

Rotary



Club of Charlotte Providence

Join us each Thursday!



April 3 - Our wonderful Maggiano's server, Kaliah Tully, is very involved with a new non-profit organization called HeartLed Youth that helps young people who are without many resources and support to be successful. Killiah enjoys helping other youth as she has been helped and encouraged. Please join us to support and encourage her as she shares with us about her service to this organization!

April 10 - Ron will give us a report and update on the Cotswold Farmers Market and what we can look forward to in the upcoming season, which opens in May.

Looking ahead

April 17 - Club Assembly

April 24 - Novelist Meredith Ritchie will join us to talk about her debut novel, *Poster Girls*, which follows the stories of two women living and working in Charlotte during World War II. (This previously scheduled visit was postponed due to illness so we are glad to have her back on our schedule.)



Opportunity to Serve/Support



Our speaker last week, Merna Gill, shared with us her passion for the people of Cuba. She mentioned she will be leading a group to Cuba, in April, where they will visit and work with a Montessori preschool there.

Club member Richard Pockat is gathering funds to support the preschool directly. Please contact [Richard](#) if you would like to contribute to those funds. [Here](#) is the link to the Amazon

wish list Merna referenced if you would like to purchase items that will be delivered to the preschool.

Oyster Roast - PHOTOS

It was a beautiful day for food, fellowship, and FUNdraising for western North Carolina recovery and rebuilding! A heartfelt THANKS to everyone who bought a ticket, to each of our generous donors, and to the many volunteers and club members who lead this wonderful event each year. View photos [HERE](#). (Thanks to Anna & Lillie for their excellent photography!) We look forward to seeing everyone next year!

Club Meeting

Charlotte Providence
Meets at Maggiano's Little Italy
at SouthPark
4400 Sharon Rd
Charlotte, NC 28211
Time: Thursday at 12:30 PM

Club Leaders



[Mindy Leonard](#)
President



[Fitz Lee](#)
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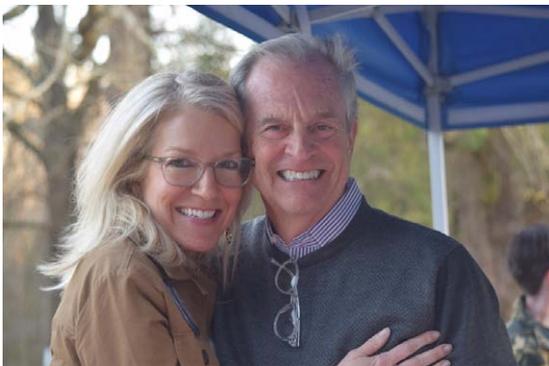


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Rotary Foundation
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Past President



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Membership Chair

[Alan Turner Jr.](#)
Sergeant-at-Arms



Christine E. Smith
Club Service Chair



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iPast President



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Fundraising Chair



Birthdays



Harley A. Ellinger Jr.
April 7th

District Leaders



Kevin Kendrick
District Governor



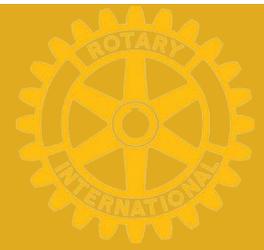
Donna M. Moffett
DG - Elect



Jerald P. Coughter
DG - Nominee



Debra L. Corbett
iPDG



Grist Mill Cleanup Day

Fitz is organizing our next Grist Mill cleanup day, scheduled for **Saturday, April 5th at 9am**. Please join us to beautify this historic site in the woods behind Myers Park High School! If you have them, bring work gloves, bug repellent, and a hand trowel or other small gardening tools. Be sure to wear rugged footwear.



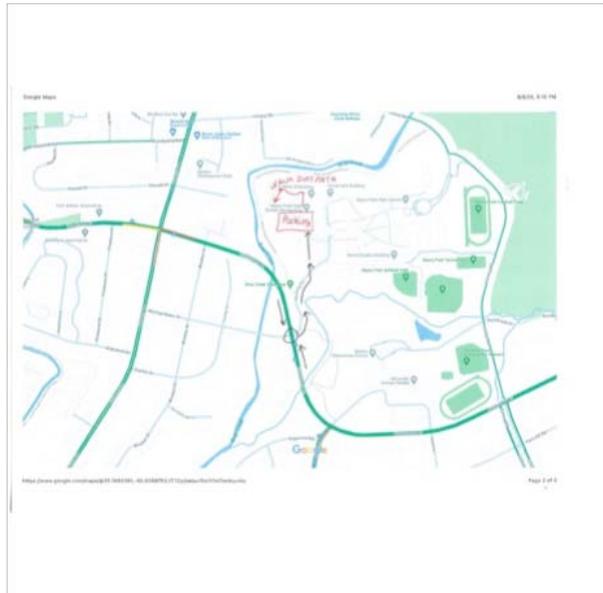
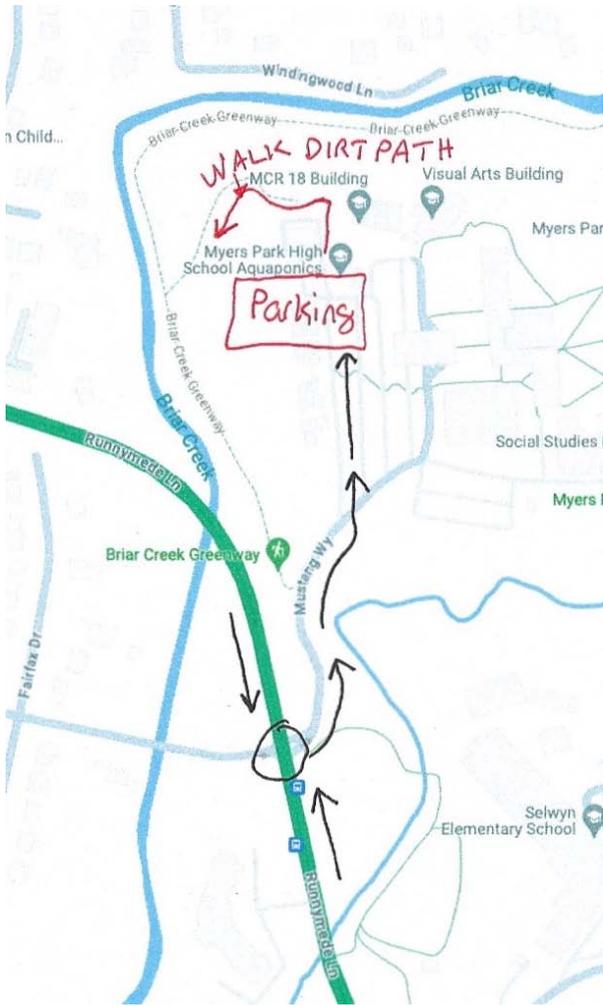
Directions to Grist Mill



For our Cleanup Day on **Saturday, April 5th, at 9:00am**, here are directions and maps to the Grist Mill site:

- Take Runnymede Lane to the Myers Park High School entrance (directly across from a street called Michael Baker Pl.). The roadway into MPHS is technically called Mustang Way, although it is a nondescript roadway and no signage indicating MPHS.
- Follow Mustang Way up the hill and turn left into the parking lot that runs along several portable classrooms.
- Drive to the end of the parking lot towards the Auto Shop and Aquaponics Lab...this is where you PARK. Someone will be in the parking lot to direct you.

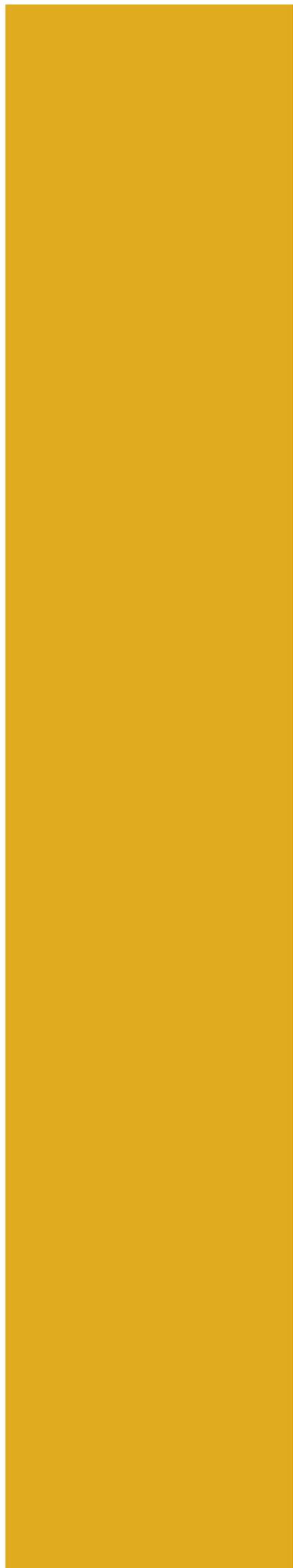
- Walk from your car to the rear side of the Auto Shop. There is a dirt & gravel path that goes down the hill.
- You will find the Grist Mill a short walk down the hill.



Club Board Meeting

Please plan to join us!
Enjoy food & beverages while we meet, Dutch treat.

Monday, April 7th, at 6:30pm
Leroy Fox Cotswold



Save the Dates!



Invite a friend, colleague, neighbor, or fellow church goer to join us for ANY or ALL.

Club Social & Guided Tour of *The Bowl* at Ballantyne (a spectacular new complex on the former golf course, now with an amphitheater, restaurants, and luxury high-rise apartments) and gathering after at Olde Mecklenburg Brewery

Thursday, May 1, 2025 (Tour starts at 4:00pm - Meet at OMB at 5:00pm)

End-of-Year Celebration

Thursday, June 12, 2025 at 5:30pm (NO lunch meeting that day)

District Newsletter - March 2025

Be sure to read the latest [District Newsletter](#) for the scoop on all that's happening throughout our Rotary District!



District Conference - May 2-3, 2025

*Registration for the District Conference is now OPEN and only **\$125**, including all meals! Let's gather a group and fill a table at the dinner on Friday evening!*



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/

Get the new Rotary APP!



If you haven't already, be sure to download and start using the app for all things Rotary -- **IGNITE!** It's free and easy to use. Here are some reasons why you'll love it:

1. The "Find Members" button lets you find any member in our club with instant access to their phone, email, address, and social media.
2. The "Calendar" button is great for seeing club and district events. You can even register for events right from the app!

3. Next time you're telling someone about Rotary, just pull out your phone, open Ignite, and tap "Prospective Member." Hand your phone to your friend and have them enter their info. Hit "send," and they'll receive an on-line application link.

4. Paying dues could not be easier! All you do is touch the "Pay/EZPay" button and pay your dues with a credit card or bank account.

5. The "Foundation" button gives you immediate access to your foundation points, status, and the ability to donate directly.

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