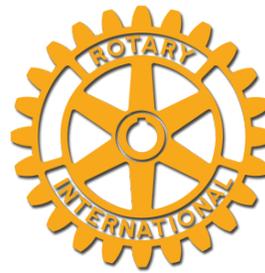


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District 7670



District Leadership



Kenneth A. Shull
District Governor



Tammy Mosteller
DG-Elect



Sean Gibson
DG-Nominee



Connie Molland
District Governor - Nom. Desig.

Events

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[District Finance Committee Meeting \(3rd quarter\)](#)

February 8th
[District Council Meeting \(3rd quarter\)](#)

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February 19th
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Club Anniversaries

[Morganton](#)
January 1st

[Sylva](#)
January 1st

The Foothills (Impact)
January 10th

Lincolnton
January 22nd

From The Desk of DG Ken

By Kenneth A. Shull

Our district has faced so much in the past few months - severe weather, school closings, business and finance challenges, the loss of well-loved Rotarians and much more. But in the same time period, our Rotary Clubs have persevered and risen to the challenges - offering much needed service to our communities and global neighbors, welcoming new members, raising funds for local projects, and even chartering WNC's newest Rotary Club!

Congratulations to the new Rotary Club of the Foothills (Impact) on chartering last month with 60 active members! We look forward to celebrating with the #PeopleOfAction in person in February at their charter ceremony!

Our future district leaders are busy preparing training opportunities to help you in the years to come. Our current district leaders are moving forward raising important funds for The Rotary Foundation, PolioPlus and CART, while also providing ongoing training for our current club leadership. What a great Rotary District we are part of!

As the pandemic continues, so does the resolve and determination of Rotarians just like you, and for that I am thankful. While our personal year of the opportunity to "Serve To Change The World" is more than half over, it is evident that our service will live on for many, many years to come through outcomes and change that YOU have provided.

Rotary District 7670 mourns the loss of Burnsville President Chris Scott

By Tim Radford on Tuesday, December 28, 2021



Rotary District 7670 extends our sincere condolences to the family, friends and fellow Rotarians of Mrs. Chris Scott, President of Rotary Club of Burnsville. The club's Facebook page explains that Chris lost her battle with COVID-19 on Christmas Eve. A week before Christmas, she began to feel the effects of Covid, and now she has passed on. It has left Rotary Club of Burnsville with a terrible sense of loss.

The club thrived under Chris's leadership. Here's a clip from WLOS taking about a very impressive project paying respect to Veterans while making the Town of Burnsville even more beautiful. 400 American flags were placed on display in Burnsville's 'Flags for Heroes' ahead of Veterans Day: [WLOS Video](#)

Rest in Peace President Chris Scott. We are thankful for your dedication to Rotary and your community. With your heart for service, you left your community better than you found it.

PRE- PETS - SAVE THE DATE!!!!

By Tammy Mosteller

Pre-PETS will be held on Sat, Feb 19 at Mars Hill University. This training is required for all

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Presidents-
Elect and

Newton-Conover
January 25th

Assistant Governors, and recommended for all President Nominees before attending PETS on March 18-19, 2022.

If you haven't signed up yet, please visit the district calendar to do so as soon as possible! [Read More](#)

Open Your Heart and Give To CART

By Michele Garashi-Ellick on Friday, January 28, 2022

During the month of February, please consider a gift to the CART Fund. A donation in honor of or in memory of a loved one would be extra special. The Rotary Club donating the most money for the month of February will be rewarded with a treat for its members in attendance at a March meeting.

The Grant Review Committee is hard at work evaluating this year's grant applications. They still need our help to reach the \$1 million-dollar goal.

Please encourage all Club members to sign on to mycartfund.org and make their donation directly in the portal. If they are a Rotarian and a DACdb user log in using their DACdb username and password. Then click **Sign-in (Current User)** the dark blue button. They can then click on **Make a Contribution** and enter their donation. They can also give their donation to the Club Treasurer and they will process it.



Donors can always mail their donations to me and I will enter them in the portal and credit the correct Rotary Club.

District 7670 CART Chair:
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HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!
Stay Safe & Heart Healthy
Michele

A Note From District Foundation Chair

By Gary D. Dills on Monday, January 3, 2022

It's a new calendar year and we only have 6 months remaining to make our Foundation Giving goals for Rotary Year 2021-22. Take a look at your progress and take appropriate action. We **Do Good in the World** but we cannot do that without funds and your Rotary hands. Below are a couple of other things to consider this month.

1. **Nominate one club member for the Rotary Foundation District Service Award:** Take a moment to nominate (via email is fine) a Rotarian or Rotaractor who is making a difference through the Foundation's programs, and its goals of world understanding and peace. Eligibility is straight forward -- Any active Rotarian or Rotaractor in good standing who has laudable service in promoting the Rotary Foundation. This is a District award. Email your clubs recommendation directly to me. gddills@gmail.com
2. **Mark the date for the Grants Management Seminar** scheduled for 5 March 2022 at Christmount in Black Mt. We will convene from 0930-2:30 PM, lunch included. There is no charge for participants. Your club must attend this event to qualify for a global or district grant. Plus, before 15 May 2022, your club's president elect must have entered into the data base your club goals for Rotary year 2022-23. We have a

- practical program planned and a great speaker. See you there.
3. **Polio is not done!!!**: As of this writing, there are 5 cases of wild Polio in the world ♦ four in Afghanistan and one in Pakistan. Rotary, along with our partners, continue to provide vaccines in several countries including Afghanistan and Pakistan. Your contribution of at least \$45 per year to Polio Plus makes that possible. If you have not made this year ♦s contribution, please consider doing so.

Thank you for all you do. Have a great month.
gdd

RYLEA - Looking Forward to 2023

By Michael Stevenson

If you haven ♦t gotten the word yet, the impact of the COVID Pandemic has once again required us to cancel RYLEA for 2022. The decision to cancel the event for this year was based on two considerations. First, we have been having difficulty in getting access to students and then successfully recruiting them. Second, the sentiment of a large majority of the clubs was that proceeding with RYLEA in the current environment is not appropriate.

I think that is all that needs to be said about RYLEA 2022. It is history, let ♦s move on.

Let ♦s talk about RYLEA 2023. Looking forward, we fully expect that before March of 2023 the pandemic will have moderated and that COVID-related protocols will have been well established and generally accepted. That ought to clear the way for us to put on a great RYLEA for 2023. Despite the consensus that we should cancel this year ♦s event, all of the clubs have expressed very strong support for the program. The good news is that, as a result of not spending anything on RYLEA for the last two years, we have a little extra money and we can use some of it to enhance the RYLEA experience for the kids. I think we can truly make it memorable event for them and that, in turn, will create some momentum for the following years.

RYLEA is a fantastic program that has the potential to change lives of young people and with your help and support, we intend to have an exceptional one in 2023. It ♦s not too early to start thinking about how you can help for 2023. If you want to be involved, let me know. If you know of some potential candidates for RYLEA, tell your club.

Think positive. Next year is going to be a great year for RYLEA.

Mike Stevenson
District RYLEA Chair

International Project Fair-Colombia

By Sarah Teal Leatham

I know there are many things on each of your plates, but I wanted to make sure you have the following 2022 project fairs on your calendar. All are hybrid meetings, which in counting our blessings is truly a positive that has come out of Covid, as more individuals than ever may participate in project fairs. Please see below the many opportunities and make plans for engaging your clubs, whether in person or by Zoom. You will be amazed and engaged by the possibilities.

Colombia

Hybrid (virtual and in-person) event hosted in Paipa, Colombia
3-12 February 2022

Hosted by Districts 4271 and 4281

Event website: <https://feriadeproyectosrotarycolombia.org/>

Register online: <https://feriadeproyectosrotarycolombia.org/register/>

Contact Jaime Corredor with questions: jaimelucianocorredor@gmail.com or +57-310-814-2144

Update from the District Public Image Chair

By Tim Radford on Sunday, January 9, 2022

Hello to all my friends in Rotary District 7670. For those of you who do not know me, I'm Tim Radford from Rotary Club of Murphy.

As District Public Image Chair, I am honored to serve a 3-year term. Even though we are already halfway through Year 1, I still feel brand new in the new position. These past 6 months

have flown by.

When I was President of the Murphy club, I had the privilege of inducting 24 new members into our club, giving our club an 80% growth. If our club can do it, so can yours! It takes club leaders and members who are willing to roll up their sleeves and do the hard work. It's important that your Membership Chair and Public Image Chair be active in the club. In fact, every member of your club should be engaged and feel that they have a reason to be there.

This year, we are encouraging "**Each One, Bring One.**" If every member did that, then your club would grow by 100%.

[Read More](#)



COVID Discussion

By Tammy Mosteller on Wednesday, January 19, 2022

There has been much conversation in the last few days about requiring COVID vaccinations for district events and even Rotary club meetings. It is saddening to see the division that is happening not just in our district, but in our current society over COVID and mandates.

As Rotarians we agree to follow the 4 Way Test and we are held to a higher standard. As your incoming District Governor and in partnership with our current DG Ken, I have reached out to our RI Director-Elect Jeremy Hurst for advice. [I have attached that email along with Rotary International's official statement on vaccinations.](#) (Click the link to view.)

With this information, and given the fact that the COVID mandates and variants are ever-changing from region to region, I will trust that you will make decisions based on Rotary's 4 Way Test and not just simply your own thoughts and beliefs.

Looking forward to working you each of you in the upcoming year.
DGE Tammy

92 Years and Counting!!

By Julie P. West on Sunday, January 30, 2022

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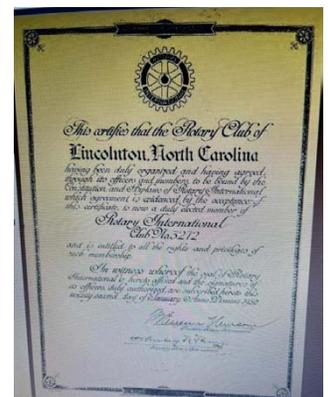
On January 22, 2022, the Rotary Club of Lincolnton turned 92 years old!! How exciting for current Rotarians and alumni!

During our last weekly meeting, Rotarian Cliff Brumfield shared some wonderful history from our club records. Many pictures and meeting logs, along with letters of thanks for service projects in the community. On Thursday, December 12, 1929, Rotarian David Clark of Charlotte, NC met with a group of local men in the dining room of the North State Hotel, to assist in the organization of a Rotary Club for Lincolnton. Rotarians from Charlotte, Gastonia and Asheville were in attendance to assist in this endeavor. Directors were elected and once elected, the following officers were named:

- Frank H. Chamberlain - President
- Dr. J. Reeves Gamble - Vice President
- M. H. Kuhn - Secretary-Treasurer
- Calvin B. Phillips - Sergeant at Arms

Meetings were held at the North State Hotel on Tuesdays at 1pm.

Lincolnton was elected to membership in Rotary International on January 22, 1930, and numbered 3272. President Frank H. Chamberlain, in behalf of the local club, accepted the charter in a few well-spoken words. In attendance at this historical event was Rotarians from the neighboring clubs of Shelby, Gastonia, Belmont,



Charlotte and Hickory.

And now, 92 years later, the Rotary Club of Lincolnton is still going strong. President Ed Lindsey will be sharing the presentation with Rotarians soon. During our meeting, there were many historical pieces displayed for everyone to view.

It was an honor to have past Historian and Rotary alumni Dennis Williams in attendance as we celebrated the history of our club!! We are all looking forward to many more years of serving our community locally and internationally. [Read More](#)

Global Grant for Mobile Health Unit is CLOSED!

By Billi J. Black on Saturday, January 22, 2022



Begun in 2014

Begun in 2014, District 7670 with the Rotary Club of Franklin Daybreak began a Global Grant.

The Rotary Clubs of Franklin Daybreak, Franklin, Sylva, Burke Sunrise, Asheville South, Boone Sunrise, Valdese, Clay County, and Cap Haiten all donated money which was matched by District Designated Funds.

The District Designated Funds aka DDF, is YOUR FOUNDATION donations returning to our district to be spent doing good in the world.

This Ambulance located at New Hope Hospital, Cap Haiten, Haiti, has distributed fresh water, Covid shots and food while it makes health checkup trips into the rural regions.

Recently, it was one of the responders to a gas tanker that exploded as street folks were trying to capture leaking gas.

Haiti has suffered a severe Hurricane, two earthquakes and the assassination of their president during the time that our grant was established. It has been a long haul - but New Hope Hospital has a brand new fully furnished Ambulance to serve the community.

WE ARE doing GOOD in the world! Thanks to all the clubs that donated and to all of you who donate to the Rotary Foundation.

New book by PDG Isaac Owolabi

By Tim Radford on Thursday, January 6, 2022



I am very excited to announce that our very own Past District Governor Isaac Owolabi has published a new book that is sure to be of great value for those seeking leadership roles among nonprofit organizations. Proceeds from this book will go towards scholarships and eradication of polio.

To purchase a copy, visit <https://isaacrotairstory.com/>

About the book:

The Leadership Strategies for Nonprofit Organizations is a book for any individual looking for an inspiring story to lead their welfare organization. It includes real-life incidents from Isaac Owolabi's life and how he served his Rotary with excellence and zeal. In addition, it is a collection of strategies that helped in making Isaac's endowments successful. Leadership might come

naturally, but it isn't always a given. Leadership can be learned through leadership development programs, which use rigorous study and practice to generate, develop, and strengthen leadership skills. These abilities can assist in demonstrating the importance of leadership. The book incorporates different approaches and strategies towards leadership and management.

About the author:

Hailing from Kwara State in Nigeria, Isaac came to the USA at the age of 25, where he began his journey by teaching high school Math and Physics. He earned his Bachelor's and Master's degrees from the University of Wisconsin - Stout. Following his graduation, Isaac earned his PhD from the University of Minnesota in 1988. In addition, he has 12 years of academic, administrative experience and has taught a wide range of undergraduate

and graduate Marketing, Management, and Leadership courses for over 30 years. Isaac is from the Rotary Club of Asheville-Biltmore and a resident of Asheville.

[Read More](#)

Thank You Bellringers-Four Seasons Rotary

By Richard E. Miley

The Four Seasons Rotary "dingalings" collected \$713.18 for the Salvation Army this holiday season! Thank you to Richard Prince, Janice Mager, Cristina & Roger Hull, Sharon Conoley, Bob Engstrom, Steve Studebaker, Gene Carr, Tiffany Ervin & Bill Boroff, Dick Miley, Sarah Fischer (our newest member!) and Fair Waggoner from United Community Bank (a non-member but great friend of Four Seasons Rotary).



"Friends of Rotary"

By Julie P. West on Monday, January 31, 2022



The month of January is Rotary's Vocational Services Month!

Rotary's concept of vocational service calls on Rotarians to encourage and foster

High ethical standards in business and professions,
The recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations, and
The dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society.

During our last meeting, the Rotary Club of Lincoln recognized two Friends of Rotary for their work in the vocational services area in our community.

Vocational Services Practitioner - Roy Lightfoot (center)

Vocational Services Educator - Dr. Cale Sain (right)

Pictured with our Friends is President Ed Lindsey, who presented each recipient with a Rotary Vocational Services pin and a small Rotary Club of Lincoln banner.

Thank you gentlemen for your service to the Lincoln community.

January is Rotary Vocational Service Month

By Joey Macaluso on Thursday, January 13, 2022

A promotional banner for January Vocational Service Month. It features a diverse group of ten people in various professional and work attire standing in a line against a blue background. To the right of the group is the Rotary logo, which consists of a yellow gear with a blue center and the word "Rotary" in blue. Below the logo is a quote: "Each Rotarian is a connecting link between the idealism of Rotary and their trade or profession" - Paul Harris.

JANUARY IS VOCATIONAL SERVICE MONTH

Rotary

"Each Rotarian is a connecting link between the idealism of Rotary and their trade or profession"
- Paul Harris

Vocational Service is one of Rotary's five Avenues of Service, which are the foundation of club activity. Vocational Service calls on every Rotarian to work with integrity and contribute their expertise to the problems and needs of society.

Vocational Service Objectives are:

- Encouraging and fostering the highest ethical standards in all businesses and professions.
- Recognizing the worthiness of all useful occupations, not just those that Rotarians pursue.
- Using your vocational talents to solve the problems in your community and society.

During this month, you and your club are encouraged to focus on the importance of this avenue of service. Discuss vocational service to develop ethical consciousness and vocational skills in Rotarians and our communities. Vocational Service Month is an opportunity to begin year-long vocational service activities, ranging from Rotary discussions to awards to community projects.

The Red Kettle

By Joy B. Cline

The Rotary Club of Newton-Conover is once again in **first place** for The Salvation Army Bell Ringing!

Receiving \$483.20 at Walmart; \$565.90 at Sam's Club; and other checks for \$5,150.50 for a total of \$6,199.10. When the matching funds are added totaling -\$1,726.50, our grand total is \$7,925.60. Congrats to the Rotary Club of Newton-Conover!

When you volunteer to bell ring, you help improve, and even save lives. The money dropped in a red kettle goes **right back into our local community.**

A special thank YOU to so many Rotarians (and family members) who participated ringing the bell for The Salvation Army. And, thank YOU to Dan and Paula Timmerman for once again leading us to success and for making Christmas special for so many in need in our community.

A Salute to our Rotarian Veterans

By Joy B. Cline

A Salute to
Rotarian
Veterans

The Rotary Club of Newton-Conover held a special celebratory event to honor all Rotarian Veterans. The member veterans represent the US Army, US Navy, and US Air Force.

Larry Adams
US Navy 1972-
1983

Jerome Bolick
US Navy 1953-
1955

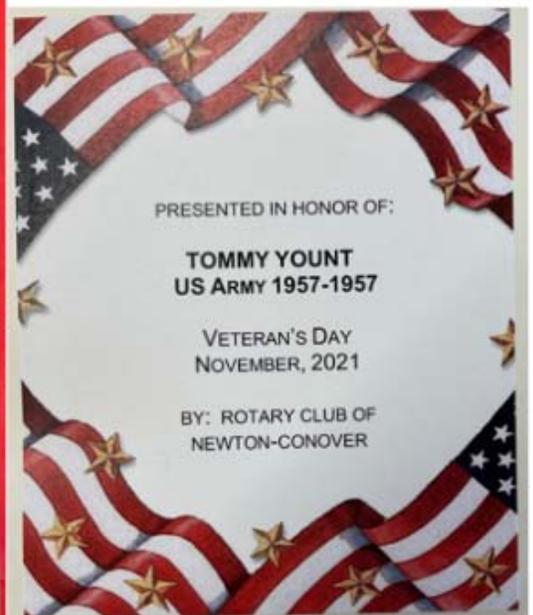
Fred Jones US
Air Force
1951-1955

Larry Robinson US Army 1966-1968

Vidal Sipe US Army 1990-2012

Corky Upchurch US Navy 1968-1970

Penn Waldron US Air Force 1968-1970



Bernie Whitmer US Navy 1964-1970

Tommy Yount US Army 1957-1957

Each Rotarian veteran received a book in their honor referencing soldiers, war, service, etc. which will be placed in the Catawba County Library.

Service Above Self - Meeting Community Needs

By Joey Macaluso

On Saturday night, a call went out that there was a need for coats for students at Hiwassee Dam. As Rotarians, we try to meet community needs when they arise. By Sunday afternoon, the call was answered.

We want to thank the following members and individuals for stepping up and meeting that need:

Anne Rose

Dr. Donnie & Belinda Carringer (in memory of Lyle Carringer)

Rev. Eddie Cook (in memory of his late wife, Ginger Cook)

Jerry & Robin Johnson

Christine Taylor

Billie & Dianne Jacks

Nancy Helms

The community blanket and coat drive is still ongoing during the cold weather month. The drive helps foster children and anyone in need in our community.



Pictured Left to Right: Trevis Hicks, Rotary Club of Murphy President, and Tim Radford, Rotary Club of Murphy Past President/District 7670 Public Image Chair.



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES