



**Rotary**  
District 7670



2023 Newsletter  
**March, 2025 Newsletter**  
**District Governor Connie Molland**

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**March is Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene Month**

By Julie P. West



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**The 2025 Rotary District Conference Registration is Now Open – Our Conference is coming home to West**

By Joan Lee VanOrman

This has truly been a year of the Magic of Rotary. It was not the year any of us envisioned on July 1, 2024. We have experienced a full spectrum: from the devastation of many of our communities from Hurricane Helene to recovery and resounding resilience. Rotarians near and far have been



here every step of the way - working non-stop to support Western North Carolina's recovery programs.

Soon, on May 9-10, our District will come together to pause, reflect, and celebrate. We are thrilled that the 2025 District 7670 Conference is "coming home" and that we will gather

in Asheville, in the heart of WNC.

District Governor Connie Molland is ready to celebrate the successes of the year and to recognize the many outstanding achievements of Rotarians and clubs in District 7670. "Our district is so thankful for the generosity and fortitude of Rotarians. I look forward to connecting and celebrating with you at our May Conference." At the final training to become the District Governor, DG Connie heard from RI President Stephanie Urchick that helping to heal a divided world was a goal for the 2024-25 Rotary year. Realizing that everything we do as Rotarians is a step toward a more peaceful society it is fitting that our theme for the conference is '**Peace in Motion**'.

Karolyn Killian, immediate past president of the Hendersonville Club, is the District Conference Chair. She has been planning the conference for several months, working with a full team of Rotarians who all want to showcase The Magic of Rotary, and have fun in the process! "This conference is all about opportunity...to make connections, to learn from others, to share ideas, and to have fun. It is really going to be the boost we need as we continue this recovery process."

The conference promises to be a thrilling event, full of fun, inspiration, and opportunities to make a lasting impact. We want **you** to join in on this very special two-day event. To make it super easy to get information and to register, the team enlisted the help of Dr. Shawn Hamm, President Rotary Club of Valdese. Shawn designed the conference website with goals of sharing conference information, speaker news, Asheville sights and treats, and an easy, one-button access to registration! To learn more, absorb a few of the highlights, and to register, visit Home/District Conference:

<https://www.rotarydc7670.org>.

Attendees have the option to stay at the new Embassy Suites Hotel located in Asheville Downtown. There is a negotiated rate. You can see the rooms, facilities and learn more at the conference website.

The conference cost is \$245 until April 9<sup>th</sup> (price will go up to \$295 after that date). We are anticipating many Rotarians to register with the conference being in the heart of District 7670 and we have a maximum capacity of 250 so don't delay on getting registered.

We hope to see you May 9-10 in Asheville. It's sure to be an exceptional and much needed celebration! There might even be a little magic.

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## Calling All Authors to Participate in the 2024-2025 District Conference!

By Karolyn W. Killian

Are you an author and an active Rotarian in our district? We want to showcase your work at the upcoming District Conference on May 9th-10th, 2025. Join us for an extraordinary book signing event at the Friendship House, where we will highlight books authored by our local Rotarians.



This is a great opportunity to share your passion and connect with fellow Rotarians while celebrating the literary talents within our community. If you're interested in participating or have any questions, please reach out to Karolyn Killian at [kkillian@howardhanna.com](mailto:kkillian@howardhanna.com).

We look forward to seeing you and your book at this

exciting event!

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## Rotary District 7670 – Art for Polio Eradication: Call for Submissions

By Karolyn W. Killian

### ***Are you an artist?***

Do you have a club member who is an artist?

If yes, please consider submitting a piece of art for our Polio Plus Fundraiser at the District Conference in Asheville, May 9-10.

Create a piece of art, any medium, to be donated for a silent auction at the conference. The only requirement for the artwork is that it contains at least one teardrop shape (the color is optional) to symbolize the lifesaving drops children receive. The artwork should be original, created by a Rotarian and ready to deliver by April 11, 2025.

All artwork will be on display at the district conference for bidding and fundraising. There will be a jury to determine the Best of Show piece that will be auctioned live at the event. All proceeds will go to Rotary International PolioPlus.

We will be limiting the submissions to no more than 15 entries, only 2 submissions from any one club.

If you or your club plan to submit a piece, please email the information below by February 10 so we can plan space for display.

Other questions contact:

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828-551-5176

Joan VanOrman  
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We are excited to showcase district creativity.

**NAME OF ARTIST:**

**ROTARY CLUB:**

**MEDIUM: (PAINTING, WOODWORK, GLASS, POTTERY, ETC.)**

(Recommended artwork have a value of >\$50)

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## Rotary District 7670: A Year of Resilience and Service Above Self

By Julie P. West



As we reflect on the past year in Rotary District 7670, it's clear that 2025 has been a year like no other. The unexpected and powerful force of Hurricane Helene made her mark on Western North Carolina, impacting communities and testing our resilience. However, in true Rotary fashion, this storm became a catalyst for bringing District Rotarians—and Rotarians from across the United States—closer together in service.

While Helene may have temporarily disrupted the normal rhythm of life, it also showcased the extraordinary strength and commitment of the Rotary family. The storm highlighted the true spirit of Rotary's **Service Above Self**. In the face of adversity, our District's members came together to not only aid in recovery efforts but to show unwavering support for one another. From clearing debris to providing supplies and offering emotional support, Rotarians across District 7670 embodied the ideals of service that make Rotary such a powerful force for good in the world.

As we approach the upcoming District Conference, we have much to celebrate. This year, under the outstanding leadership of District Governor Connie Molland, our District has achieved remarkable things. The District Conference will

be a time to reflect on all that we've accomplished and to honor those who have gone above and beyond in their efforts to serve their communities.

A key part of our celebration will be the recognition of those who have captured the spirit of Rotary through photography. We're thrilled to announce the addition of a **Photography** category to this year's Public Image Awards. We want to see your best action shots—those moments where Rotarians in District 7670 are making a tangible difference, whether it's planting trees, distributing food, or working side by side to rebuild after a disaster. It's these photos that speak volumes about our collective impact.

So, Rotarians, as we prepare for the District Conference, dig through your archives and get your photos ready. We want to see powerful images that showcase the heart of Rotary: action, compassion, and service to others. Whether it's a candid moment at a community event, or a picture that tells the story of a large-scale project, we want to highlight your efforts and share those stories with the world. Watch for future details in your inbox.

As we move forward into the future, let's continue to work together—closer than ever—strengthened by the bonds forged through service. Let's celebrate our accomplishments, and let's inspire others to join us in the important work of making the world a better place.

See you at the District Conference, and don't forget to bring your best photos showcasing the heart of Rotary in action!

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# Rotary District 7670 to Host District RLI Event – March 29th, 2025

By Sarah J McGuire



Rotary District 7670 is excited to announce a **District RLI (Rotary Leadership Institute)** event on **March 29th, 2025**, at **Crossroads Church in Asheville, NC**. This is a fantastic opportunity for Rotarians looking to enhance their leadership skills and deepen their understanding of Rotary's impact.

## Event Details:

- **Date:** March 29th, 2025
- **Location:** Crossroads Church, Asheville, NC
- **Time:** 8:30 AM – 3:45 PM
- **Cost:** \$95.00 (includes lunch)

We are offering **all three parts** of the RLI program, designed to provide Rotarians with the tools and knowledge to become stronger leaders within their clubs and communities. Whether you're a new Rotarian or a seasoned leader, this event will help you build on your leadership capabilities and make a bigger impact in Rotary.

The **\$95 registration fee** covers all three parts of the program as well as lunch, so you can focus on learning and connecting with fellow Rotarians throughout the day.

**Registration** is now open! To sign up, simply visit the following link:

[Register for District RLI Event](#)

Don't miss this incredible opportunity to grow as a leader, connect with fellow Rotarians, and strengthen your understanding of Rotary's vital work. We look forward to seeing you there!

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## Club Assistance Team

By Tammy Mosteller



## Introducing DGND Ross Sloan: Leading the Club Assistance Team to Strengthen Rotary

Rotary thrives when its clubs are strong, engaged, and growing. To ensure that every club has the support it needs to succeed, we are excited to introduce **District Governor Nominee Designate (DGND) Ross Sloan** as the new **Chair of the Club Assistance Team!**

### A Passion for Growth and Service

Ross Sloan brings a deep commitment to **helping struggling clubs revitalize their membership, strengthen engagement, and enhance their impact** in their communities. With his leadership, the Club Assistance Team will provide hands-on support, proven strategies, and fresh ideas to help clubs **grow and thrive**.

## What the Club Assistance Team Offers

Under Ross's leadership, the team will focus on:

- ? **Membership Growth Strategies** – Attracting new members and keeping current ones engaged.
- ? **Leadership Development** – Training and mentoring club leaders for success.
- ? **Community Engagement** – Increasing club visibility and involvement in local projects.
- ? **Meeting Revitalization** – Bringing energy and purpose back to club meetings.
- ? **Retention Support** – Helping clubs address member concerns and boost retention.

## Success in Action

The Club Assistance Team has identified those clubs at critical mass and struggling clubs. The team will be reaching out to club presidents to form a game plan to move forward.

## Need Help? Contact Ross and the Club Assistance Team!

If your club is looking for ways to **increase membership, re-energize members, or strengthen leadership**, DGND Ross Sloan and the Club Assistance Team are here to help! Reach out today for guidance, resources, and hands-on support.

**Together, we can ensure every Rotary club thrives and continues making a lasting impact!**

For more information or to request assistance, contact **DGND Ross Sloan at 828-243-2385**

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## Rotaract Week: "Together in Fellowship, Strengthened through Service" – March 10-16, 2025

By Julie P. West



Rotaract Week is a time for Rotaractors around the globe to come together, celebrate their achievements, and reaffirm their commitment to service, leadership, and community engagement. From March 10 to 16, 2025, the global network of young leaders will unite under the theme "**Together in Fellowship,**

**Strengthened through Service**". This week-long celebration highlights the power of collaboration, the impact of collective action, and the importance of working together for the betterment of communities worldwide.

## What is Rotaract?

Rotaract is an international movement of young professionals and students who are dedicated to making a positive difference in their communities. With members aged 18 to 30, Rotaract clubs are part of Rotary International and operate with a mission of leadership development, fellowship, and service. Rotaractors work on a wide range of projects, from global initiatives like fighting poverty and promoting education, to local efforts aimed at improving their own neighborhoods.

Through fellowship and community service, Rotaract empowers young people to become proactive leaders who drive change in their communities.

## The Theme: "Together in Fellowship, Strengthened through Service"

For Rotaract Week 2025, the theme "**Together in Fellowship, Strengthened through Service**" emphasizes the bonds that unite Rotaractors and the strength that comes from working side by side in service to others. Fellowship—the sense of connection, friendship, and shared values—has always been

at the heart of Rotaract. Whether collaborating on community projects, networking with fellow leaders, or supporting one another in personal growth, Rotaractors know that the work they do is only possible through the relationships they build with one another.

At the same time, the theme highlights how service strengthens not just the communities being helped, but the individuals and organizations delivering that service. By coming together in fellowship and offering their time, talent, and resources, Rotaractors amplify their collective impact and leave a lasting legacy in the world.

## Rotaract Week 2025: A Time for Connection and Impact

Throughout Rotaract Week, clubs around the world will engage in a variety of events designed to showcase the power of service and the value of fellowship. Here are just a few examples of what will be happening:

- **Service Projects** – Rotaract clubs will organize hands-on service projects in their local communities, from food banks and clean-up initiatives to health screenings and educational workshops. These efforts help address pressing issues in society, with a focus on creating lasting change.
- **Leadership Workshops and Seminars** – Rotaractors will participate in professional development activities, honing skills like public speaking, teamwork, and project management. These events also allow young leaders to share experiences and learn from each other, reinforcing the theme of fellowship.
- **Social Events and Networking Opportunities** – Whether it's a social gathering, a fundraising dinner, or a casual meetup, clubs will host various events to celebrate their work, expand their networks, and strengthen bonds within the community.
- **Collaborations with Rotary Clubs** – Many Rotaract clubs will partner with their sponsoring Rotary clubs to amplify the impact of their service projects. Together, they will work towards mutual goals, strengthening both organizations and enhancing the effectiveness of their efforts.

## Why "Together in Fellowship, Strengthened through Service" Matters

The theme of **"Together in Fellowship, Strengthened through Service"** is particularly important in today's world, where communities are increasingly diverse, and challenges are more interconnected than ever before. By fostering fellowship—both locally and globally—Rotaract creates a supportive environment where young leaders can come together to share ideas, learn from one another, and collaborate on projects that make a difference.

Furthermore, the theme underscores the idea that service is a powerful force for personal and collective transformation. When people work together to serve others, they not only improve the lives of those in need but also develop a deeper sense of purpose and connection to the world around them.

## How to Get Involved in Rotaract Week 2025

1. **Join a Rotaract Club:** If you're not yet a member, consider joining a Rotaract club to engage in meaningful community service and build lifelong friendships with young leaders. This is the perfect time to get involved and experience the fellowship and strength that Rotaract offers.
2. **Participate in Local Events:** Many Rotaract clubs open their events to the public during Rotaract Week. Whether it's a service project, workshop, or networking event, take the opportunity to get involved and support the cause.
3. **Volunteer:** Volunteer your time or resources to help with service projects organized by Rotaract clubs. From environmental cleanups to charity fundraisers, there are many ways to contribute to the success of these initiatives.

4. **Spread the Word:** Use your social media platforms to raise awareness about Rotaract Week and its events. Share stories, photos, and highlights of the projects and activities taking place in your area, and encourage others to get involved.
5. **Support Rotaract's Mission:** Whether through donations, partnerships, or volunteering, there are many ways to support Rotaract's mission of service and leadership. By strengthening these young leaders, you contribute to the ongoing success of their initiatives.

## Global Impact and Lasting Change

Rotaract Week is not just a celebration of what has been achieved, but also an opportunity to look ahead to the future. When young leaders come together in fellowship and service, they build strong networks that can address complex global challenges, such as climate change, access to education, and health disparities. The collective power of Rotaract clubs around the world drives positive change and makes a meaningful impact that extends far beyond the week of celebrations.

## Conclusion

As we celebrate **Rotaract Week 2025**, the theme **"Together in Fellowship, Strengthened through Service"** reminds us that the most powerful force for change is unity. By coming together in fellowship and offering our service to others, we not only help those in need but also enrich our own lives and communities.

Join the movement from March 10 to 16, 2025, and discover how Rotaract empowers young people to build a better world—one service project at a time. Together, we are stronger, and together, we can make a lasting difference.

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## District-Wide Disaster Recovery Volunteer Project



### Calling All Rotarians!

Join us for an exciting, hands-on **District-Wide Disaster Recovery Volunteer Project!** This is your chance to make a lasting impact in the community as we work together to rebuild the **Robertson Dining Hall at Blue Ridge Assembly**. We need **25 volunteers per shift** for the next three weeks, and we'd love for you to be part of this important effort!

### Dates:

March 15

March 22

### Shifts Available:

- Morning
- Afternoon

### Perks for Volunteers:

- Lunch provided between shifts!
- Free Rotary long-sleeve T-shirt

This is an excellent opportunity to live out the Rotary motto of **"SERVICE ABOVE SELF"** and make a real difference in the community. Bring a friend along to show them the power of service, teamwork,



and community spirit in action!

### Sign Up Here

Sign up on Signup Genius <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409054BABAA28A0FF2-55384310-rotary>

Let's come together and rebuild, one brick at a time! We can't wait to see you there!

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## Magic All Around



Embark on an exhilarating journey of connection and inspiration at the 2025 Rotary International Convention in Calgary! Engage in riveting discussions, learn from distinguished speakers, and explore enlightening breakout sessions against the backdrop of Calgary's picturesque beauty nestled amid the Canadian Rockies.

Fueled by friendship and a spirit of collaboration, exchange best practices, ignite innovative projects, and form lifelong connections with fellow changemakers from around the world.

Take part in this transformative, one-of-a-kind event and experience the Magic All Around at the 2025 Rotary International Convention in Calgary, Canada 21-25 June 2025.

Our Zones 3334 event will be held at the Calgary Convention on Sunday, June 22, 2025, from 5 pm to 8 pm at Hotel Arts in the spacious Spectrum Ballroom. **It will sell out based on registrations to date!** The incredible space hosts 850 attendees! **Tickets for this limited-capacity event are available now for \$75 per person.**

Director Patrick, Event Chair Lloyd, and others have worked to provide an extraordinary event in a stunning venue for a reasonable price for our Rotary family.

**TO REGISTER:** Regardless of DACdb for Club Runner access, use this link: [https://Registrations.](https://Registrations.DACdb.com/Register/ezLink.cfm?EventID=77800844)

[DACdb.com/Register/ezLink.cfm?EventID=77800844](https://Registrations.DACdb.com/Register/ezLink.cfm?EventID=77800844) The tentative program schedule includes Rotary International President Stephanie Urchick and additional senior Rotary International leadership.

Sign in to My Rotary to register for International Convention or visit [RotaryCalgary2025.org](https://RotaryCalgary2025.org)

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## Rotary Lounge At Zurich Airport

By Tiffany Ervin

### Story Written By:

Hermann Delliehausen, Rotary Club Zurich Circle International

It began with an idea: "A lounge for Rotary members at the Zurich Airport." As a long-time Rotarian and founding member of the Rotary Club Zurich Circle International, with over 59 years of experience with the Zurich Airport in Switzerland, I envisioned providing Rotary members with a comfortable place during transit or before departure—a space where they can wait while experiencing spontaneous Rotary connections.



Our club believes there's a need for more informal Rotary meeting spots, and airports are places where people often spend a lot of time. Why not use this time to forge new Rotary friendships and do good? The idea sounded far-fetched to some, but the aviation enthusiasts among our members were thrilled.

[Read more here...](#)

## Rotary Four Way Test



### The 4-Way Test

*of things we do and say:*

1. Is it the **TRUTH**?
2. Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
3. Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
4. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

## Events

March 10th, 5:30  
**Zones 33-34  
 Membership Action  
 Plan Webinars 2024-  
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March 10th, 5:30-6:15  
 PM  
**Zones 33-34  
 Membership Action  
 Plan Webinar  
 >>>JOIN NOW**

March 14th, 8:00  
**Carolinas PETS 2025**

March 17th, 5:00-6:00  
 PM  
**Zone 33 District  
 Membership Chair/DG  
 Line Call**

March 17th, 5:00-6:00  
 PM  
**CART Governance  
 Committee Meeting**

March 20th, 5:30-6:30  
 PM  
**CART Conversations -  
 Monthly Info Meeting**

March 20th, 6:00  
**Zones 33-34  
 Foundation Matters  
 Monthly Webinar  
 Series**

March 22nd, 8:15-3:35  
 PM  
**RLI-District 7630-  
 Parts I, II and III -  
 North East, MD**

March 27th, 5:30-6:30  
 PM  
**CART Executive  
 Committee Meeting**

March 29th, 8:15-3:30  
 PM  
**RLI-District 7690-  
 Parts I, II, III -  
 Asheboro, NC**

March 29th, 8:15-3:35  
 PM  
**RLI-District 7545-  
 Parts I, II and III -  
 Institute, WV**

March 29th, 8:30-3:45  
 PM  
**District 7670 - Part I,  
 II and III - Asheville,  
 NC**

March 31st, 4:00-5:00  
 PM  
**CART Donor**

April 1st, 5:00-6:00 PM  
**Zone 33 Monthly  
 District Innovative**

April 7th, 12:45-2:00 PM  
**Zoomformation Call  
 with RID Patrick**

April 7th, 6:00-8:00 PM  
**RLI Faculty Update -  
 April 7 2025 - Virtual**

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## Club Anniversaries

[Catawba Valley \(Conover\)](#)

March 17th

[Lincolnton-Sunrise](#)

March 22nd

[Asheville-South](#)

March 17th

[Cashiers Valley](#)

March 31st

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## Account Leaders



Margaret Fenton Lebeck  
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District Governor



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District  
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