



Charlotte Rotary Club Leaders:

- President:** Tyler Pray
- President-Elect:** Mandy Stewart
- Treasurer:** Len Kilgore
- Assistant Treasurer:** Tim Jewell
- President-Nominee:** John Dykstra III
- Secretary:** Ed Foster
- Assistant Secretary:** Eric Crandall
- Rotary Foundation Chair:** Doug Buck
- Membership Chair:** Don Sovey
- Public Image Chair:** Keisha Howe
- Club Service Chair:** Cary Ritter
- Past President:** Jerry Sommer
- Directors:** Jim Cicorelli, Mike Crowner, Keisha Howe, John Newland, Tim Johnson, and Joel Fox



Join us January 11<sup>th</sup> at The Center!

**Greeter:** Elena Reed greeted everyone with enthusiasm.

**Call to Order:** President Tyler called us to order and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and in singing "My Country Tis of Thee".

**Invocation:** President Tyler provided the invocation, stepping up in place of the scheduled person.

#### **Arts & Culture:**

**Don Sovey** and **Mary June** led us in All Hail to Rotary and the classic, Ain't She Sweet (*with some wishes for some revised lyrics from some of our members!*)

**Guests:** There were no visiting Rotarians. **Don Sovey** introduced his guests, **Maria Davis** and **Vlad Lebedinstev**.

**Jr Rotarians:** The December Junior Rotarians introduced our new January students. **Esa Robles**

introduced January Jr Rotarian **Samantha Stanke**. Samantha is the daughter of Mike and Katy Stanke and she is involved in Symphony and Marching Band, FFA, and Dance. And plans to attend MSU in the fall, to pursue Agronomy and Ag Business.

**Aiden Cheyne** introduced January Jr Rotarian **Justin Beck**. Justin is the son of David and Ronda Beck. He is active in Soccer, Basketball, Golf, and the Relay for Life Committee. He has numerous community volunteer experiences. He plans to attend Trine University.



**Announcements:** Amy Radford-Popp was introduced as our newest member. Welcome Amy!

**New Member Proposal:** The following individual, **Maria Davis** has been proposed for membership under the classification of Higher Education by **Don Sovey**. Members have seven days from the date of this Mirror in which to object to this person in writing to the board of directors. No objections being received, then this person will officially become a member two weeks from the date of this Mirror.

We were reminded by our fearless leader to **please review your committee assignments** and also to review the Mirror so we all can carry out our responsibilities. If you can't fulfill yours, please find a person to stand in for you!

**Member Spotlight:** We are bringing back the 2 minute member spotlight to the club. Today we heard from **John Newland**. John gave us a very nice update of his life well lived so far.

- CHS class of '65
- Served in the US Navy during Vietnam
- Started working at Michigan National Bank after the military.
- Began his short 50 year career of selling cars for the local Ford dealership.
- He has been blessed by his wife Laurie, standing my his side.

Thank you John!

**50/50:** **Helen Johnson** sold \$31 of tickets and the recipient of the drawing was **Keisha Howe**.

**SGT-AT-ARMS:** **Max Baxter** had the barrel today and he made quick work of the room:

- Keisha paid her 50/50 luxury tax.
- Tim Reed gave a happy dollar for the privilege of knowing John Newland.
- Will SaintAmour and Mari Calton both paid for not arriving on time.
- Tyler paid a hefty Presidential fine.
- Amy Radford-Popp paid the new member fine. This doubled as her happy dollar for being a new member.
- Don Sovey was fined for not supplying 50-50 tickets for his guests.
- Finally, Max's table was fined for being a men-only table.

## PROGRAM:

Our program was introduced by **Dr. Mandy Stewart**. Her very engaging format was borrowed from Steven Colbert's show and the activity is called "The Colbert Questionert." Everyone at each table answered questions that helped get to know one another in a creative way. For example, the questions included:

- Best breakfast food?
- What is an item you own that you would never throw out?
- Favorite Animal?
- Coke or Pepsi?
- If you were able to meet someone famous, who would you choose?
- Do you believe in ghosts?
- Favorite romance movie?
- Favorite season?
- Least favorite season?
- Eating Veggies... worth it?
- Favorite beverage?
- Best Social Media App?
- When you pass, how do you want to be remembered?



If you missed the meeting, you can find the Zoom recording here:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/8nzlEKONDlyywBWk-icMuD41ym2d3XtNI5dVx14LqPVREvFaEu3tcxeqew5ViDnt.F5YsWFKJ3diYkJK3>

## Club Strategies and Schedules:

**President Tyler, Don Sovey and Keisha Howe** tag teamed to talk about our club's Strategic Plan and Annual Report. Everyone is welcome to a printed copy of the annual report. The digital version is also attached to the email that brought you this Mirror. President Tyler has organized the annual report with everything you need to know to play your part at the appointed time in our club! In that one booklet is everything for our year in one place! Please review it!

The other document included is our latest Strategic Plan update. Don and Keisha reviewed some of the highlights. It is well organized and ready for your review!

Thank you Tyler, Don, and Keisha for your hard work to provide us with these reports!

### JANUARY DUTIES

**ATTENDANCE:** Keisha Howe  
**GREETER:** Elena Reed  
**INVOCATION:** Wally Miars  
**MIRROR:** Joe Pray  
**ARTS & CULTURE:** Gregg Guetschow  
**SGT-AT-ARMS:** Max Baxter (Barrel)  
Helen Johnson 50/50  
All Committee (S & T)

### UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

**Jan 11**–Ed Foster - **Rachel Cuschieri-Murray** from Eaton Conservation – MI Water Conservation Stewardship  
**Jan 18**–Tim Johnson – **Peter Clay** – PA voice of the MSU Spartans  
**Jan 25** – Mandy Stewart – **Jonathan Royce** – FIP Program  
**Feb 1** – **Helen Johnson** – Update on Sparrow / Michigan Medicine

*Remember to include this in your 2023 Calendar:*

## SAVE THE DATE - May 5-7, 2023 District 6360 - 2023 DISTRICT CONFERENCE



### FIREKEEPER'S CASINO HOTEL

Please join us for the 2023 District Conference where Rotarians and Friends will be inspired to Imagine Rotary in innovative ways, catch up with longtime friends, meet new ones and maybe even “get lucky” at gaming. Firekeepers Casino Hotel is on I-94 near Battle Creek, Michigan. Its newly expanded hotel, events center and casino are completely smoke free.



*Until next time...  
Fire Up Chips!*

