



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 4<sup>th</sup> at The Center!

**Greeter:** Don Sovey greeted everyone to a special Rotary meeting, celebrating Jr Rotarians.

**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:** Kathie Cook provided a thoughtful invocation, after she led the group in the Four Way Test.

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

Don Sovey introduced Morgan Englehart, a Charlotte High School graduate and lead singer of local band, *100 Proof*. She captivated the club with a truly angelic voice in her magnificent performance of "Mary Did You Know?" while Don accompanied her on his guitar.

They were followed by Madora Garn and her mother, the club's own Mary June on piano, beginning with a fun and interactive Holiday classic, "Winter Wonderland". They followed next with "The Twelve Days of Christmas", including an enlightening history of the meaning of the 12 verses. Both donned festive homemade sweaters representing all of the characters included in the classic song. They finished with the New Years standard and very spirited version of "Auld Lang Syne".



**Guests:** There were no visiting Rotarians. Ed Foster introduced his guest, his lovely wife Linda.

**Jr Rotarians:** The December Junior Rotarians are Esabelle 'Esa' Robles and Aiden Cheyne. However due to winter break from school, they were not in attendance. The other Jr Rotarians were the program for the day and are noted on the next page.

### **Announcements:**

**President Tyler** announced the club received a heartfelt Thank You letter from the students and staff of Washington Elementary for our club's donation that allowed them to install a book vending machine at the school.

**New Member Proposal:** The following individual **John Laupp** has been proposed for membership under the classification of **Wood Studio/Gallery** 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.

**50/50: Max Baxter** announced 4 losing tickets and in the end, the winning ticket was held by former Jr. Rotarian **Steve Latchaw**, who generously donated his winnings back to the club in honor of long-time Charlotte Rotarian and his mentor, Rod Yates.

**SGT-AT-ARMS: Joel Fox** stood in for Tim Reed and started with the customary Presidential Fine to



**Tyler**. He also taxed **Steve Latchaw's** winnings. It was a tough day for the three Prays (**Joseph, Joe E. and Tyler**), as Joel went on to fine them for having their own private table and completed the trifecta by imposing a luxury tax on all members in suit and tie... of course, the Prays again. There were several Happy Bucks, including **Ed Foster** for bringing his friend and former Jr. Rotarian, **Samantha Telfor**, who he credits with the reason Ed and Linda have moved back to East Lansing. **Don Sovey** was happy about his anniversary of moving to Charlotte in 1977 and the progress our city has made in these past

45 years. **Mary June** was also happy that 2022 brought her 4 new Great Grandchildren. What a blessing! The unsuspecting member was **Keisha Howe**.

### **PROGRAM:**

President Tyler began the Jr. Rotarian Reunion program by reading RSVP notes from former Jr's that were unable to attend the meeting, including:

- Ben Fulton, Jim Matsch Jr., Ken Weber, Jenny Haskell, Owen Rush, Chris Boston, Meghan Sifuentes Vanderstelt, Benjamin Walker and McLain Pray.

He then began to introduce the many Jr. Rotarians in attendance and invited them to recall their memories of being a Jr. Rotarian and update us on their personal and professional accomplishments. Each was introduced according to the decade in which they served, beginning with the 1940's, wow! They included:

- **Joseph Pray**, 1940's - - **Don Tirrell**, 1950's - - **Steve Latchaw**, 1960's - - **Joe E Pray**, 1970's - - **Keith Tirrell**, 1970's - - **Mary Gager Drew**, 1980's - - **Madora Garn Graffeo**, 1980's - - **Mari Sparks Calton**, 1990's - - **Kristina Zwick**, 1990's - - **Brian Lautzenheiser**, 2000's - - **Tyler Pray**, 2000's - - **Samantha Telfor**, 2010's. *Kathie Cook spoke on behalf of her brother **Mike Fulton**, who was ill and could not attend.* Thank you all for making time to be with us this week, what a treat!
- In addition, Clyde Fulton, Robert Fulton, and Rod Yates were all remembered as Jr. Rotarians that went on to be long-time dedicated leaders of our club and the community. And yes, certainly they joined us in spirit!

If you missed the Jr Rotarian Reunion, there is no Zoom recording to view. However, you can always attend another club's meeting or check out one of the great Rotary programs online at <https://www.rotaryclubone.org/>

## 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 4 – Mandy Stewart** – Colbert Questionnaire! 😊 Don't miss it!  
**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

*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.



*Happy New Year!  
Take Care and Be Safe*

*Rather B. Lucky*

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