



Charlotte Rotary Club Leaders:

- President:** Mandy Stewart
- President-Elect:** John Dykstra III
- Treasurer:** Len Kilgore
- Assistant Treasurer:** Tim Jewell
- President-Nominee:** Keisha Howe
- 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:** Tyler Pray
- Directors:** Mari Calton, Jim Cicorelli, Mike Crowner, and Joel Fox



**Greeter:** **Joe Daly** greeted everyone today.

**Call to Order:** **President Mandy Stewart** led us the pledge and *My Country 'Tis of Thee*.

**Invocation:** Wally Miars provided our invocation.

**Guests:** We had no visiting Rotarians and no guests.

**Jr. Rotarians:** Our March Jr Rotarians were both in attendance today.

Our first March Jr Rotarian is **Chloe Calton**. Chloe is the daughter of club member **Mari Calton** and her husband, Tom. **Chloe** participates in Cross Country, Track, Band, and Choir. Her career goal is to become a pilot for the Air Force. *Welcome back Chloe!*

And our second March Jr Rotarian is **Troy David Huber**. Troy is the son of Shannon and David Huber. He participates in Football, Golf, and NHS. Troy plans to pursue Electrical Engineering at Trine University. *Welcome back Troy!*



**Announcements:** **Don Sovey** recently visited the industrial park in town to meet with area business leaders. **Courtney Mead** discussed the Block Party efforts to secure sponsorships for the event. **Mari Calton** reminded us that Rotary membership also means inviting friends. The goal is for everyone to bring in one person ever year. She challenged everyone bring at least one guest this year.



*We bid farewell to our caterers. Today was their final week to serve us, after 25 years of providing our Rotary meals. Nancy and Chris are pictured with Keisha Howe. We are grateful to them for the many years of service!!*

## Arts & Culture-

**Don Sovey** led the group through "The Rotary Four Way Test" song and "All Hail to Rotary."

**50/50- Max Baxter** sold the tickets today, for a total of \$23. The lucky winner today was **Tim Jewell!**



**Sgt-At-Arms – John Laupp** had the barrel and dispensed the weekly fines:

**Don Sovey** was fined a dollar for mistaking Amanda's birthday.

**Joey Pray** was fined for not knowing that Sandra Day Oconnor was USA's first female Supreme Court Justice

**Mari Calton** paid a happy dollar to announce she's seeking sponsors for the Band Youth Board.

## Program:

Our program for today featured **Lindsay Hammond**, a success coach with the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services' *Pathways to Potential (P2P)* program.

The P2P Program is a state-run initiative implemented in 2012 and designed to help students succeed in school and life. The program places MDHHS caseworkers in schools across Michigan to serve as Success Coaches, working with students and families to overcome obstacles to success in school.



Stationed in Washington Elementary, Lindsay's job involves keeping a careful eye on children with high truancy rates and investigating what is causing them to miss school.

Since she started at the school in December 2023, Lindsay's caseload is up to 94 families, based on 132 family contacts over 11 weeks. Sixty five were related to attendance. Most of the kids have experienced extended illnesses this winter.

She is one of 200 success coaches around the state. All are placed based on assessed need, and Washington Elementary has the highest in the Charlotte Public Schools.

Many of the family stories she shared with Rotary were tough to hear, and underscored the importance of connecting resources with the families who need them most – items like clothing, gas cards, hygiene and cleaning products are in steady demand.

She maintains certain products in her office – from hygiene products to household cleaning products, clothes, shoes and boots, and ice cream gift certificates at Mooville.

The program gets limited support from the state, leaving success coaches like Lindsay continually on the hunt for grants as well as donations from individuals and businesses. They need money, supplies and gift cards.

To learn more about the P2P program or make a donation, contact Lindsay through Washington Elementary or go to:

[www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/doing-business/pathways-to-potential-test-page](http://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/doing-business/pathways-to-potential-test-page)

If you missed the meeting, you can watch it at this *Zoom link*:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/1ye5N3Tq8VXbDcjOhkFAk1zNEsdYRsoeyFyZK95CqyVroOzEQms8fVAsZYkJoLtc.kkfmGmqN4IRbUPOC>

## APRIL DUTIES

ATTENDANCE	Gregg Guetschow
GREETER	Harper Wildern
INVOCATION	Kathie Cook
MIRROR	Joe Pray
ARTS & CULTURE	Eric Crandall
SGT-AT-ARMS	Jennifer Sparks (Barrel)
	Joel Fox (50/50)
	John Newland (S & T)

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

- April 3 - Troy Westendorp** MOO-ville creamery
- April 10 - Emily Smale** - Barry-Eaton District Health Department Programs
- April 17 - Lindsay Potter** - Business Success of The Yarn Garden in Downtown Charlotte

If you haven't already, register NOW for the **2024 District 6360 Conference!** Take a moment to view the flyer sent along with this Mirror, to see all the great options for this year's District Conference! Please also note that the Annual Meeting will take place on Friday, May 3 from 11- 11:45 AM. Even if you can't come to the whole conference, you're encouraged to attend the Annual Meeting, or at least ensure that a representative from your club will be able to attend! Check your email for a link to RSVP for the event.



## Acoustic Saturdays

Evelyn Bay Coffee Company 134 S Cochran Ave, Charlotte



**March 30**

**1 to 4 pm**

*Professional Harpists*

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& Acacia  
Potter**

## Rotary 4-Way Test

Is it the TRUTH?

Is it FAIR to all concerned?

Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?

Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

*Until Next Time,*

**Brad**



March 25, 2024

## Greetings Charlotte Community Organizations!



We are reaching out to partner with you on future community events. We are also inviting you to attend a future Rotary meeting. There are two Rotary Clubs in Charlotte, one that meets at 12:15 pm on Wednesdays, and the other that meets on Thursdays at 5:30 pm.

Rotary is a non-profit global **network of 1.4 million members that works to return service to our communities**. We work to promote peace, fight disease, provide clean water, support education, grow local economies, and protect the environment. Our clubs have contributed locally to provide funding for Rotary Trail at Crandell Park, Beach Market Facility, Rotary Park Soccer Fields at Parkview, and downtown Christmas Lighting by the Thursday Evening Club.

The **goal of worldwide eradication of polio** by Rotary and its international partners has been a great success with only 12 cases of polio in the world last year.

We **invite you to attend a Rotary meeting** as our guest by contacting Don Sovey at (517) 231-0563, or [donsovey@gmail.com](mailto:donsovey@gmail.com), and we will gladly host you at a future meeting, so you can learn more about Rotary and its service to the community.

We are also reaching out so you will join us to celebrate our community through your participation in a **Community Block Party on June 15** this year, open to all residents. Please see the reverse side of the letter to see how you can help Rotary **engage the community and promote service**.

Sincerely,

**Courtney Mead, Executive Director, Charlotte Chamber of Commerce, Rotary Board Member**

**Mari Calton, Rotary Membership Committee Co-Chair, Rotary Board Member**

**Don Sovey, Rotary Membership Committee Chair, Rotary Past President**

## Partnership Request for Support of Block Party

Charlotte Rotary Club is requesting that your organization partner to create a new event this June to bring people of the community together for a downtown block party on June 15, during the annual Charlotte Celebrates Festival. We are seeking businesses, service clubs and volunteer organizations that will help to make this event welcoming and affordable to all members of the community.

The event will take place at Beach Market, across from the post office downtown, between the hours of 2 pm and 6 pm on June 15. There will be several streets closed nearby to provide space for the party, games and displays. It is envisioned the block party will include food, music, entertainment, fun kids' events, and an affordable ticket price. The Charlotte Chamber of Commerce will serve as the event coordinator and fiscal agent.

Charlotte Rotary Club has provided seed money of \$1,000 to help get planning for the event moving forward. We are requesting that your organization partner with Charlotte Rotary and the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce to help make the event affordable for residents.

There are several levels of support needed and we are requesting any of the following:

- **Food Sponsor** of \$500 each (5 sponsors) to make the food affordable for residents
- **General Sponsor** of \$200 each (4 sponsors) to help with overall costs including entertainment, facility rental, marketing, and fees
- **In Kind Sponsor** such as running an event or game, something go give away for charitable purposes, hosting a table for your organization
- **Provide one volunteer** to serve on the planning committee for this event

For questions about this partnership request, you may call **Courtney Mead** at (517) 2316240 or **Donald Sovey** at (517) 231-0563.

**If your organization is willing to support this brand-new community event, please contact us at Charlotte Chamber of Commerce at (517) 543-0400 or [charlottechamberofcommerce@gmail.com](mailto:charlottechamberofcommerce@gmail.com).**