



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, Joel Fox, Erin LaPere, and David Votta



*Join us at The Center  
on October 4th*

**Greeter:** Don Sovey greeted us at the door today

**Call to Order:** President Mandy Stewart lead us the pledge and then the group sang *My Country 'Tis of Thee*.

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

**Arts & Culture-** Due to the length of our program, we didn't have Arts & Culture.

**Guests:** No guests were announced today but we did welcome our program speaker, Jeff Gartner.

**Jr Rotarians:** Our September Jr Rotarians are **Hailey Alward** and **Nathan Penfield**. **Hailey** is the daughter of Catherine Tuller and is a senior at Charlotte High School, who has earned teacher awards and CAAC academic all conference. She enjoys cross country and is the track team captain. Hailey also participates in NHS and Relay for Life. She helped out with the mid summer track program and also assisted with the daddy daughter dance. Hailey plans to attend Michigan State to study pharmacy. **Nathan** is the son of Becky Cooper and Napoleon Penfield. Nathan earned an academic excellence award and participates in NHS. He plays varsity baseball for CHS. He provides service to the Washington PTO Kids Club. Nathan plans to attend college, but it still deciding where that will be.



**Announcements:** President Mandy welcomed our newest member, **DJ Kowalk**. Harper Wildern invited us to the courthouse for the community pep rally Friday and free hot dogs' courtesy of the Education Foundation. He also let everyone know what the non-profit organization does and how they raise funds.

**50/50-** Due to the extended program, we didn't have a 50/50 drawing



**Sgt-At-Arms** – Max Baxter got a break from his duties as we went right to the program.



**PROGRAM:** President Mandy had asked the club to join in discussion as a part of Charlotte Public Schools strategic planning. She introduced Jeff Gartner, who led the club's discussion as part of the community research group. We started with discussions on what we thought made Charlotte Public Schools great. Members spoke up with a number of reasons. Some of those were: community support, great teachers, and staff engagement with the community and the school itself. We have some pretty loyal and engaging staff that go above and beyond what their actual job requirements are. We then discussed what needs improvement. Some concerns were getting the students to take care of the school and respect the property. The facilities are for all to enjoy and we all need to do our part to care for them. There was a concern about staff retention and turnover with the main concern being pay. It was brought up that the district has been addressing that issue and increased pay for the teachers. There were concerns about better communication between the school and the parents/guardians of the students. Ways to relay the information was discussed and the channels used to get the information out. There was talk about the elimination of music programs at the elementary level and bringing it back. Also, students are no longer allowed to bring certain instruments home from school so they can practice. Mandy mentioned they were working on a solution regarding the instruments. There was talk about doing a better job with succession planning so we aren't left in limbo when someone leaves. There was a lot of talk about how schools are funded and about school budgets. Discussions about how to better educate the community regarding bonds was discussed as well. This was a very informative program with a lot of engagement from club members. Thank you Mandy and Jeff for including us in your planning of the future of the district!



**PUTT** for **POLIO**

**October 18, 2023**  
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

Amy's Catering will be supplying the food for this event!

**PINTS FOR POLIO**  
Eradicating polio one pint at a time!

Food provided by

Amy's Catering  
600 West Saginaw St  
Lansing, MI 48933  
Phone: 517.378.9774  
Amy@amyscatering.com

- All proceeds go to the Polio Eradication Program -  
Sponsored by Charlotte Rotary

Next week, October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Rotary District Governor, **Sharalyn Davis**, will be speaking to our club. She wants to know, "what makes the Charlotte Rotary Club great!?" Let's show her!



**OCTOBER DUTIES**

**ATTENDANCE** Tim Reed  
**GREETER** Jennifer Sparks  
**INVOCATION** Tyler Pray  
**MIRROR** Tim Jewell  
**ARTS & CULTURE** Kathie Cook  
**SGT-AT-ARMS** Amy Gilson (Barrel)  
Helen Johnson (50/50)  
John Laupp (S & T)

**UPCOMING PROGRAMS:**

**Oct 4 – Ed Foster – Sharalyn Davis**, Rotary District Governor

**Oct 11 – Mandy Stewart – Genevive Rudy**, CHS student, returning from a Rotary Youth Exchange

**Oct 18 – Pints for Polio**

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,  
**Spartan Dawg**