

Rotary

Club of Mecklenburg
County-South, NC



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Home Club of District Governor Beth Trotter 2019-2020
Home Club of District Governor Debb Corbett 2023-2024

No Meeting This Friday, March 14th



NO MEETING FRIDAY, MARCH 14. Our quarterly off-site service project on Saturday, March 15, is a clean-up of the grounds at Pineville Elementary. All are welcome, including families and friends.

Join us this Saturday, March 15th, for the Pineville Elementary Campus Clean Up Service Project.

Club Meeting

Mecklenburg County-South
Meets at Hyatt House Charlotte,
Rea Farms (9930 Sandy Rock
Place)
9930 Sandy Rock Place
Charlotte, NC 28277
Time: Friday at 07:15 AM

Speakers

March 14, 2025
[Service Project](#)

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HOME OF THE
SMILERS
 PINEVILLE
 ELEMENTARY

Please bring your friends and family and join us on Saturday, March 15th, at Pineville Elementary as we volunteer to help clean up their campus.

Service learning and volunteering can be a powerful, transformative way to help children of all ages understand that they are valuable pieces of a broader community puzzle with the power to give back and improve the world around them.

Benefits of this project include:

- **Improved Environment:**
A clean school environment promotes a positive and healthy learning environment for students and staff.
- **Reduced Stress:**
Studies show that living in clean, well-maintained areas reduces overall stress, while littered and neglected spaces can cause mental fatigue.
- **Community Pride:**
Clean-up events foster a sense of pride and ownership among residents, making the school and surrounding area a more enjoyable place for everyone.
- **Public Health:**
Tidiness reduces the risk of disease and illness by minimizing exposure to waste and harmful substances.
- **Social Responsibility:**
Volunteering demonstrates a commitment to the community and its well-being.
- **Environmental Impact:**
Clean-up programs can help reduce pollution and promote recycling, teaching students about environmental responsibility.

Saturday, March 15th off-site Service Project

8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Pineville Elementary Campus Clean Up
 Pineville Elementary location: 204 Lowry St, Pineville, NC 28134
 FAMILIES INVITED

Clean-up will include pruning, weeding, raking designated areas, and painting the bus lot for some fun movement areas (stencils available).

Sign Up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0B4EAE623A0F85-54913836-pineville>

Meck-South Rotary Wade Ardrey Adopt-A-Highway - Update



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Events

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Birthdays

Deb Sokol
March 12th

Rodney J Holtzmuller
March 13th

Bryan E. Cochran
March 16th

Raymond Yuming Chen
March 16th

Wedding Anniversaries

Sandra Darst
March 14th

Years of Service

Ken M Myers
03-12-2021
4 Years

Hello Meck-South.

Sixteen club members signed the DOT Adopt-A-Highway agreement this past meeting. For those of you who were unable to attend the meeting, and wish to participate, please email/text me and provide a good time/day to meet up and get your signature.

Once again, Mecklenburg County-South's commitment is over the next four years, picking up debris four times a year. You may choose to participate as often or as little as you prefer. However, in order to participate, your signature is required.

This service will grant tremendous exposure to Rotary as a whole, as Wade Ardrey Road has two new developments under construction in addition to several existing developments. Currently, 90% of the road is side-walked.

Please feel free to call me if you have any questions. Thank you so much for your service.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Jill

Discover Rotary on March 28th. Spread the word!!!!

It's time to nominate our Distinguished Rotarian



Rotarians of Distinction



The Rotarians of Distinction Award is presented to individuals who, through service to their Rotary club and community, have distinguished themselves, even among all Rotarians who strive to place service above self. The recipients have traveled different paths in their Rotary service, but those paths have all resulted in a record of service that identifies them as ROTARIANS OF DISTINCTION.

It is time to **nominate our Distinguished Rotarian**. This annual award is designated for the member of our club who clearly stands out in demonstrating "*Service Above Self*" and principled commitment to the *Four-Way Test*. A nominee should be an outstanding club member who has made significant contributions to the mission and operation of our club, and to one or more avenues of Community or International Service. The award should be given to a member who exhibits "*Service Above Self*" in their daily activities and who promotes Rotary by their actions and involvement. Please email your nomination to me **by this Friday, March 14**. Please see previous Distinguished Rotarians from the past 10 years below. You may nominate someone who has received the award previously.

- 2014-2015 - Wally Olson
- 2015-2016 - Bill Burnham & Bill Woodruff
- 2016-2017 - Daniel Beckmann
- 2017-2018 - June Thoreson-Rogers
- 2018-2019 - BMOF Team of Scott Pavlish, Daniel Beckmann & Daniel Fogarty
- 2019-2020 - Richard Bowden
- 2020-2021 - Jill & Jay Bastian
- 2021-2022 - Bryan Cochran
- 2022-2023 - Clay Ferguson
- 2023-2024 - Jon Hall

Thank you, as always, for your participation and service to our club and community.

Kelly

Kelly Gaines,
Meck. South Rotary Club
President 2024/2025

District Conference 2025 in Statesville, NC



Speaker:
Molly Grantham
Journalist.
Speaker.
Author.
Mom.

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MAY 2025

Statesville NC Civic Center
300 S Center St
Statesville, NC

DISTRICT 7680 CONFERENCE

If you've never attended a District Conference, this is the one you don't want to miss!

- ✓ Get Inspired!
- ✓ Level Up Your Leadership!
- ✓ Expand Your Network!
- ✓ Experience the Best of Rotary!
- ✓ Fun and awards!

Don't Miss Out! Secure your spot today and be part of something truly special!

REGISTRATION: \$125 (INCLUDES MEALS)

Register in DACdb

For more information: www.rotary7680.org/2025-district-conference/

[RegisterHere](#)

or use your ignite smart phone app, click calendar, then May 2, register for this event.

Save these date for our special guest speakers!

SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKERS

March 21st: Dr. Nathan Currie – Principal, Bruns Avenue Elementary

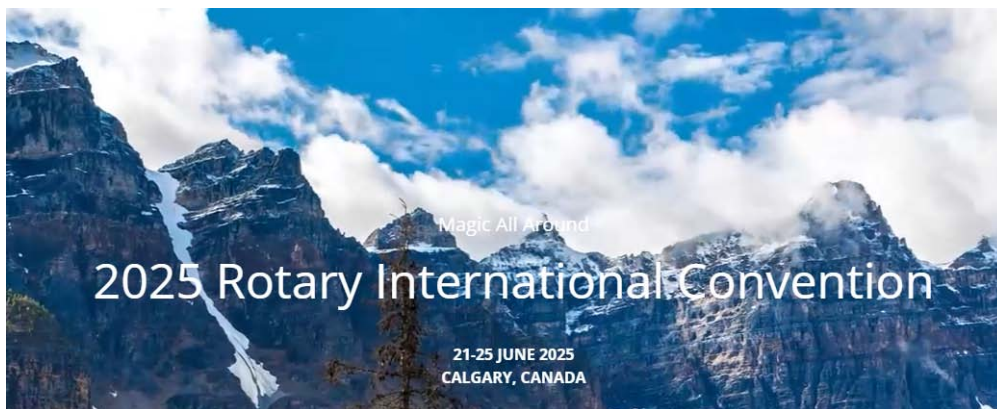
April 4th: Karla Knotts – Land Matters, Knotts Development. An expert on zoning, development, construction with a Real Estate market update

April 18th: No meeting due to Good Friday

May 2nd: Landis Wade – Retired attorney and author. Expert on the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence. (The 250th anniversary is May 20th)

May 16th: Jason Luker – Charlotte Museum of History. Information on the Meck Deck and updates on the museum.

The Rotary International Convention



The Rotary International Convention: Unforgettable moments, enduring relationships

Embark on an exhilarating journey of connection and inspiration at the 2025 Rotary International Convention in Calgary from June 21st - 25th, 2025!

The Rotary International Convention is where you'll find people of action from around the world brainstorming solutions to some of the most pressing challenges and celebrating our works of service that create lasting change.

The convention is where you'll renew connections, discover fresh perspectives, and create unforgettable moments and enduring relationships.

At the convention, you'll:

- Participate in engaging breakout session discussions

- Attend motivating general sessions
- Network with fellow changemakers
- Mingle with old and new friends
- Browse exhibits and visit the House of Friendship
- Explore an exciting host city
- Enjoy live entertainment and enriching attractions

The convention is our largest event of the year, a chance for members to show the general public who we are and what we do. Join us at this year's Rotary International Convention and show the world who you are and all that you do.

Important deadlines

31 March 2025: Last day for preregistration discount

25 June 2025: Last day for online registration

Register [here](#)

Rotary - Seminar for Tomorrow's Leaders Volunteer Recruitment

We become Rotarians to serve, to inspire, to make a difference in our world. Serve as an **SFTL Volunteer** and you will accomplish all that and so much more. Year after year our Volunteers are inspired, energized, amazed and reminded of why they are Rotarians. These young leaders are our future.

Seminar for Tomorrow's Leaders will once again be held at **Gardner-Webb University, July 17-20, 2025, (Volunteers arrive on July 16)**. We need a few Volunteers to help with Communications, and Recruiting beforehand, but mostly to be **onsite Mentors**.

Mentors need to be energetic (able to keep up with teenagers), enthusiastic, leaders by example, committed to the program and open to the new realities our youth encounter. As a Mentor, you will impact the lives of your Students.

Please complete the **2025 SFTL Volunteer Application** at <https://www.IsMyRotaryClub.org/App/?ID=166>.

We appreciate your support of our youth.

Sincerely,
PDG Debb
SFTL Volunteer Coordinator (and so much more)

PS: Check-out our new SFTL website (in-progress) <https://rotary7680.org/sftl/>

