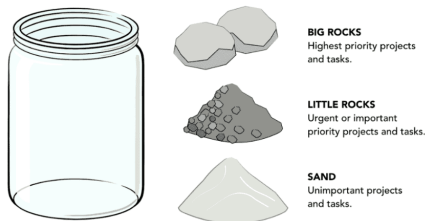


Finally, he poured water into the jar, filled it to brim and then said: "This jar represents your life. The big rocks are most important things – family, health, your passions and your purpose. If you don't put the big rocks first, you'll never fit them in later. The pebbles are the other important things—your job, house etc..... The sand and water represent all the little stuff. If you fill your jar with sand or water first, there's no room for the rocks." **The key in life is to focus on what truly matters .... the big rocks!**

I mention this story to emphasize that during the remaining 3 months of the Rotary year, I challenge you to focus on 3 big rocks. They are:

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**If the big rocks don't go in first,**



**they aren't going to fit in later.**

— Stephen R. Covey

**Connect People to Discover Rotary** – Throughout our District, community needs are greater than ever. We need more hands and help to help people need. Discover Rotary is the #1 proven way to bring new members into your club. Reach out to me or your district leaders and we will be happy to get this started in your club.

**Provide Comfort Care to Members** – Due to the impact of inflation, changes in fiscal policy and economic uncertainty, a recent survey noted that 73% of Americans now feel financial stress. This is a higher number than the pandemic. Reach out to your members, particularly those you have not seen in a while to let them know you are thinking about them, and you care.

**Be Clear about Value Rotary Provides to Club Members** – Membership Success Center is a powerful tool in DACdb that allows you to look at two drivers of membership, attrition and attraction rates, as well your current numbers. In addition, with 3 simple clicks you can send out a survey to take the temperature of your club members. Contact a membership team member as you need help to access this vital tool and join us on April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 8:00am for our monthly membership zoom.

Remember as Stephen Covey said: "If the big rocks don't go in first, they won't fit later."

## Rotary District 7690 New Membership Listing

New Members From: **Mar-18-2025** To: **Apr-17-2025**

33 Members Listed

Member Name	Club	Sponsor
Miller, William (BILL)	Sandhills	Guy Veni
Southerland, Florrie M. (FLORRIE)	Sandhills	
Ritter, Michael D. (MIKE)	Sandhills	
Lumpkin, Davis B. (DAVE)	Greensboro	
DeCortez, Hilda (HILDA)	Randolph	Joe Weaver
Cone, Elizabeth (Betty) (BETTY)	Greensboro	Altina Layman
Reichard, Peter (PETER)	Greensboro	Douglas W. Copeland Jr.
Williams, Marian (MARIAN)	Greensboro	Hunter Thomas Layne
Garges, Josiah (JOSIAH )	Northern Moore Satellite Club	Matthew Powers Jessica Coltrane
Song, David (DAVID)	Greensboro	Patricia Connell Vreeland
Kesler, Martha C (MARTHA)	Crescent	Sarah K Nielsen Jessica Lee Pearson
Bennett , Jamal X (JAMAL)	High Point	Carole Hughes
Mull, Danny Eward Jr. (DANNY)	Asheboro	Dennis Mabe
Stancil, Gayle M (GAYLE)	Crescent	Karen Pollard
Smallwood, Frances M (FRANCES)	Southern Guilford	Betty J. Brown
Tasistro Giubetic, Gerardo Esteban (GERARDO)	Global Trekkers	Angel Nieto Perez
Miller, Eddie W (EDDIE)	Crescent	Patrick Eakes James Granfortuna
Siegmund, Dirk W (DIRK)	Guilford	Jule Leroy Kaylor Jr.
Allbaugh, Mark (MARK)	Global Trekkers	Florence Nightingale B. Allbaugh
Maxwell, Karlyne (KARLYNE)	Crescent	
Lanni, Toni Renee (TONI)	Southern Pines	Veronica Sanchez
Adams, Casey Elizabeth (CASEY)	Southern Pines	Veronica Sanchez
Southern, Beth (BETH)	Mount Airy	Jim Petelle
Liotta, Joseph P (JOE)	Sandhills	Edward A Heflin II
LEISURE, Adam Ryan (ADAM)	Thomasville	
Soltani, Mohsen (MOHSEN)	Thomasville	
Williams, Quincy D (QUINCY)	Thomasville	
Hensley, Robert Mark (MARK)	Surry Sunrise	Lesa C Hensley
Araya, Heidi (HEIDI)	Surry Sunrise	Jeff Boyles
Eustache, Eurikca Felipe (EURIKCA)	Winston-Salem	Katie Hall Nicolas
Ball, Elizabeth Ann Mrs (ANN)	Stoneville	Dennis Sparks
Murray, Al (AL)	Alamance	James A. Cartner
Hanein, David (DAVID HANEIN)	High Point	Karen Leigh Cox



## DISTRICT 7690 YOUTH SERVICES

Brent Holmes – District 7690 Youth Services Chair

### **District 7690 RYLA –**

District 7690 Rotary Youth Leadership Awards is scheduled for **June 12-15, 2025**, at Oak Ridge Military Academy in Oak Ridge, NC. Thirty-four Clubs have submitted Sponsorship Pledge Forms sponsoring 54 students. Ready to volunteer? – go to [RYLA7690.org](http://RYLA7690.org) – select 'Rotarian' tab – sign up through Jotform.

**Youth Protection** – Youth Protection MOUs will be sent for Club Youth Services Chairperson to review, sign, and return by July 31, 2025.

**Interact** - Continue to track and monitor Interact Club goals to ensure your Interact Club is on track for ***Club Excellence Award for Interact Clubs***. Submit nomination for ***Club Excellence Award for Interact Clubs*** by August 15, 2025.

Interact Training for Club Youth Services Chairperson and Interact Contacts will be conducted during our June 2025 Youth Services Monthly Meeting.

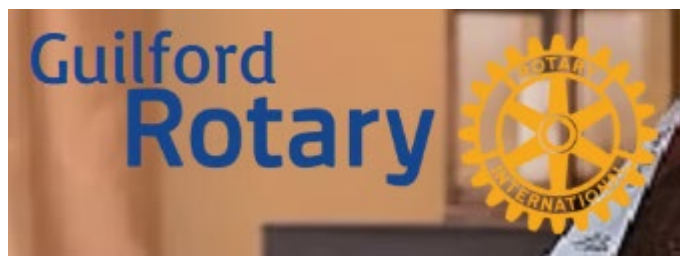
Update your Interact Club Advisor by June 30, 2025.

Check out **Youth Services - Rotary District 7690** for all District 7690 Youth Services information – ***Interact, Jim Armstrong Four Way Speech Contest, RYLA, Youth Exchange, Youth Peace Action, Youth Protection Policy, and Monthly Youth Services Meeting Presentation and Recordings***;

### **Use your District Youth Services Committee Resources to support your Club!**

- Youth Services and Interact Chairperson – Brent Holmes
- Jim Armstrong Four-Way Test Chairperson – Kathy Homiller
- Youth Exchange Chairperson – Ed 'Woody' Woodall
- Child Protection Chairperson – Steven Taylor
- Youth Peace Initiative Chairperson – Scott Wagoner
- RYLA Chairperson – Connolly Smith





## **UNC-G Military Veteran Scholarships Presented by Guilford Rotary Charitable Foundation**



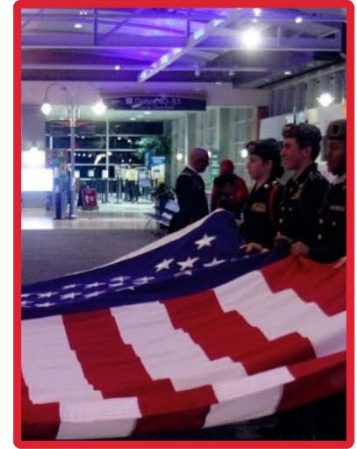
On March 25th and April 1st, 2025, The Guilford Rotary Charitable Foundation, part of the Guilford Rotary Club, awarded \$1,500 scholarships to military veterans Rowaida Ashol, Isaac Garcia, Alexander Katers, Antoinette Kellyman, Patrick Maher, Monae McCray, Danielle Parks, Weizhe Qi, Andrew Ramsey, Julissa Rivas, Dylan Soto and Bianca Wade in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements at UNC-Greensboro.

Twice a year Guilford Rotary awards "Student Military Veteran Scholarships" to student veterans to help them as they transition from military service to civilian life as well as to recognize them for their service. Four of the recipients served in the Army, two in the Navy, two in the Air Force, two in the Army Reserves, one in the Air Force Reserves and one in the Air National Guard. The average length of service for the honorees was seven years. The recipients are majoring in Nursing, Psychology, Accounting, Computer Science and Sociology. Two are working on Nursing doctorate programs and the others are pursuing bachelor's degrees.

Since 2015 the Guilford Rotary Charitable Foundation has awarded UNC-Greensboro military veteran students 172 scholarships amounting to \$170,500.

For additional information, contact Phil Colvard at [philcolvard@icloud.com](mailto:philcolvard@icloud.com)





# TRIAD HONOR FLIGHT

# SEND OFF CELEBRATION

## WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30TH

Piedmont Triad International Airport | American Airlines  
Arrive at 6:30 am for the 6:45am Send Off Ceremony  
{Park in economy lots. Parking is free.}

Our Triad Honor Flight veterans will be preparing to visit Washington D.C. and their memorials for the day. This morning will be a moving tribute to our veterans that you will never forget.

Visitors are encouraged to wear red, white, and blue. Bring your flags and banners to cheer on our veterans.



[www.triadhonorflight.org](http://www.triadhonorflight.org)







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*Join us* ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

# **TRIAD HONOR FLIGHT** **WELCOME HOME CELEBRATION**

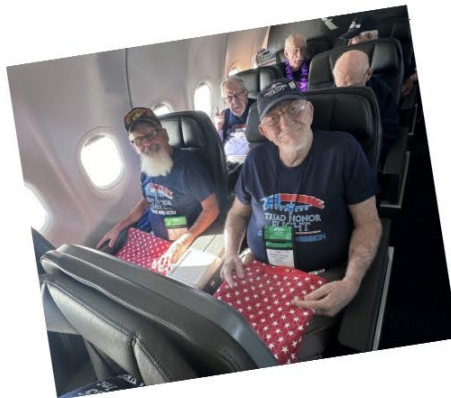
**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30TH**  
**PARADE ON UPPER LEVEL DEPARTURE**  
**PIEDMONT TRIAD INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT - AMERICAN AIRLINES**  
**Arrive at 7:30 for the 8:15 Flight Arrival**

*Park in economy lots. Parking is free.*

*Shuttles will be available.*

Please join us as we  
welcome our heroes home.

Our Triad Honor Flight  
veterans will have visited  
Washington, DC and their  
memorials for the day. This  
evening will be a moving  
tribute to our Veterans that  
you will never forget.



Vistors are  
encouraged to wear  
red, white and blue.  
Bring your flags and  
welcome home  
banners to cheer on  
our Veterans.

**[www.triadhonorflight.org](http://www.triadhonorflight.org)**



## 2025 Owen Bertschi Memorial Golf Classic

*Presented by*



Join us on **Thursday, May 8, at the High Point Country Club (Willow Creek Golf Course)**  
(Rain Date: **Tuesday, May 13**)

Sponsoring the Tournament is an excellent opportunity to gain visibility, network with local professionals, and support a meaningful cause. Your sponsorship directly benefits **Working Wardrobe**, which enriches the lives of women and children challenged by clothing insecurity in the greater High Point community.

### As a Sponsor, you'll receive:

- ✓ Brand Exposure
- ✓ Networking Opportunities
- ✓ Community Impact
- ✓ Complimentary Tournament Entry
- ✓ Social Media & Website Recognition
- ✓ On-Site Promotion

By sponsoring the Tournament, you're not only elevating your brand but also making a direct impact on our community.

**Ready to sponsor?** Check the level of sponsorship below to secure your spot!



#### ALBATROSS

- Presenting

#### EAGLE - \$2,750

- Golf Cart Sponsor
- Address Golfers
- One Foursome

#### MULLIGAN - \$1,750

- Beverage Cart Sponsor
- One Foursome

#### FAIRWAY - \$1,750

- Lunch Sponsor
- Table for Sponsor Information at Lunch
- One Foursome

#### BIRDIE - \$1,100

- "Control-the-Hole"  
(activities must be approved)
- Opportunity to display, give away items, or run a game
- One Foursome

#### PAR - \$850

- Hole Sponsorship
- One Foursome

#### TEAM - \$600

- One Foursome

#### HOLE - \$400

- Hole Sponsorship

#### PLAYER - \$150

- Individual Golfer

#### OWEN'S TEAM - \$100

- Individual Virtual Golfer
- Special Recognition Sponsorship



## Registration Form

Sponsor Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

### Preferred Round:

☐ Morning (8:45 AM)

☐ Afternoon (1:30 PM)

*We'll do our best to honor preferences but may need to adjust.*

### Player Information:

1. Player Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Handicap: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Player Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Handicap: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Player Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Handicap: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Player Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Handicap: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### Payment Information:

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Check Enclosed

☐ Please Invoice Me

Make checks payable to: **Rotary Club of High Point**

Mail to: **PO Box 5503, High Point, NC 27262**

For questions, contact:

Jeff Benfield (336-848-8505) or Wil Elder (336-905-1859)

**Deadline to submit is April 10th.**

**Thank you for supporting the Owen Bertschi Memorial Golf  
Classic presented by Crescent Ford**

**Rotary**  
Club of High Point





# Thank you to the Sponsors of the 2025 Owen Bertschi Memorial Golf Classic

Benefiting



*PRESENTED BY OUR ALBATROSS SPONSOR*



*FAIRWAY*



*PAR*



*HOLE*



*OWEN'S TEAM*







# BEER, BBQ, & BANDS

**May 18 from 3 to 7 p.m. at Village Beverage Co.**  
Ghosts of Liberty 3-4:30 p.m. | Patrick Rock Band 5-7 p.m.

*Come for the BBQ, stay for the fun, and make a difference!*

Village Beverage Co is proud host a mouthwatering BBQ fundraiser in support of Triad Honor Flight! Savor delicious BBQ, enjoy live music, take part in an exciting raffle, and connect with great company—all in support of our local veterans!



The Village Beverage Co. is honored to host this special fundraising event in support of the Triad Honor Flight. As a proud member of the community, we believe in giving back to those who have given so much for our country.

This event is our way of bringing people together to enjoy great food, music, and camaraderie—all while supporting a cause that helps our local veterans take a well-deserved trip to visit the memorials built in their honor.

**Proceeds benefit:**



Village Beverage Co. | 1015 NC-150, Suite A | Summerfield, NC 27358