

**Rotary**  
District 7670



2023 Newsletter

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## **Supporting Hurricane Helene Recovery in Rotary District 7670**

By Julie P. West

Hurricane Helene has left many in need across Rotary District 7670, prompting a unified response from Rotarians eager to help. There are numerous opportunities to donate time, supplies, and funds to aid recovery efforts, with various organizations actively accepting contributions.

In response to the crisis, Rotary Zone 33/34 has allocated specific funds for District 7670. District Governor Connie's District 7670 Disaster Recovery Team has streamlined the funding application process to ensure that support



reaches those in need quickly. Through this grant initiative, clubs can apply for up to \$10,000 to assist with rebuilding efforts and other essential supplies.

The application process is designed for rapid turnaround. Once submitted, clubs can expect district approval within 48 hours, followed by Zone 33/34's approval within another 48 hours. Approved funds will be mailed directly to the club, allowing for immediate support. A final report detailing how the funds were utilized will be required from the club after the funds have been used.

Clubs not directly affected by the storm can also apply for funding, provided it will be used for impacted areas. This collaborative approach fosters solidarity and shared recovery efforts among clubs.

The application is straightforward but must clearly outline how the funds will be used—such as for sheetrock or generators—and cannot cover expenses for projects already completed.

To access the application, visit DACdb under the District tab, then click on the District Files icon and navigate to "Helene Disaster Relief Grants." Print or save the application to your computer, complete it, and submit it to DGN Paige Scott at [paigecs123@gmail.com](mailto:paigecs123@gmail.com). For any questions regarding the funding request process, please reach out to DGN Paige Scott.

Together, we can make a significant impact on the recovery efforts following Hurricane Helene.

## Who To Contact

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## Recovery and Resilience After Hurricane Helene

By Julie P. West



Hurricane Helene has come and gone, leaving behind a challenging path to recovery that will take time and resilience. The total extent of the damage remains unclear, with cleanup efforts underway, even in the midst of ongoing safety concerns. Many residents face the grim reality of uncertain conditions.

In the immediate aftermath, survival

has become the priority. This focus on day-to-day needs often pushes deeper emotional struggles aside. As individuals begin to process their experiences, multiple layers of grief may emerge—some of which might not be felt until months later.

For those asking, "What can I do?" the answer is complex. Many are unsure where to start amidst the chaos. As we move forward, it's crucial to exercise patience and compassion. The rebuilding process will be slow, and as the world continues to turn, those affected will need our understanding and support.

Organizations like NAMI NC (<https://naminc.org/>) offer valuable resources, including support groups for those coping with loss. Additionally, the North Carolina Psychological Association provides a Disaster Distress Helpline to assist individuals in need of mental health support.

As communities begin to rebuild, let's stand together, offering hope and solidarity in this long journey of recovery.



## Rotary District 7670: Recovery and Rebuilding After Hurricane Helene

By Julie P. West



Hurricane Helene has left a profound impact on our communities, causing extensive damage and disruption. In the face of this adversity, Rotary District 7670 is coming together to support recovery and rebuilding efforts.

We invite all members to share their experiences through pictures and videos that capture both the devastation caused by Helene and the resilience of our Rotarian community. Your contributions will not only document this challenging time but also inspire hope and action as we move forward.

Please send your photos and videos to DPIC Julie West at [JpwestRN1@gmail.com](mailto:JpwestRN1@gmail.com). Together, we can showcase the strength of Rotary and the unwavering spirit of those dedicated to rebuilding our community.

Let's unite in our efforts to restore and uplift, embodying the true essence of Rotary.



# Rotary Club of Tryon: Community Spirit Shines Through After the Storm



The week following the storm, the Fellowship Hall of the Rotary Club of Tryon may have been a little dark, but the spirits of its members shone brightly. Over 20 members and guests gathered last Thursday for a warm meal, camaraderie, and updates from various community organizations, demonstrating their resilience and commitment to service.

During the meeting, Rotarian Jim Fatland shared insights into the ongoing efforts in Tryon, highlighting the vital role Rotarians play in supporting the community during challenging times. Rotarian Margaret Annunziata informed members about the role Isothermal Community College (ICC) is playing in assisting tree crews and linemen working tirelessly to restore power. Margot Carter updated the group on Outreach's initiatives to provide food, water, and essential supplies to residents affected by the storm.

Notably, Rotarians Marche Pittman and Brandon Schweitzer were unable to attend the meeting as they were actively engaged in community relief efforts, embodying the spirit of service that defines the Rotary Club. Many other Rotarians also contributed their time and resources, helping to distribute food and supplies as they arrived in the area.

The Rotary Club of Tryon takes great pride in its members' active involvement in the community. As they work together to rebuild and support one another, the spirit of fellowship and commitment remains stronger than ever.

## Building Goodwill and Better Friendships

By Holly Guyer

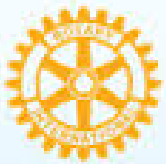
As we all know, District 7670's membership body has been through a challenging and trying season dealing with the aftermath of Helene. However, this has proven to be an excellent opportunity for our Rotarians to step in and be people of action! Despite internet and cell service challenges, our club Presidents, District Officers etc. immediately began reaching out to every Rotarian in our district to touch base and see if they were safe. In addition to checking on our own Rotary membership body, Rotarians



immediately began seeking out areas where they could serve in the aftermath of Helene. Our members have been busy creating 24/7 coverage as needed to receive, sort and distribute items for Hurricane victims as well as partnering up with other organizations to serve. Our district leadership team has conducted daily ZOOM

meetings to ensure our lines of communication within our community stay strong and up-to-date on needs within our community, as these needs may change on a daily basis (or even more frequently). Despite temporary mental (and physical) exhaustion, Rotarians throughout our district continue to strive for building goodwill and better friendships with individuals within our community and will continue to serve our community in the aftermath of Helene as long as needed!

## 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?



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