



Charlotte Rotary Club Leaders:

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



Please join us at The Center March 22

Greeter: Sean Williams, greeted everyone and welcomed us to Rotary.

Call to Order: President-Elect Mandy Stewart called the meeting to order and led us in the pledge.

Invocation: Eric Crandall gave a calming and thoughtful invocation.

Arts & Culture: Don Sovey introduced the "culture" element, with a focus on business culture. He introduced Kellie Hanford from the Small Business Development Center (SBDC) at LCC, who informed us that it is SBDC day and took a selfie with all of us. She then proceeded to make some remarks about the power of business plans and provided a template for our use. *See the end of the Mirror for the selfies Kellie took for SBDC day!*

Guests: In addition to Kellie Hanford, P-E Mandy introduced DG Kathy Gallagher and her husband Mike, who were here representing our District 6360. There were no other visiting Rotarians or guests.

Jr Rotarians: Our first of two March Jr Rotarians is Kate Stewart. Kate, who is the daughter of Lorin and Ian Stewart, participates in volleyball, FFA, Student Council and NHS. She volunteers for food drives, adopt-a-highway, and Super Science Saturday. Kate has won awards from the FFA Greenhand Public Speaking competition and achieved academic all-state in volleyball in 2021. She has also received teacher awards.

Joseph Davis joined us as well. Joseph is the son of Donna Davis. He participates in varsity basketball, varsity soccer, varsity track & field, Student Council, Relay for Life, NHS, FFA, and BPA. He has received teacher awards, all-academic awards for basketball, soccer, and track, and GPA 3.5+ recognition. His community service include basketball camps, basketball officiating, helping with honors ceremony, and helping with church food drives.



Member Spotlight: The member spotlight this week was Nate Leale, who created a video to share with us in his absence. However, due to some technical difficulties, this was moved to next week.

New Member: **Don Sovey** took the mic and delivered a presentation about Rotary's significance, its current goals and plans, as well as its principles and impact. Then, assisted by DG **Kathy** and President-Elect **Mandy**, he provided a pin and plaque to our newest member, **Amanda Pollard**, who was invited into Rotary by **Mari Calton**.
Welcome, Amanda!!



Announcements: **District Governor Kathy Gallagher** talked enthusiastically about the upcoming District Conference, which she said is new and different. There is an incredible lineup of speakers, including Orion Jean, a 12-year old dynamo who has been honored as TIME Magazine's "Kid of the Year". Check out the recent emails from Don Sovey and DG Kathy for all of the details.



To encourage new Charlotte Rotary members, including those in the Thursday evening club, to attend the District Conference, your Rotary Board of Directors is granting **\$100 scholarships** to members who have been in the club two years or less. This will reimburse lucky members for one day of cost at the conference, up to a maximum of 5 separate scholarships, or \$500 in total. The **first five members** to send a message to Don Sovey (at donsovey@gmail.com) will be reimbursed the scholarship amount once registered. Last year the Charlotte club had the greatest conference attendance of the 50-some clubs in the district. Let's see if that can happen again in recognition of the great things we have going in our club and the district. Firekeepers is only 29 miles from Charlotte. Please see the District 6360 website at <https://www.district6360.com/> for more information about the conference.

Amy Radford-Popp made an announcement about the Olivet College Summer Job and Internship Fair happening next week, on **March 24th**. This is an excellent opportunity to connect with students who want to work as a summer employee or intern. Please see the last page of the Mirror for the flyer, which has a simple QR code you can scan to register.

50/50: **Tim Johnson** sold tickets for a total of \$56. Tim chose Mike Crowner to draw the winner. Digging deep, Mike pulled the ticket, read the number, and discovered it was his own ticket.

Barrel: Max Baxter stepped up and commanded the barrel duties with vigor. **Mandy** paid the presidential fine. Then Max went after **Don Sovey**, for referring to DG Kathy as our District President instead of District Governor. The customary winning tax was collected from **Mike Crowner** and our newest member **Amanda Pollard** was assessed the new member fine, which **Mari Calton** happily paid. There were many happy dollars, starting with **Amy Gilson**, for being able to spend time with her mother; then, **Don Sovey** was thankful he'll be in California to visit family next week; **John Laupp** was happy about the great success of CHS basketball this year; **John Newland** was happy to have "Slippery Mike" here (the moniker for DG Kathy's husband Mike); and **DG Kathy** was happy about all of the exciting things she learns from visiting clubs, saying "Rotarians Rock"! The unsuspecting member was **John Newland**.

PROGRAM: Our own **Cooper Frost** provided our program, which was an update on the local Interact program. Cooper and Allie Cates are working with middle and high school students in Charlotte, building an Interact club. There are currently 7 students (one in high school, the rest in middle school).



Rotary's *Interact* clubs bring together young people ages 12-18 to develop leadership skills while discovering the power of Service Above Self. They organize and carry out two projects per year, one related to local community service and the other focused on international. The Charlotte Interact Club is participating in *Read to Me* for their local project. They are going into the CUE and having great experiences so far. Their international project is a fundraiser for *Save the Children*. They are interested in helping with the efforts to bring children out of poverty in the Philippines.

Cooper noted that our club members will have a chance to meet some of the Interact Club members when we hold our meeting at the performing arts center (on April 26) for the Jazz band performance. He suggested it would be great to come up with T-shirts or some way to have Interact members be able to wear the Rotary brand. Helen Johnson took the initiative and started a pass the hat collection and Cooper was able to walk away with T-shirt money for the club. *Thanks Cooper, for a great program!*

If you missed the meeting, there is NO **Zoom** this week, due to technical difficulties. As always, you can find great programs online (at the Rotary eClub One site), if you would like to do a make up session this week.

MARCH DUTIES	
ATTENDANCE	John Dykstra, III
GREETER	Sean Williams
INVOCATION	Eric Crandall
MIRROR	TBD
Arts & Culture	Don Sovey
SGT-AT-ARMS	Joel Fox (Barrel) Tim Johnson 50/50) All committee (S & T)

UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

- March 22** – Mandy Stewart - CPS Education – **Kindergarten Roundup**
- March 29** – Barbara Fulton – **Dr. Steven Corey**, Olivet College ADVANTAGE scholarship
- April 5** – David Votta – **Eaton County Broadband Update**

Kellie Hanford's selfies for SBDC day!



Rotary District Conference
Firekeepers Casino in Battle Creek
May 5-6, 2023

Deadline for registration is April 21, 2023!

Find complete details at:
<https://www.district6360.com/index.php?storyid=198547>



That's all for this week.
And remember...
Create Possibilities!
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AND INTERNSHIP FAIR
2023
FRIDAY**



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