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May 2023 Newsletter  
District Governor Tammy Mosteller

## May is Youth Service Month

By Julie P. West on Wednesday, May 3, 2023



Rotary believes in developing the next generation of leaders. Rotary's programs help younger leaders build leadership skills, expand education and learn the value of service. A few ways for youth to be involved include Interact clubs, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards, Rotary Youth Exchange, and New Generations Service Exchange.

Interact clubs bring together young people ages 12 -18 to help develop and strengthen their leadership skills. These young leaders learn about the community through service projects and activities. Rotary Youth Leadership Awards, or RYLA, is a youth leadership program to help youth build their confidence, learn new skills and have fun while doing so. Rotary Youth Exchange builds peace one young person at a time. Rotary clubs from more than 100 countries sponsor students ages 15-19 and these students are able to learn new languages, discover new cultures and become global citizens.

Rotary has a long-standing commitment to serving our youth and will continue to commit to the development of these valuable individuals.

## District Conference was hugely successful

By Tammy Mosteller on Tuesday, May 2, 2023





District conference this year brought a full weekend of celebration. It started with a leadership dinner on Thursday night at a local upscale bowling alley and included a "bridal shower" for conference chair and PDG Tiffany Ervin. Friday night kick off did not disappoint with the Parade of Club Parasols. Saturday morning started with a solemn bagpipe solo and candle light memorial service to honor the 24 Rotarians who have passed away this year, followed by a reunion picnic style lunch. I had the honor of hosting a very special invitation only toast with the assistant governors and presidents in the private lounge where we were able to reflect back on the year and celebrate our successes. The Saturday evening awards Gala began with a parade of flags representing all of the global ties to our district, followed by a moving presentation of the colors accompanied by the Palmetto Pipes and Drums.

Throughout the celebration, we heard from so many inspirational speakers such as: Ann Matthews (Rotary International's first female Vice President), CART Grant recipient Dr. Maj-Linda Selenica, Early Act Club from District 7770 St Peter's Catholic School, Ross Bulla and Dr Debbie Perry, Dave McClary, Lt. Clebe McCleary, Rotary Exchange Student Gregor Baum, and Miss USA Morgan Romano. It was truly a weekend I will never forget!

Thank you from the bottom of my heart to each and every Rotarian in District 7670. I am so blessed to call you my family!

DG Tammy

## The Good Times Rolled in Columbia, SC

By Julie P. West on Wednesday, May 3, 2023

District Conference 2023 was an event to remember!! What a great celebration of a great year for DG Tammy Mosteller and District 7670!! Here are a few highlights of Rotary District 7670 letting the good times roll in Columbia, SC!!





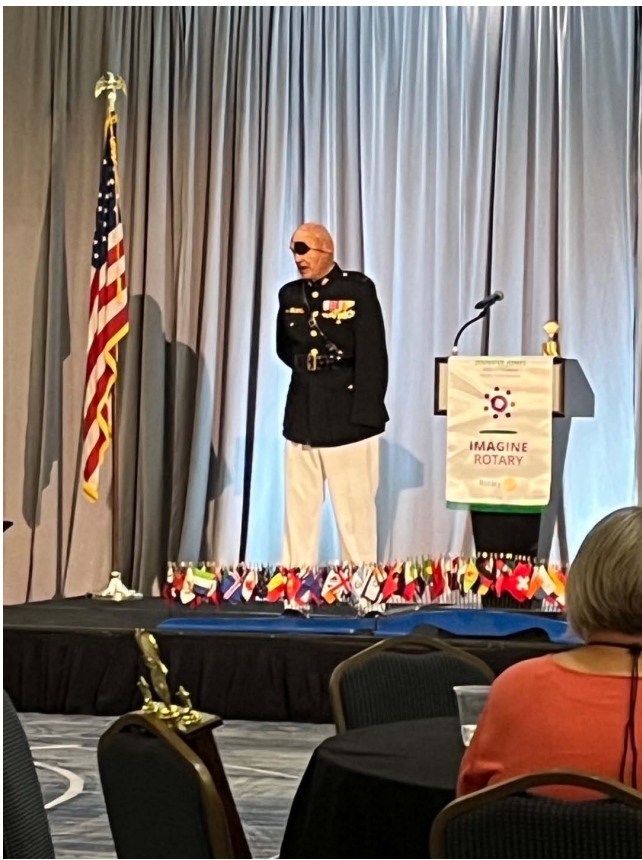
















## Fabulous Weekend of Learning for District Leaders!!

By Julie P. West on Wednesday, April 19, 2023



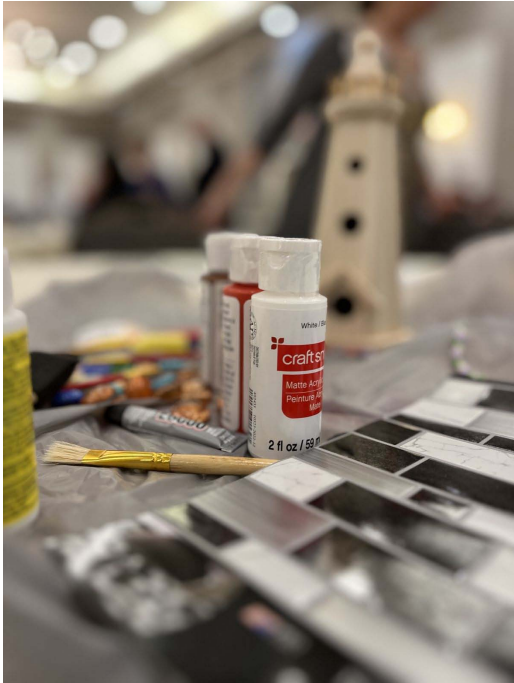
*Virginia is for lovers and we love Rotary!!*

Last weekend, the District 7670 leaders made a road trip to Glen Allen, VA to meet with leaders from several other Districts to study and prepare for the upcoming Rotary year. What a great time we had together as District 7670, but it was great to get to know other district leaders and hear what good they are doing in the world.

From Membership to Foundation to Public Image, District 7670 is planning to make it a fabulous year!!



Zone 33  
2023-24 District Governors



Project to practice putting all the pieces of Rotary together to do good in the world.

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## Fueling Alzheimer's Research...One Coin at a Time

By Julie P. West on Wednesday, May 3, 2023





How many of you have been touched by Alzheimer's??

Rotarian Roger Ackerman's life was touched by Alzheimer's and in the early morning hours, he was inspired to create what we know now as the CART Fund. The day before his middle of the night realization, Ackerman had lunch with a friend who told him \$8 billion to \$9 billion in coins changed hands every day in America. With this knowledge, his vision was to support Alzheimer's research with mere pocket change.

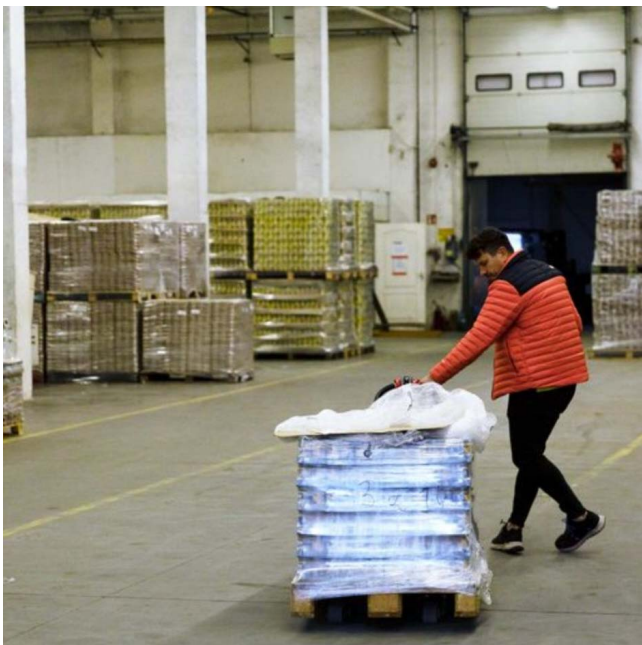
In the May issue of the Rotary magazine, you will learn even more about the CART Fund and the research it is funding. You may even see a familiar face!! So many individuals and families have stories of how this horrible disease has touched their lives and as CART Fund Executive Director, Tiffany Ervin says, the goal is for people to no longer have an Alzheimer's story. Now, dig down in your pockets and empty out all those coins for this very important cause.

## Feeding Those in Need in Ukraine

By Julie P. West on Wednesday, May 3, 2023

As we continue to watch the ongoing crisis in Ukraine, Rotary continues to work to support and feed those in need. DGND Alpo Portelli is a champion in the Million Meal March for Ukraine and these efforts are definitely making a difference. Recently, Rod Lanier of Convoy of Hope shared photos of the latest 200,000 meal shipment distributions in Ukraine. These photos represent the power of Rotary and serving our community and include the warehouse where the pallets were broken down, the direct vehicle distributions to those in need, and pictures from one of the numerous street kitchens where these meals were prepared and distributed to those in need. The commitment and dedication to those around the world is a testament to what can be imagined and then done.









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## District DEI Committee Disbanded

By George Michael Vavrek on Wednesday, May 3, 2023



Some Rotarians think DEI is vague; this was confirmed by the committee's conversations with most presidents and presidents-elect. A few leaders thought diversity was only concerned with ethnicity, and the meaning of equity was unclear. Some thought inclusion was meaningless because Rotary welcomes all, even though some clubs can't recruit women and young men.

The exemplary actions of eleven clubs are leading the way to abandon 7670's DEI urging. These clubs have examined their communities' demographics and are taking action to have their membership reflect them.

Asheville  
Asheville - Metro  
Brevard  
Denver/Lake Norman  
Hickory  
Hickory Sunrise  
Highlands - Montaintop  
Lincolnton  
Lincolnton Sunrise  
Murphy  
Valdese

Reach out and touch someone in these paragon. There is a club close to you. On the other hand, all Rotarians are kin. DACdb is your key to kinship.

Eventually, the district emphasis will end because, for all 45 clubs, past vagueness has become future clarity. But until then, *the title of this piece was just to get your attention, and since you've read this far, we guess it did.*

Questions or comments about diversity, equity, or inclusion? Contact DEI chair Michael Lanzilotta (see DACdb).

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## Volunteer Efforts Recognized

By Joy B. Cline on Wednesday, May 3, 2023

The Rotary Club of Newton Conover was recognized today by Major David Repass





and The Salvation Army for their volunteer efforts in raising \$11,870.48 in 2022 through the iconic Red Kettle Program. The Rotary Club of Newton Conover received more donations than any other group in the nine county area served by The Salvation Army of Greater Hickory. Funds given at kettles stay in the community of donation and are used to fill the needs of the community for such issues as Christmas family assistance, year-round assistance for low-income families and individuals, food pantries, youth programs, summer camps, character-building classes, homeless assistance, veterans' programs, seniors' assistance, case management, counseling and more. The Salvation Army is motivated by the love of God and incorporates the four Cs into their organizational strategy:

- Catastrophe: offering rescue and response teams
  - Crisis: emergency food and shelter
  - Children: Boys & Girls Club and Christmas assistance
  - Church: The Salvation Army holds a Sunday service each week, along with weekly bible studies.
- Their work is God's work.

Mr. Dan Timmerman and his wife, Paula, coordinate Rotarians to work through the holidays to assist with "ringing the bell" for The Salvation Army Red Kettle Program. This year over 30 Rotarian volunteers donated nearly 40 hours towards the Red Kettle initiative.

Rotary is a global network of 1.2 million neighbors, friends, leaders, and problem-solvers who see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change – across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves. The Rotary Club of Newton Conover meets the first and third Tuesdays at noon. Anyone interested in being involved in the international organization, may contact Joy Cline at [jcline@bolickfoundation.org](mailto:jcline@bolickfoundation.org).

Pictured l-r: Paula Timmerman, Dan Timmerman and Major David Repass.

## MAJOR DONOR AWARD for MAXINE PARSONS-KOGUT

**Maxine Parsons-Kogut** was recognized as a "Level Three" Major Donor. She has donated a cumulative \$50,000+ to the Rotary Foundation. Maxine returned to her hometown of Asheville in 2020. She has been a member of several clubs since 1990 and served in many roles. While in the VanLandingham Rotary Club on Hilton Head Island, she received the VLR Distinguished Service Award and the Service Above Self Award.

Currently, she is serving as the **Club Rotary Foundation Chair**. If you have questions about EREY, Paul Harris Fellow Awards, the Bequest Society or the Rotary Foundation, she is the person to ask.



## Care Bags for Schools

By David J Scherping on Wednesday, March 29, 2023

Under the leadership of Rotarian Kristin Hylland, The Rotary Club of Tryon packed and delivered Care Bags for employees at Polk Central Elementary School and Sunny View Elementary School last week.





The care bags are the Rotary Club of Tryon's way of sharing its appreciation for the work school employees do each day to educate the children of Polk County. These elementary schools were chosen as this month's recipient of care bags because of the special connection between the Rotary Club of Tryon and the schools. The Rotary Club of Tryon has a 14-year history of providing the Reading Is Fundamental (RIF) program to students at Polk Central Elementary and the Club is starting the RIF program at Sunny View Elementary later this week.

To see a full gallery of photos from the event, visit: <https://rotarycluboftryon.com/index.php?s=gallery&gid=5658>



Rotarians Allan Purtil and Doug Fowler (Paast District Governor in CA) check the bags before delivery.

If you are interested in learning more about the Rotary Club of Tryon and what we are doing to support activities in the area, please contact the Rotary Club of Tryon President, Carol Browning, at [carolbrowning72@gmail.com](mailto:carolbrowning72@gmail.com) or 864-580-1000.

## Wet & Thundery 17th Annual Charity Chase Half Marathon

By H. Swofford on Tuesday, May 2, 2023

Despite an early thunderstorm that delayed the starts by an hour, the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Charity Chase Half Marathon and the 5K were run last Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, under cool but wet conditions. Great day for ducks and runners! Race Director Chad Bolick thanked the runners and volunteers for their perseverance and support in making possible the running of this major charitable event.

Barry Thomas of Hickory was the winner of the Half Marathon with a time of 1 hour, 25 minutes, and 34 seconds (01:25:33.90). Jessica James, also from Hickory, was the top Female runner with a time of 1 hour, 41 minutes, and 12 seconds (1:41:12.32). In the Men's Division Martin Harrison of Davidson and Steve McClure of Lincolnton were second and third, respectively. In the Women's Division Mary Katherine Mull of Morganton and Lauren King of Hudson were second and third, respectively.

In the Charity Chase 5K the overall winner was Wesley Gurley of Marion, NC with a time of 19 minutes and 22 seconds (0:19:21.67). Second overall and winner in the Women's Division was Elizabeth Grose of Claremont, NC with a time of 21 minutes and 27 seconds (0:21:26.40).

Third overall and second in the Women's Division was Shelby Gurley with a time of 0:21:34.61. Nine-year-old Liam Chapman of Morganton, NC was fourth overall and second in the Men's Division with a time 0:21:58.94. Maggie Tortoledo of Hickory was fifth overall and third in the Women's Division and Michael Martin of Statesville was sixth overall and third in the Men's Division.

One hundred thirty-seven ran the Charity Chase Half Marathon, while fifty ran the 5K. Charity Chase has raised nearly \$400,000 for local charities over the past few years, and for many groups in Catawba County it is their primary or only source of funding. Eighteen non-profits provided the volunteers necessary to stage the event, considered the major premier running event for our region, and split the proceeds based on the volunteer hours they each contribute. The organizing sponsor is The Rotary Club of Catawba Valley and local businesses and





individuals provide the funds and in-kind contributions necessary to stage the event and distribute to the local charities.



Overall Half Marathon winner, Barry Thomas, approaching the Finish Line.



Top runner in the Half Marathon Women's Division, Jessica James, receiving her trophy and award from Mayor Hank Guess.



Leah and Colton Hubbard after 5K. Colton placed 15<sup>th</sup>.



Rotarian & Charity Chase Chairman Jeff Eudy at the start of the Half Marathon





Rotarians Dana Ramseur, Colleen Dishman, Michelle Roseman and Danny Roseman working the registration desk before Charity Chase 2023.

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## Let's Race!!

By Julie P. West on Wednesday, May 3, 2023



Save the Date for the Rotary Club of Newton Conover's annual event!

The Rotary Club of Newton Conover has once again partnered with Little Mountain Kart Club to offer Racing for Rotary. Racing For Rotary is a family-friendly event that offers kart races for all series of drivers while raising money for local non-profits in Catawba County. This event is set for June 10th, 2023 and is sure to be loads of fun!! The races will be held at Little Mountain Kart track (3521 S. NC 16 Hwy., Maiden, NC 28650). Mark your calendar and bring the family!!

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## Four Way Test

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



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

May 4th, 8:15-3:35 PM  
RLI-District 7680/7690-Parts I, II  
and III-Charlotte, NC

May 18th, 12:00-1:30 PM  
PETS User Group quarterly meeting

May 8th, 5:45-7:00 PM  
Zones 33-34 Membership Action  
Plan | Membership Success Center

May 20th, 8:30-3:45 PM  
RLI-District 7600-Parts II-Newport  
News, VA

May 9th, 2:30-3:30 PM  
DACdb University: Governor Award

May 28th, 5:00-7:00 PM  
Southland Reception at RI  
Convention Registration /  
Melbourne!

May 15th, 5:00-6:00 PM  
Zone 33 District Membership  
Chair/DG Line Call

## Club Anniversaries

[Highlands](#)

May 2nd

[Asheville Breakfast](#)

May 9th

Burnsville

May 21st

[Asheville-Biltmore](#)

May 2nd

[Burke-Sunrise](#)

May 14th

[Sherrills Ford-Terrell](#)

May 29th

## Account Leaders



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District DEI Chair



[Tammy Mosteller](#)  
District Governor



[George Michael Vavrek](#)  
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[Sean Gibson](#)  
DG-Elect



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DG-Nominee



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iPDG



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[Gary D. Dills](#)  
District Rotary Foundation Chair





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District Public Image/PR Chair



[Kenneth Nicholson](#)  
District Trainer



[Tiffany Ervin](#)  
District Secretary



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Youth Services Chair



[James O. Perry](#)  
District Treasurer



[Cynthia K. Ireland](#)  
Assistant Governor



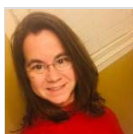
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Assistant Governor



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