

Rotary
District 7670



Special Edition Newsletter

District Governor Connie Molland

United in Service, United in Recovery

By Connie M. Molland



As we continue to navigate the aftermath of Hurricane Helene, the devastation left in its wake has deeply affected communities throughout District 7670. Our hearts go out to those impacted, including our fellow Rotarians, who are known as People of Action dedicated to serving others. It is indeed a unique and challenging situation for us to find ourselves on the receiving end of assistance.

Prioritizing Safety and Communication

The safety of all Rotarians in District 7670 is our primary concern. We are actively monitoring the situation and implementing efforts to ensure that every Rotarian is accounted for and safe. Communication is crucial during this time; however, we understand that many Rotarians are still experiencing power outages and limited internet access.

We have been actively working to ensure the safety of all 2,100 Rotarians in our district and to assess any long-term assistance they may need due to the damage caused by Hurricane Helene. If you haven't communicated your status to your club leadership, please reach out to them as soon as possible.

Transitioning to Recovery Efforts

As we shift our focus from immediate response to recovery, we are proud to see District 7670 stepping up to provide aid to those in need. Numerous initiatives are underway, and we encourage all members to participate in these efforts.

This special bulletin includes specific contact information for our Crisis Management team members, who are assigned areas of focus to streamline support. Additionally, the Rotary District 7670 website has been revamped to better serve our community during this recovery phase. Here, you will find options for donations, resources, and ways to get involved.



United in Service and Recovery

I am incredibly proud of District 7670 and the resilience of the Rotarians who make up our community. We are united in service and committed to recovery. Together, we can provide hope and support to those affected by this disaster.

Let's channel our collective strength and make some Rotary MAGIC during this challenging time. Remember, there is always HOPE, and together we can rebuild and restore our communities. Thank you for your commitment to service and for standing strong as we face this challenge together.

For updates and more information, please visit our newly designed website and stay connected with your fellow Rotarians.

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Rotary District 7670 Website

By Julie P. West

Have you visited the Rotary District 7670 website lately?

As we focus on recovery from Hurricane Helene, the Rotary District 7670 Crisis Management Team has made various resources available to support you. Head over to Rotary7670.org to discover ways to donate, volunteer, or view images from our district. Join us in creating some Rotary Magic in 7670!

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Hurricane Helene Relief for District 7670

Foundation Banquet Postponed

The
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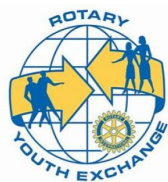


In light of the devastation caused by Hurricane Helene and the ongoing recovery efforts, we regret to inform you that the Rotary District 7670 Foundation Banquet has been postponed. We believe it is important to focus on supporting our affected communities during this challenging time.

The event will be rescheduled for a later date, when we can all come together to celebrate and uplift each other. We appreciate your understanding and look forward to a meaningful gathering in the future.

The History and Resilience of Rotary Youth Exchange in District 7670

By Julie P. West



Brazilian Exchange
Students
Leticia & Betina
and host families
@ the UClub

Rotary Youth Exchange has a rich history of fostering international understanding and friendships, and District 7670 is proud to be a part of this global program. Currently, our district and others around us are hosting several inbound exchange students, who have shown remarkable flexibility and resilience in the face of the recent challenges brought on by Hurricane Helene.

A Unique Experience Amidst Adversity

One of the students currently hosted in our district is Betina from Brazil. She has formed a close friendship with Leticia, another exchange student, during their time together at the Youth Exchange Whitewater Event in Charlotte. Leticia is now staying with Rotarian John Cates and his family in the District 7710 area, while Betina is being hosted by Asheville Rotarians Al and Jaymie Davis.

The Davis family, despite suffering significant damage to their home in Asheville due to the hurricane, has continued to welcome Betina with open arms. Their daughter, Katie, who attends North Carolina State University in Raleigh, recently met with her family and the Cates family at the University Club for a dinner reunion.

Plans for Connection and Fun

In the coming weeks, both families have planned trips to enjoy some time away. The Davis family is heading to Savannah, while the Cates family has a beach trip scheduled for Kiawah Island. They plan to meet up in Charleston next Sunday, where Betina will join Leticia and the Cates family for a beach outing while the Davis family returns to Asheville to assess the damage to their home.

Flexibility Among Exchange Students

Other exchange students in our district have also shown great adaptability. Pim is currently staying with her host family in Louisiana, while Angel is preparing to return to Brevard High School in just a week. Henry is tentatively scheduled to go back to classes at West Henderson during that same week, and Joonas is enjoying his time with his host family in Laurinburg, NC.

Continuing the Rotary Magic

The resilience of our exchange students amidst these trying circumstances highlights the spirit of Rotary and the magic we create through international friendships. As we navigate these challenges together, we are reminded of the importance of community, support, and adaptability.

District 7670 remains committed to providing a welcoming environment for our exchange students, and we look forward to seeing how their experiences will continue to foster connections and understanding across cultures.

Together, let's continue to create more Rotary Magic!

Share Your Stories of Magic in Recovery from Hurricane Helene

By Julie P. West



Rotary District 7670 invites you to share your stories of magic and resilience during the recovery from Hurricane Helene. We want to hear about your experiences through photographs and videos that capture the spirit of our community.

Feel free to post these stories on your club's Facebook page and website, or you can send them directly to DPIC Julie West at JpwestRN1@gmail.com. Let's showcase the incredible work being done and highlight the magic of Rotary District 7670. Together, we can inspire others and demonstrate the strength of our community in times of need!



Rotary Four Way Test



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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