The Piedmont Rotarian



Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene Month

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November 28, 2024

Rotary International District 7690 PO Box 38906 Greensboro, NC 27438

Dear Rotary International District 7690:

Thank you for your gift of \$50,000.00 to the Rotary Zones 33-34 Foundation Disaster Recovery Fund. Your contribution will allow Rotarians, Rotaractors, and our partners to help rebuild communities that have sustained major damage following hurricanes Helene and Milton.

Rotarians and Rotaractors are People of Action, but even Rotary leaders need support to maximize their efforts. Your donation will supplement and amplify the efforts of these leaders by providing tools, equipment, storage, and other supplies to help their neighbors recover from these devastating storms.

We appreciate your generous gift to support disaster recovery in Rotary Zones 33 and 34. You have provided substantial assistance to those who need our help, but even more importantly, you are giving them hope as they put their lives back together.

Sincerely,

Director

Patrick Ester

Patrick Eakes

Rotary Zones 33-34 Foundation

Date of Deposit: 12.30.24 Check Number: 1115

Check Memo Line: Hurricane Helene Relief, 2nd match of club contributions



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



FOUNDATION NEWS

James Gouty DRFC March 2025

TRIPLE CROWN CLUBS

As the April 1st deadline approaches, clubs that are striving to be "Triple Crown Clubs" should ensure that contributions have been submitted.

Just a reminder of the qualifications for being designated a "Triple Crown Club"

- Clubs are 100% Paul Harris Fellow clubs, that means every member is a Paul Harris Fellow.
- Clubs are 100% sustaining clubs, which means every member has made a \$100 contribution to the *Annual Fund* of the Rotary Foundation.
- Clubs achieve a \$100 per capita amount to Polio Plus.

If your club is striving for this recognition and would like to know where you stand, please feel free to reach out to me at 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.

I would ask that each club take a look and ascertain where you stand at the midyear point in your club's giving and go ahead and ask your treasurer to send in any funds collected to date.

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 12, 2025—District Training Assembly, Randolph Community College, Asheboro NC.

May 1st –4th—District Conference in Cherokee NC

May 15th—Final reports for completed District Grants are due

May 31st—Applications for 25-26 District Grants are due.



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



March Madness: The Thrill, Chills and Rotary Club Experience

March Madness is one of the most exciting and unpredictable sporting events in the United States. Every spring, 68 teams from NCAA Men's and Women's Basketball captivate millions of viewers in a single-elimination tournament to crown a national champion. For three mesmerizing weeks, tournament games are filled with Cinderella stories, buzzer-beaters, fierce rivalries and compelling personal interest stories that



capture the attention of sporting fans across the country.

I mention this because like March Madness, creating a meaningful Rotary club experience is the surest way to attract and keep new members. On average clubs lose **10 percent of new members in the first year and approximately 50% by the end of year three**. So, my question is are your club members getting a March Madness like experience? If you were a guest at your club meeting over the last few weeks, would you come back? In surveys, Rotary International has found three critical areas that make up a successful club experience. They are:

- Meeting Enjoyment Captivating meetings are a key reason why people stay in Rotary!
- Connections Its essential members feel cared for, valued and heard. Comfort and care committees, fellowship events and satisfaction surveys are a few examples to build greater connections.
- 3) <u>Dynamic Meaningful Service</u> There are countless stories across the district where clubs tackle big problems in their local community and help to solve them, which results in significant membership growth!

Enjoy the tournament! As one author put it, "May you retain some of your sanity at the end of this March Madness."

Rotary District 7690 New Membership Listing

New Members From: Feb-19-2025 To: Mar-17-2025

15 Members Listed

Member Name	Start Date	Club	Sponsor
Tendler, Mary (MARY)	03/01/25	Alamance	Jeffrey Smythe
Wilson, Jonathan (JONATHAN)	03/01/25	Alamance	James A. Cartner
Howerton, Kristin Rivers (KRISTIN)	03/07/25	Alamance	
Mize, Michael (MIKE)	03/03/25	Asheboro	John C. Revell Nancy Sue Revell
Clarke, Dorothy H. (DOTTIE)	03/07/25	High Point	Marshall Morgan Jeff Benfield
Brower, Jaylin (JAYLIN)	02/19/25	Midstate	
Allen, Douglas M (DOUGLAS)	02/26/25	Randolph (Asheboro)	Sandra J. Allen
Raleigh, Barry W (BARRY)	02/19/25	Southern Guilford	Timothy E. Roseborough
Miller, Sharon M (SHARON)	03/05/25	Southern Guilford	Betty J. Brown
Cannan, AnnMarie R. (ANNMARIE)	02/21/25	Southern Pines	Veronica Sanchez
Prestwood, Matthew W. (MATT)	03/14/25	Southern Pines	Christopher P. Miller
Darling, William Jeff (JEFF)	02/21/25	Southern Pines	Carol Revere Haney
Bonola, Andrea (ANDREA)	03/11/25	Summit	Keir Davis
Silkstone, Jeremy (JEREMY)	03/01/25	Yadkin Valley (Elkin- Jonesville)	Jo Ann deJournette
Shiner, Steven J (STEVE)	03/10/25	Yadkin Valley (Elkin- Jonesville)	Bear Steve

Note: For members to appear on this list, their start date must be entered.

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DISTRICT 7690 YOUTH SERVICES

Brent Holmes - District 7690 Youth Services Chair

District 7690 Jim Armstrong Four Way Speech Contest

On Saturday, February 22, 2025 Rotary

District 7690 held the Jim Armstrong Four Way Test Speech Contest for high school students at Randolph
Community College in Asheboro. Students presented speeches aimed at their fellow students using
Rotary's Four Way Test as a guideline for a lifetime of ethical behavior. The first place winner has been
invited to present her speech at the District Conference in May. Thanks to our judges: Ron Pierce, Mark
Brandon, Anant Venkataraman, Sandra Rosenborough, Dawn Morton, and Andrea Misel. Thanks also to
our timekeeper, Brent Holmes, and to Mini Singh and Lili Homiller for their help with registration and
setup. Finally, a special thank you to all of the clubs that sent a participant to the competition for their
support.

Eighteen students participated in the District Competition. The winners of the 2025 District Contest were:

- 1st Place Rosalie Salissou of Weaver Academy, sponsor-Crescent
- 2nd Place Tiras Harder of Wesleyan Christian Academy, sponsor-High Point
- 3rd Place Hannah Williams of Uwharrie Charter Academy, sponsor-Randolph
- 4th Place Jaryn Green of Alamance CC/HomeSchool, sponsor-Alamance
- 5th Place Izzy Cline of East Surry High School, sponsor-Surry Sunrise



Rosalie Salissou, Tiras Harder, Hannah Williams, Jaryn Green, Isabel Cline



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Other participants were:

- Emelia Alvarado of Stokes Early College High School, sponsor-King
- Alyssa Collins of North Surry High School, sponsor-Reynolda
- Parker Faircloth of Davie County Early College, sponsor-Mocksville
- Raymond Byars of Uwharrie Ridge 6-12, sponsor-Asheboro
- Daisy Gaither of Gaither Arts & Science Academy (homeschool), sponsor-Asheboro
- Avary Herman of Westchester County Day School, sponsor-Kernersville
- Hillary Jimenez Perez of Montgomery County Early College, sponsor-Troy
- Waliyah Khan of Southern Guilford High School, sponsor-Guilford
- Bisma Konwal of Southern Guilford High School, sponsor-Southern Guilford
- Aubrie Lovings of North Stokes High School, sponsor-Global Trekkers
- William Matheny of Noble Academy, sponsor-Downtown Greensboro
- Meredith Powell of Roanoke Chowan Academy/ACC, sponsor-Rotario Hispano de Alamance
- Jayden Wall of Mount Airy High School, sponsor-Mount Airy
- Shelby Woodrun of East Davidson High School, sponsor-Thomasville

<u>District 7690 RYLA</u> –District 7690 Rotary Youth Leadership Awards is scheduled for <u>June 12-15</u>, <u>2025</u>, at Oak Ridge Military Academy in Oak Ridge, NC. Twenty-eight Clubs have submitted Sponsorship Pledge Forms sponsoring 47 students. RYLA 2025 Invoices were emailed to Club Treasurers on Monday, 2/10. Invoices were sent to clubs that have already submitted their <u>Club Sponsorship Pledge Forms</u>. Be sure to get those paid! Clubs who have not submitted Pledge Forms may do so at this time. <u>Student Participation Form</u> are due March 31 Counselor & Junior Counselor Applications are available on RYLA Website on "Our Team" section; application deadline is March 31.

Check out <u>Youth Services - Rotary District 7690</u> 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.*





Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) Learning Event Sponsored by District 7690

Saturday, March 29, 2025

Randolph Community College

JB and Claire Davis Corporate Training Center

413 Industrial Park Avenue

Asheboro, NC 27205





Tuition: \$95 (includes lunch)

Registration: 8:15am

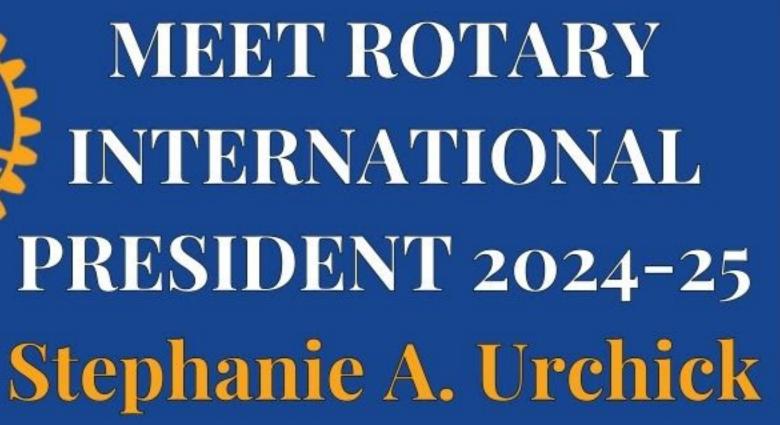
Classes: 9:00am - 3:15pm



Please contact District Chair Joanne Iwan for assistance and questions: iwanjoanne@aol.com

Register on DACdb at: https://Registrations.DACdb.com/Register/index.cfm?EventID=77809658

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APR 07, 2025

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Meeting ID: 874 1726 9479

HTTPS://US06WEB.ZOOM.US/J/87417269479?PWD=BVYXHVOVS6BRP0IJ7TTINEOYXZBEA3.1

EMAIL: rotaryglobaltrekkers@gmail.com DISTRICT 7690 (North Carolina, USA)



WORKING TOGETHER FOR A BETTER COMMUNITY

Friday, April 25, 2025

Oak Hills Golf & Event Center 436 E Stadium Dr, Eden, NC 27288

Register by April 17!

\$280/team of four; \$70/person

- Registration fee includes green fee, cart, Closest-To-The-Pin Contest, Longest
- Drive Contest, Door Prizes, lunch and beverages.
- All golfers have a chance to win \$10,000 with a hole-in-one (designated hole)
 - Join us and play for a good cause!
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- **REGISTER TODAY** BY MAIL OR IN PERSON!

Mail: Eden Rotary Club (P.O. Box 3212, Eden, NC 27289) In person at the event: Email Pete Baker at edenrotarygolf@gmail.com to confirm your team.

Benefiting Area Youth & Families

- Morehead Student Scholarships
- -Local area charities and organizations
- -Rockingham Community
 College Scholarships
- Rotary Youth Leadership
- Morehead High Interact Club



Annual Eden Rotary CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT

Sponsored by



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APRIL 25, 2025

Oak Hills Golf & Event Center 436 E Stadium Dr. Eden, NC 27288

REGISTRATION

Proceeds support the youth and families of our community:

- Morehead & RCC Student Scholarships
- -Other Rotary Projects
- -Morehead High Interact Club
- -Rotary Youth Leadership
- -Other local charities and organizations

One Team: \$280/foursome Single Player: \$70/person

Make checks payable to the Eden Rotary Club

Registration Fee includes green fee, carts, lunch, range balls, entry in longest drive, entry in closest to the pins (four Par 3's) and one entry in raffle prizes.

Additional raffle tickets can be purchased on the day of the event.

SCHEDULE:

1:00AM Registration/Driving Range Opens/Lur	nch
2:00PM Shotgun Start	
AFTER PLAYAwards & Door Priz	es
Team/Company Name	-
Captain	
Address	
City/St/Zip	
Email	
Player 1	
Player 2	
Player 3	
Player 4	

EMAIL REQUIRED for tournament updates and contest winners.





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