



Charlotte Rotary Club Leaders:

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JOIN US FOR 5TH WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP

Wednesday 8/30
6pm-8pm

MIKES SPORTS PAGE
107 S. COCHRAN AVE.

PLEASE RSVP BY MONDAY 8/28

Rotary
Charlotte

**Join us at Mike's Sports Page
for Rotary's 5th Week Social**

RSVP to Keisha at shinewithmeinc@gmail.com

Greeter: We all exchanged warm greetings today.

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

Invocation: Barbara Fulton filled in effortlessly for Kathie Cook reading her provided materials; in keeping with Kathie's practices, she of course reminded us of the Rotary 4-way test.

Arts & Culture- Don Sovey led us in singing Happy Birthday to Tim Jewell, then "Take me out to the ball game", and #56 from the Rotary hymnal, "Don't Fence Me In".

Guests: There were no visiting Rotarians today. Ken Leeser was introduced by Ed Foster on behalf of his host Joe E Pray. Joel Fox silently introduced his guest DJ Kowalk as he feverishly took notes for the Mirror. Wally Miars introduced his wife Marilyn and also the German exchange student they are hosting at their home, Svenja Walker. Courtney Mead introduced a guest Teresa Miller from Total Local. Keisha Howe introduced her guests Jeff and Nicole Christensen from Liquid Fixx, noting that Jeff is a candidate for City Council. Jr Rotarians are still on their longer-than-usual summer break.



Announcements: Ed Foster announced the District Raffle and gently encouraged all to participate. The district raffle raises money for many things including grants that can be awarded to our club. Keisha announced that next week will be the **5th Wednesday of the month**. This means we will be meeting in the evening for a club social gathering. This month's 5th Wednesday will be held at **Mike's Sports Page**. **PLEASE NOTE:** The club will provide PJs for those who want them. Additional food and beverages will be purchased by members as they wish. **RSVP by Aug 28, if you plan to attend.** RSVP to Keisha Howe at shinewithmeinc@gmail.com.

50/50- Due to some location and custody issues with the bucket and tickets, no 50/50 was performed this week.

Sgt-At-Arms – Tyler Pray fined Keisha Howe for the lack of 50/50 supplies, then John Laupp...seems like the SGT is having trouble determining who is responsible for this issue. **DJ Kowalk** was fined for winning the golf outing, **Harper Wildern** was fined for winning the putting contest, **Joel Fox** was fined for winning the women's long drive, **Don Sovey** was fined a birthday buck for his grandson's birthday, **Barbara Fulton** was fined for making everyone recite the 4-way test, even when Kathie wasn't present, **Joe E Pray** was fined \$3 for parade Grand Marshall tax.

PROGRAM: Sean Williams, Superintendent for Eaton RESA presented information and answered questions about the Special Education Millage being voted on Nov. 7. He began by introducing his colleague from Eaton RESA, **Tina Monroe**, and thanked her for being there. Then, he gave background, context, and data related to the upcoming millage vote. For detailed information go to [Special Education Millage - About Us - Eaton RESA](https://www.eatonresa.org/about-us/special-education-millage/) <https://www.eatonresa.org/about-us/special-education-millage/>



Some interesting facts pulled out...

- While Special Education is a mandated service, it is nowhere near fully funded. Currently it is funded at 28% by the government. The rest comes from millages and primarily the general fund of each district.
- Eaton County's Special Education millage rate is one of the lowest of surrounding counties at 2.67. In contrast Jackson County (which almost fully funds their SE programming) is at 6.23.

Thank you Sean, for an informative program!



AUGUST DUTIES

ATTENDANCE	Eric Crandall
GREETER	Dana Nowell
INVOCATION	Kathie Cook
MIRROR	Joel Fox
ARTS&CULTURE	Chuck Archer
SGT-AT-ARMS	Tyler Pray (Barrel)
	John Laupp (50/50)
	Joel Fox (S & T)

UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

Aug 30 - 5th Wednesday – No noon meeting; join us for an evening social gathering at Mike's Sports Page

SEPTEMBER 6 – RETURN TO THE CENTER

Sep 6 – Don Sovey – Strategic Plan follow-up

Sep 13 – Mandy Stewart – **Hollie Auten** – CPAC event schedule and bond update

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,
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