



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

PUTT for POLIO
 October 27, 2022
 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
 OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
 Free Admission
 \$10 FOR 3 GOLF BALLS
 Enter as many times as you'd like!
 MAPLE BROOK GOLF CLUB
 681 Lansing St
 Charlotte, MI 48813
 WIN A PRIZE FOR CLOSEST PUTT!
 (In the case of a tie, there will be a putt-off)
 Maple Brook Golf Club will donate 20% of all alcoholic beverages sold during the event.
 Suns Out Buns Out will donate 20% of all food sold during the event.
 PINTS FOR POLIO
 Eradicating polio one pint at a time!
 Food provided by SUNS OUT BUNS OUT
 - All proceeds go to the Polio Eradication Program -
 Sponsored by Charlotte Rotary
 Next week, see you **THURSDAY, Oct 27**
NO Rotary meeting on Wednesday

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: Tyler provided a thoughtful invocation, related to those who serve in government roles, especially in this election season.

Arts & Culture: There were no birthdays or new grandparents to recognize, so we just rocked it with a couple of songs from the Rotary songbook.

Guests: John Dykstra III introduced his guest Brad Wurfel and Don Sovey introduced his two guests, Maria Davis and Owen Whitkopf. There were no visiting Rotarians.

Jr Rotarians:

October’s Jr. Rotarian is **Bailey Mack**. Bailey is the daughter of Kyle and Maggie Mack. She is active in competitive & sideline cheer, track, soccer, and student council. She serves her community through volunteering for Relay for Life, Special Olympics, and volunteering at athletic events. Bailey is an honor roll, and academic all star, among other awards.



October’s Jr Rotarian is **Koda Brandt**. Koda is the son of Floyd and JJ Brandt. He is active in CHS cross country track, basketball, and football, plus MI Indoor track series, archery shooting, skiing, mountain biking, bow hunting, fishing & trapping. He helps his community through his church, by helping cut wood for seniors, and by volunteering for events. He has earned Distinguished Academic Student Honors many other academic awards.



Announcements: President Tyler reminded everyone of the **OctoberFest** event at Beach Market, taking place on October 20th at 7 pm. This is the final week of the season at Beach Market.

* Next week, we have no regular meeting on Wednesday. Instead, we will gather at Maple Brook – rain or shine – on THURSDAY for the **Putts & Pints for Polio** event.

* **Don Sovey** and **Cooper Frost** reminded everyone of the new **Michigan Mead Festival**, taking place at Beach Market on Saturday, April 22. This event is created by the Michigan Nordic Fire Festival. Rotarians were asked to sign up for a shift.

* **Don Sovey** reminded everyone of **Charlotte SOUP**, taking place on Wednesday, Nov 9 at 6 pm. Participants have the chance to generate creative community improvement ideas and pitch them to the other attendees, for a chance to win money to carry out the idea. Don announced that he purchased 10 tickets and will offer them to Rotarians interested in attending. (**Barbara Fulton** has also donated tickets to students wishing to attend.) Let Don know if you want one of his tickets. Barbara is working with **Stephanie Leavitt** to get tickets to interested students.

Jim Cicorelli announced that Friday is a home football game for CHS and there will be fireworks sponsored by Rotary. He encouraged everyone to come and support the team.

New Members: Ed Foster announced the four new members and their sponsors, who came to the stage. Ed turned the mic to Gregg Guetschow, joining via Zoom, to induct the new members, who included **James Wyszynski III <Nate Lovaas>**, **Cooper Frost <Don Sovey>**, **Melissa Randall <Keisha Howe>**, and **Elena Reed <Mari Calton>**. Welcome new members and thank you Rotarians who invite new people to join our club!



*The **Paul Harris Fellow** recognition acknowledges individuals who contribute, or who have contributions made in their name, of \$1,000 to The Rotary Foundation.*



President Tyler invited Doug Buck to come forward for a special announcement. Doug announced another Paul Harris recognition and invited Amy Gilson to come forward. Doug presented her with her recognition pin.

Don Sovey quizzed members about Interact and Rotaract and asked Cooper Frost and Nate Lovaas to describe each of them.

Cooper explained that **Interact** is the service club for High School ages and that the new Charlotte Interact Club held its first meeting after school yesterday.

Nate is our Rotary District Chair for **Rotaract**, which serves people age 19+ years old. It used to be college-based; now anyone in the community may join.

50/50: John Newland sold the tickets, with \$37 to go to the winner. He first drew a “first loser”, drawing a ticket held by Stephanie Leavitt, which he had just gifted her. So he gifted her another one and shuffled for the drawing of the winner. The winning ticket was again **Stephanie Leavitt!**

Sgt at Arms: Amy Gilson fined **Stephanie Leavitt** a buck for her winning, plus **John Newland** for selling her a ticket with no number on it. **Tyler** paid the presidential buck and then Amy collected \$1 from each of the 4 new members. She next fined **Mike Friar** for missing meetings and **Tim Johnson** for calling out Mike Friar for the fine. Happy dollars were offered by **David Votta** (for finding grapes of wrath meaning); from **Elena Reed** for the success of CHS football; from **Keisha Howe** for her boutique being a platinum winner in Lansing CommunityVotes 2022; from **Mari Calton** for having all her kids home; from Helen for getting to go on the field for kickoff at MSU homecoming; from **Bailey Mack** for Koda taking 2nd place in the greater Lansing Championships

PROGRAM: Erin LaPere introduced our speaker, Charlotte City Clerk **Mary LaRocque**, who has served in the role here for just over a year, though she brings experience from other cities. Erin explained that Mary is not only the clerk and records manager, but also takes minutes for City Council, runs the City's HR department and officiates its elections.

Mary noted that there are approximately 1,500 clerks in Michigan (including townships, cities, and counties). There are approximately 6,500 active registered voters in Charlotte.

She explained the electronic voting systems and how voter data travels through the system from registration to the receipt of a vote card. She also detailed the problems and delays that result when people change their residence address and do not notify the clerk's office of the change. There are around 2,500 requests for absentee ballots in Charlotte and about 1200 who actually register to vote by absentee.

She encouraged anyone making an address change to alert them and not to assume they find out through other agencies who have been notified.

Mary next gave information about the ERIC system and discussed various elements of the security processes for voting systems. She noted that this November, the ballot will include 11 partisan offices, 6 nonpartisan offices, 3 state proposals, 1 county proposal and 1 city proposal. For those wishing to find information about them, she recommended [Ballotpedia](#).

Mary answered several questions from Rotarians. President Tyler thanked her on behalf of all of those present and provided her with a Rotary gift for providing a presentation.



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

https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/oKZkBHMR0f_jtVVICfsHIToeWgrEZR0GmgfvRv9H20NXa4WUxcj1mChK6bcxH0Tt.FwXXFeOyDDw4r42B

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CHARLOTTE SOUP

NOVEMBER 9TH @ 6 PM
AT THE SENIOR CENTER



\$10 A TICKET FOR ALL YOU CAN EAT SOUP
TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE
CHARLOTTE CHAMBER OFFICE * 543-0400
COME WITH IDEAS FOR COMMUNITY PROJECTS AT THE END OF
THE NIGHT THE WINNING IDEA WILL RECEIVE
A CASH PRIZE TO BRING THE IDEA TO LIFE

See Don or Barbara for complimentary tickets

UPCOMING PROGRAM RESPONSIBILITIES:

THURSDAY, Oct 27 –at Maple Brook Golf Club - Putts & Pints for Polio – *PLEASE NOTE that this will **replace** our regular Wednesday lunch meeting.*

Nov 2 – Julie O'Neill – **John Hays**, President of Judicial Services (back at The Center for meeting)

Nov 9 – program still in development

Nov 16 – Helen Johnson – **Michelle Lantz**, Greater Lansing Food Bank



That's all for this week. And remember...
Create possibilities!

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