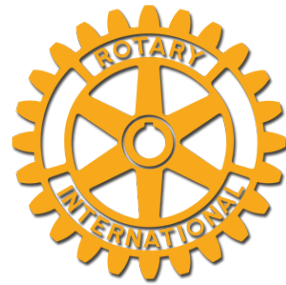




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March 2023 Newsletter
District Governor Tammy Mosteller

March is Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Month

By Tim Radford on Tuesday, February 28, 2023

Over 750 million people in the world lack access to safe water and more than 2.5 billion people lack access to adequate sanitation facilities. At least 3,000 children die each day from diseases caused by unsafe water.

When we talk about the need for clean water and sanitation, our immediate thoughts go to those who live in underdeveloped countries around the world, but there are communities in our own districts that have a real need for clean water.

During the month of March, or anytime throughout the year, clubs and districts can promote our commitment to providing clean water and sanitation and encourage others to join us in our efforts. One way to raise awareness is hosting a "Walk for Water."

For more information on the need for clean water, as well as resources on how to host a "Walk for Water" [click here](#), or go to <https://www.watermission.org/>

[get-involved/walk-for-water](#)

Register TODAY-Let The Good Times Roll

By Tiffany Ervin on Sunday, February 26, 2023

Have you registered yet for the **2023 District 7670 Conference** to be held **April 21-23 at the Marriott in Columbia, SC**! More than 100 of you have! But there's still room for more!

We are looking forward to celebrating the accomplishments of you, your club and DG Tammy when we "Let The Good Times Roll!" We have an incredible leadership team who has helped us all "IMAGINE" the possibilities this year, and YOU have made those opportunities become realities. So let's celebrate together with a "Rotary Family Reunion!"

There will be informative speakers, amazing food, great entertainment and lots of opportunities to network and



share ideas with old and new friends!

Full Conference Registration \$225 through April 8th
Includes Friday Dinner, Saturday Lunch & Dinner, & Sunday Breakfast

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE: (*attire: Rotary/business casual unless otherwise noted*)

Thursday, April 20

6-8pm: PDG & District Leadership Appreciation Dinner (invitation only)

Friday, April 21

1-4pm: District Assembly Training for DGE Sean - all club and district committee chairs are encouraged to attend.

Friday

5:30-6:30pm Cocktail/Social Hour in the "Edward Jones House of Friendship" (cash bar)

6:30-9:30pm "Welcome Home" Dinner, Parade of Clubs (very different than you've ever seen before!!), Entertainment & Awards; Keynote Speaker-Dr. Maj-Linda Selenica, CART researcher

Saturday – CLUB T-SHIRT CONTEST DAY

Breakfast on your own

8:30am Business Session & Moment of Remembrance

9-11:30am (topics include Million Meals for Ukraine, Rotaract/Youth Services, and spotlight on local & international projects)

11:30am-1:30pm "Eye Opener" Lunch with keynote speaker Dave McCleary, founder of End Human Trafficking

1:30-2:30pm Red Sand Project (Main Street, Columbia) – optional, no additional cost to participate

1:30-5:30pm FREE TIME in downtown Columbia; Exhibits & Live Entertainment in "Edward Jones House of Friendship"

5-5:30pm Presidents/Assistant Governor Toast with DG Tammy & First Dude Tony

5:30-6:30pm Cocktail/Social Hour in "Edward Jones House of Friendship" (cash bar)

6:30-9:30pm Red Carpet Awards Dinner & Entertainment (*attire: cocktail/business attire - black tie optional*)

Sunday 8-11am Breakfast for Peace, Rotary choir, Keynote Speaker-Vietnam War Vet Lt. Clebe McClary

And MUCH more still to be announced! Register today & follow our District Facebook Page for updates!

REGISTER TODAY in Dacdb calendar!

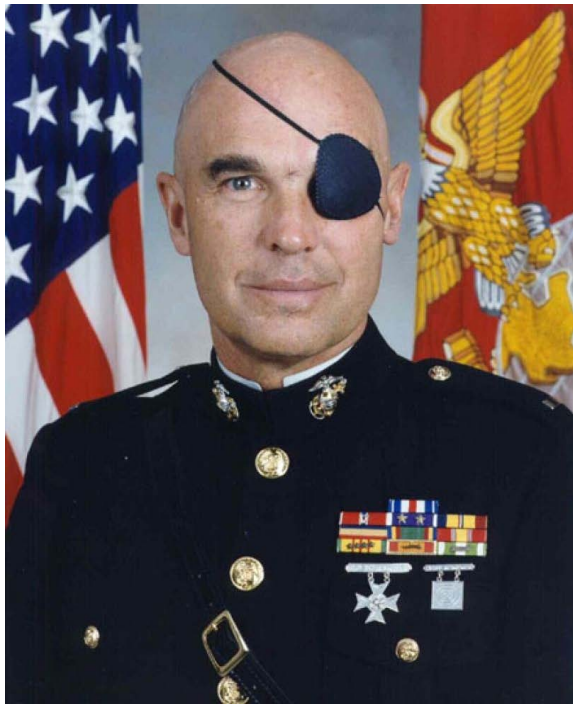
HOST HOTEL: Marriott Columbia - Reduced Rate of \$159 per night for King or Double Queen!! Reservations must be made separately from event registration. Last date to book your room in this discounted block is March 31st!

[To reserve your room, click here!](#)

Thank you for your commitment to "creating lasting change" - you don't want to miss this reunion & celebration. We have an amazing team working hard to give you an outstanding weekend - hope to see you there!

Vietnam War Veteran Lt Clebe McClary Joins Us In Columbia

By Tiffany Ervin on Sunday, February 26, 2023



We are pleased to announce that Lt. Clebe McClary will be the keynote speaker on Sunday, April 23, 2023 at our Rotary Family Reunion Conference.

First Lt. McClary became platoon leader of the 1st Recon Battalion in Vietnam. On his 19th recon patrol, deep in hostile territory, Clebe and his unit engaged in hand-to-hand combat with the enemy. Suffering devastating injuries, which included the loss of his left arm and left eye, Clebe continued to lead his men.

Clebe's valiant battle with the pain and disabilities that followed is nothing short of amazing. He spent over two years in military hospitals, undergoing more than 30 major surgeries and countless hours of physical therapy. Since then Clebe has used his powerful story of courage, determination, and strength to motivate audiences the world over.

[You can watch a short video of Clebe here](#), but you can hear and meet him in person in Columbia, SC at our 2023 District Conference. Register today in the DACDB calendar and bring a friend or family member to hear him too. Cost for the entire weekend is only \$225 and that includes FOUR meals and all programming.

[To learn more about Clebe and his incredible story, click here.](#)

Don't forget to reserve your room at the Columbia Marriott too - our reduced rate is only \$159/night (including free self-parking). Reservations must be made separately from event registration. Last date to book is March 31st!

[To reserve your room, click here!](#)

CART Researcher Maj-Linda Selencia will bring update at the District Conference in Columbia SC.

By Tammy Mosteller on Tuesday, February 28, 2023



District 7670 is very honored to have CART Fund grant recipient Dr. Maj-Linda Selencia as the keynote speaker for our Friday night session at district conference. Dr. Selencia performed her graduate studies in Sweden where she studied the role of amyloid beta and tau proteins in Alzheimer Disease. Directly after her PHD, she received a postdoctoral fellowship at the laboratory of Drs. Dave Morgan and Marcia Gordon, University of South Florida, where she studied therapeutic approaches in tauopathy utilizing mouse models of AD/FTD.

Dr. Selencia joined College of Pharmacy at University of South Florida (2013) as a founding faculty member and basic scientist. As an independent PI, Dr. Selencia focuses in the pathological mechanisms behind TDP-43 and tauopathy in neurodegenerative disorders. In 2019 Selencia lab relocated to the University of Kentucky, Sanders-Brown Center (SBCoA), where they joined the Alzheimer's disease Center (UK-ADC) and a collaborative group of neuroscientist and neurologist experts focused on Aging and dementia.

Their Laboratory research is focused on molecular pathways and therapeutic approaches of Alzheimer's Disease, Frontotemporal Dementia (FTD) and related dementias. They have expanded beyond our knowledge on tauopathy and study the molecular mechanisms involved in TDP-43 proteinopathy in the multi-etiology of AD, LATE and FTD disease spectrum. Their laboratory has developed a comprehensive research program to study the impact of TDP-43 and tau proteins in neuropathology, neuroinflammation, blood brain barrier permeability and cellular stress. Specifically, they study mechanistic pathways (hypusinated Eif5a) and post-translation modifications (acetylation, citrullination) that regulate TDP-43 pathology in cellular and animal models.

Club T Shirts for District Conference

By Tammy Mosteller on Tuesday, February 28, 2023

Does your club have a T-shirt they wear for your club's signature event? If not, now is the time to design one!

During Rotary International conventions, the attendees all wear a



"district" T shirt for certain sessions. We thought it would be fun to wear our club T-shirts during the Saturday morning session of the district conference on April 22nd in Columbia, SC.

It is gearing up to be a conference to remember! So, get busy getting those club T-shirts ready for all members of your Club that will be attending. Oh, and there will be an award for the best club T shirt!

Club Parasol Award Awaits!

By Tammy Mosteller on Tuesday, February 28, 2023

During district conference this year there will be a parade of parasols instead of the traditional parade of banners. Staying with our southern Cajun theme, the conference committee thought we could put a new spin on the parade! During Pre PETS, Governor Tammy gave out parasols to those clubs that attended, along with instructions on decorating your club parasol. If your club



has not received a parasol, Governor Tammy will have those at PETS.

The attending Council of Governors will also receive a parasol to decorate for the Governor Parade as well.

The parasol should be decorated to be representative of your club or year as governor.

Awards will be given out for the most unique parasol to both clubs and governors. But, you must be in attendance at the conference to win, so get registered today!

PDG (and Conference Chair) Tiffany Ervin has included registration information in this newsletter. I hope to see you there!

DG Tammy

Preparing for a New Year

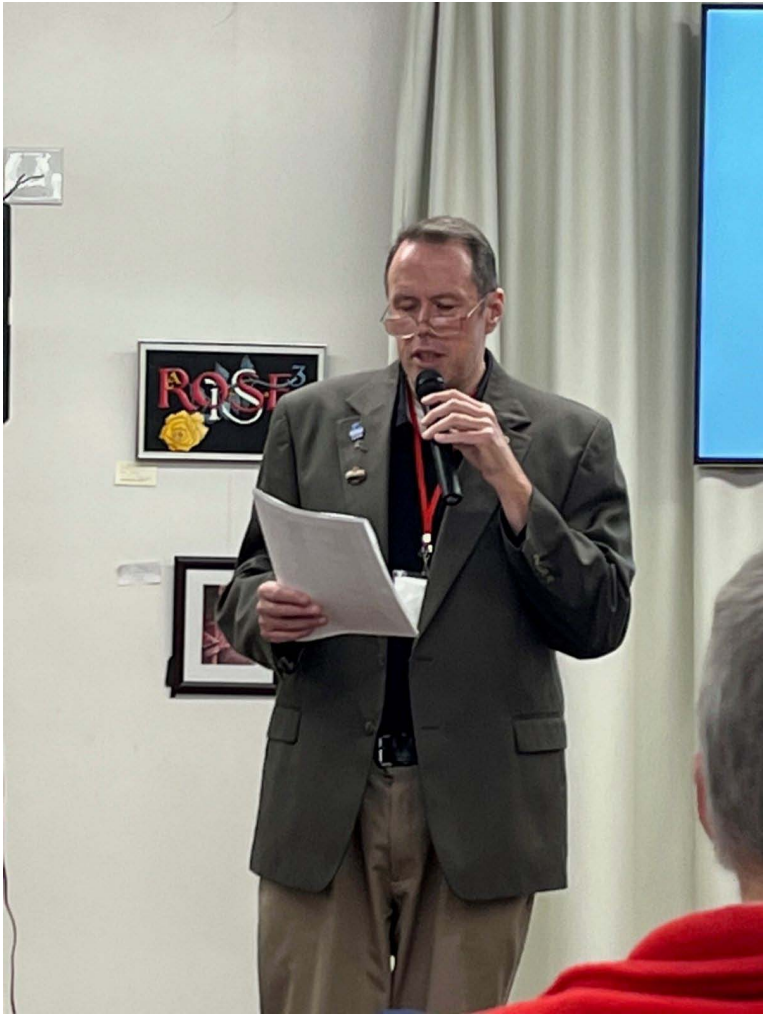
By Julie P. West on Sunday, February 12, 2023



Rotary year 2022-23 is still in full swing, but this weekend, Rotary District 7670 began preparing for a new year. On Saturday, DGE Sean Gibson hosted an amazing group of President-Elects at this year's Pre-PETS training. Many of the upcoming club president-elects and president-nominees, along with other district leadership, met at Christmount facility in Black Mountain to begin learning how to prepare for the new year and what to expect of their PETS training in March in Greensboro, NC. The President-Elects identified areas they want to focus on during their year of service and formulating their goals for their individual clubs. By the end of the half-day session, the room was full of excitement and ideas for July 1, 2023.

Get ready District 7670, it's going to be a great year!!











IMPACT by Rotary Club of Catawba Valley is Formed

By H. Swofford on Tuesday, February 21, 2023

**New IMPACT
Satellite club is
chartered on
2/16/2023.**

On Thursday evening, February 16th, the Rotary Club of Catawba Valley chartered and inducted 16 new members into a new form of satellite club called an IMPACT



club. Spearheaded by Catawba Valley Rotary's Membership Chair, Dr. David Peltzer, the new club is based on a new concept in Rotary. The purpose is to provide opportunities to serve for individuals who, because of family, job, or financial commitments, cannot commit to attending traditional meetings or have no interest in doing so. The Rotary Club of Catawba Valley benefits from having an expanded view into the needs of the community and more hands to help fulfill those needs. The 16 new members plus three new members who were not able to attend the induction represent the spectrum that the IMPACT club concept is meant to serve: family members of Rotarians who often are already involved, former Rotarians who were forced to drop out for various reasons, people already active in the community and part of charities that the Catawba Valley Rotary supports, and finally those who simply want to serve in a manner outside the traditional Rotary format. IMPACT members are full members of Rotary but will not "meet" in the traditional Rotary fashion but as needed to serve the community.

The induction was held in the studios of Julie Peltzer's EyePopPhoto in Conover. Tammy Mosteller, District Governor of Rotary District 7670 attended, as did Patrick Longano and Katie Tocci of IMPACT by Rotary Club of the Foothills. Mr. Longano and Ms. Tocci have been instrumental in developing this concept within Rotary and served as advisors in getting a new group established. Dr. Peltzer, Past District Governor Bill Shillito, and Catawba Valley Rotary Club President Liz Van Horn conducted the induction, with remarks by DG Mosteller, and Mr. Longano and Ms. Tocci.

The new members are: Rev. Josh Sherfey, Newton First United Methodist; Sarah Pencipe; Cameron Bixby; Sarah Van Horn; former club President Gail Henson; Summer Jenkins and Kim Bolick of The Community Table in Newton; Julie Peltzer; Mary Yount, Downtown Newton Deveopment; Jack Hanigofsky, Dentist; Eric Goans, Chiropractor; Wendy Hanigofsky; Rebecca Denton; Jessica Laney; Ray Mays; and Shauna Cook. Members of IMPACT unable to attend include: Landon Cansler, Christi Sims, and Danny Roseman.

The Rotary Club of Catawba Valley is the organizing sponsor of the annual Charity Chase Half Marathon. It meets at the Narrow Coffee & Nosh in Newton on Thursday mornings at 7 am.

New Members Inducted

Monday, February 27, 2023

New Members Inducted

The Rotary Club of Asheville welcomes all interested area residents! Reach out to our Membership Chair, **David Kaverman**, by [email](#). (A sponsor is not required to come to a meeting to "check us out.")



Inducted on February 23:

Allison Krivatch, Joe Lancaster, Jordan Israel



Allison Krivatch

Sponsored by Janet Whitworth

Having enjoyed a long career as the Chief Marketing & Communications Officer for a large healthcare enterprise, Allison is now leveraging her innovative marketing strategies towards launching a real estate career in Asheville, achieving over \$10 million in sales in 2022 working as a team with her husband Sean - a property developer and large-scale construction project manager. They are associated with [Premier Sotheby's International Realty](#) and focus on the Asheville to Lake Lure areas – with a strong emphasis on lakefront properties.

Joe Lancaster

Sponsored by Dave Kaverman

Joe moved to Asheville about 2 years ago after retiring from 35 years as the owner/President of LaSalle Dry Cleaners in Coral Gables, Florida. Joe was a third generation owner of LaSalle, a business his grandfather started. Joe joined Rotary when he was 27 and was a member for 30 years until he moved to Asheville. Both his father and Uncle were Rotarians. Joe is a three-time Ironman finisher plus 12 half Ironmans. His current hobbies include cycling, hiking and fishing. He and his wife, Isabel, live in Black Mountain.

Jordan Israel

Sponsored by Betty Doll

I am a proud 6th generation Buncombe county native! I started my career in real estate at 18; I began selling second homes in the Wolf Laurel area and quickly transitioned into property management. While working in real estate I attended East Tennessee State University and graduated as an economics major, B.B.A with a general business concentration.

As I grew and matured, so did my career. I moved on to SVN International to train and sell commercial real estate. I now own [EXIT Realty Vision](#) and am very proud to take my experiences to help better educate our clients and teach agents how to achieve and maintain longevity in the often tumultuous world of real estate.

In my downtime I enjoy reading, cooking, traveling, and hosting dinner parties for friends. My penchant for adventure has carried me all over the world and led to some exciting hobbies like skydiving and scuba diving. I hope to create new memories and shared experiences with my fellow Rotarians!

New COL (Council on Legislation) Representative Elected for District 7670

By Tammy Mosteller on Saturday, February 25, 2023



Rotary District 7670 has a new COL (Council on Legislation) Representative for the next three years. After a nominating committee meeting on February 21, 2023 Tiffany Ervin was elected to represent District 7670 in this position. Tiffany is a Past District Governor of District 7670 and is the current Executive Director for The CART Fund. Tiffany's term as COL representative will begin on July 1, 2023. The **Council on Legislation** (CoL), Rotary's "parliament," meets every three years to deliberate and act upon all proposed enactments and resolutions submitted by clubs, district conferences, the General Council and Conference of Rotary, and the RI Board. The Council itself also

makes proposals.

The Council on Legislation is an important part of Rotary's governance process. While the Board of Directors sets policies for Rotary International, the Council is where Rotary clubs have their say in the governance of the association. Every three years, each district sends a representative to the Council, which reviews proposed legislation. Every club and district is entitled to submit legislation to the Council, and some of Rotary's most important work has resulted from Council action. Women were admitted into Rotary because of the action of the 1989 Council on Legislation, and PolioPlus was born as the result of the 1986 Council.

The Council comprises more than 500 representatives from every part of the Rotary world. Voting members include one elected Past District Governor of each Rotary district. Some nonvoting members include the chair and vice chair of the Council, the RI president, members of the RI Board, and past RI presidents. (source Rotary International)

Our Facebook feed is better when you are engaged

By Tim Radford on Wednesday, March 1, 2023

Our Rotary District Facebook page is hopping with successes and events from clubs all over the district. You can also find videos and information about our upcoming District Conference.

If you're not already following our feed, please do so today:

<https://www.facebook.com/Rotary7670>



Don't stop there, **ENGAGE** by liking/commenting on posts and sharing those that are relevant to your communities. The more people engaging with a Facebook post, the more attractive we are to Facebook's mysterious algorithms. That means our story gets out to more people. Those simple "likes" can lead to finding great new Rotarians while making our current ones feel even more appreciated for their great work.

Our Heartfelt Condolences

By Julie P. West on Wednesday, March 1, 2023

The loss of a family member to death is difficult and brings on



a process of grief. Rotary is family and when one of our Rotarians experience loss, the Rotary family lifts them up.

It is with heartfelt condolences that we share the death of DGND Alex "Alpo" Portelli's mother on February 23, 2023. DGND Alpo was able to make it to New Hampshire to be with his mother as she passed. Please keep this family in your thoughts and prayers for the days ahead. If you would like to

show your support to Alpo and his family:

*522 Pilot Reidge Rd
Nebo, NC 28761*

Also, please keep the Rotary Club of Newton Conover in your thoughts and prayers as their current President Larry Adams passed away February 16, 2023. Larry had been battling liver cancer and had stoically kept this from his club until he could no longer function. He was placed into hospice a very short time before his death. President-Elect Siobhan Leondorf has stepped up to finish this year and then continue on with her year. If you would like to send a note of encouragement to the Rotary Club of Newton Conover, please send to the address below:

*P.O. Box 541
Conover, NC 28613*

Please keep these families in your thoughts and prayers.

Four Way Test

By Julie P. West on Sunday, October 2, 2022

The Four Way Test Rotary



1. Is it the TRUTH?

2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?

**3. Will it build GOODWILL and
BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?**

**4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all
concerned?**

Events

March 4th
**Grants Management
Seminar**

March 13th
**Zones 33-34
Membership Action Plan
| Innovative Clubs**

March 20th
**Zone 33 District
Membership Chair/DG
Line Call**

March 4th
**RLI-District 7750-Parts
I, II and III-Anderson,
SC - CLOSED**

March 14th
**CART Conversations -
Monthly Info Meeting**

March 21st
**Lunch A La CART with
Dr. Todd Golde**

March 7th
**DACdb University:
ezWebsites for New
Users - Surreal CMS**

March 18th
**RLI-District 7730-Parts
I, II, III-Jacksonville
NC-CANCELLED**

March 21st
**CART Executive
Committee Meeting**

March 11th
**RLI-District 7630-Parts
I, II and III-
Georgetown, DE**

March 18th
**RLI-District 7610-Parts
I, II and III-
Fredericksburg, VA**

March 25th
**RLI-District 7600-Parts
I, II and III-Virginia
Beach, VA**

Club Anniversaries

[Catawba Valley \(Conover\)](#)

March 17th

[Lincolnton-Sunrise](#)

March 22nd

[Asheville-South](#)

March 17th

[Cashiers Valley](#)

March 31st

Account Leaders



[Michael Lanzilotta](#)
District DEI Chair



[Tammy Mosteller](#)
District Governor



[Sean Gibson](#)
DG-Elect



[Connie M. Molland](#)
DG-Nominee



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District Rotary Foundation
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District Public Image/PR Chair



[Alex R Portelli](#)
Feed10Million Chair



[Trudie G. Crawford](#)
District Polio Plus Chair



[Kenneth Nicholson](#)
District Trainer



[Tiffany Ervin](#)
District Secretary



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District Finance Chair



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Youth Services Chair

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