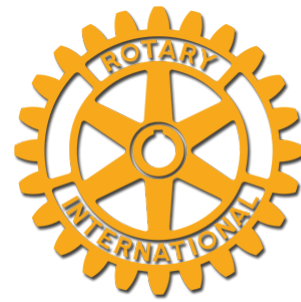




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February 2023 Newsletter
District Governor Tammy Mosteller

February is Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution Month

By Tim Radford on Sunday, January 29, 2023

The month of February is very special in the Rotary Calendar because it includes the anniversary of the first meeting of Rotary held on February 23, 1905. Paul Harris' original concept was to give professionals with diverse backgrounds the opportunity to exchange ideas and form meaningful, lifelong friendships.

Over time, Rotary's reach and vision has extended to humanitarian service. As Rotarians, we refuse to accept conflict as a way of life. As a humanitarian organization, peace is a cornerstone of our mission. We believe when people work to create peace in their communities, that change can have a local and global effect. In addition, we no longer only look to those that are professionals, but are inclusive of all that want to serve to improve the lives of others, as well as form meaningful and lifelong friendships.

So, to celebrate **Rotary's 118th birthday**, let's use this as a time for our district and clubs to promote what we are doing to take action to address the underlying causes of conflict, including poverty, inequality, ethnic tension, lack of education and unequal distribution of resources.

In addition, let's commit to using this month as a starting point to invite others of all backgrounds to join and help us to make our world better for all.

New Empowering Girls District Advocate Named

By Tammy Mosteller on Friday, January 27, 2023



(L to R) District Governor Tammy Mosteller, Jennifer Wilcox, Assistant Governor Helen Hall, and Burke Sunrise President Stephen Schoeberle.

On January 26, Burke Sunrise inducted its newest member Jennifer Wilcox. Jennifer is transferring her membership from her home club in Kentucky. She has also accepted the role of Empowering Girls District Advocate for District 7670.

She is the current CEO of Girl Scouts Carolinas Peaks to Piedmont and very passionate about her work with the Girl Scouts. Jennifer Wilcox came to Girl Scouts Carolinas Peaks to Piedmont in July 2021 with over 30 years of leadership experience having served most recently as the Senior Director of National Events at Girl Scouts of the USA. During her tenure at the national office, Jennifer played a leadership role in the creation, curation and execution of the first-ever virtual 55th National Council Session, which took place in October 2020. Her leadership also resulted in the successful execution of the first-ever virtual Council Staff Summit and Leadership Summit in spring 2021.

Jennifer has previously served at Girl Scouts of Kentuckiana in a number of C-suite roles, including Chief Operating Officer and Chief Marketing and Development Officer. She also was CEO and owner of Jennifer Wilcox Consulting for nearly a decade, a non-profit and community development consulting firm working in Indiana and Kentucky. In her early career, Jennifer served as the Associate Economic Development Director for the City of Jeffersonville, Jennifer's hometown.

Jennifer brings executive leadership expertise to GSCP2P in the areas of operations management, fund development, grant research and proposal preparation, strategic planning, organizational development planning and consultation, meeting preparation and facilitation, marketing and public relations

consultation and program evaluation consultation. Jennifer has a B.A. from the University of Evansville in Political Science and French and an M.A. from Webster University in Business Management with specialization in Marketing and Human Resources Development.

We are looking forward to having Jennifer work with our district on the new Empowering Girls initiatives introduced by current Rotary International President Jennifer Jones.

Registration Open-Let The Good Times Roll

By Tiffany Ervin on Wednesday, January 25, 2023

We are so excited to announce registration is now open for the **2023 District 7670 Conference** to be held **April 21-23 at the Marriott in Columbia, SC!** 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!"



Rotary
District 7670



District 7670 Reunion
April 21-23, 2023

There will be informative speakers, amazing food, great entertainment and lots of opportunities to network and share ideas with old and new friends!

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION: \$179 ONLY THROUGH 2/14/23!!

Includes Friday Dinner, Saturday Lunch & Dinner, & Sunday Breakfast

Full Conference Registration Package \$225 (Feb 15-April 8)

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. More info available soon!

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-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 before the rate increases on Feb. 15!

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!

Attention all incoming Club Officers and Club Committee Chairs!!

By Connie M. Molland on Wednesday, February 1, 2023



Are you stepping into a new leadership role in your Club this year? Or have you been serving as a Committee Chair or Club Officer and would like more confidence in fulfilling your role? Well, the District Assembly is designed for you! District Assembly helps presidents-elect build on the leadership skills obtained at the training journey (Pre-PETS and PETS), while incoming Club Leaders/Committee Chairs learn what they need to know about their new roles and/or look at ways to refine their goals for the coming year.

The last few years, District Assembly (also known as Spring Assembly), was done via Zoom. (In 2022, we did a marathon day of back-to-back sessions and in 2021, we did multiple one-hour sessions each week for several weeks). Prior to the pandemic, our District conducted these sessions in person at a location in the Asheville area. That meant that many of our Club Leaders had to travel to Asheville on a Saturday, giving up another weekend. For 2023, DGE Sean Gibson and some smart past district governors had the wisdom to realize this was asking too much of our members, and they decided to "shake it up" and add the District Assembly to the front of the District Conference!!

On Friday, April 21st from 1pm to 4pm, District Assembly sessions will be held in person at the Marriott Columbia (SC). Available training will focus on Membership, Foundation, Public Image, Diversity Equity & Inclusion, Treasurer, Secretary, and Youth. Some sessions will be for all attendees, while others will be held as a breakout session.

There is no cost to attend the District Assembly, and it is our hope that all Club Leaders in our District will stay to attend the District Conference as well. (See story about the District Conference). More information will be available in the next District Bulletin as well as via email. In the meantime, if you have any questions District Assembly, please reach out to DGN/District Trainer Connie Molland at 828 450-8456 or via email at conmolland@frontier.com.

Getting Ready for Next Year

By Sean Gibson on Thursday, January 26, 2023



Rotary's leadership gathered January 8th-12th for the 2023 International Assembly in Orlando. I had the privilege of attending the event which included lots of training as well as great fellowship. This was the first in person assembly since 2020 as the world went into a

pandemic shortly after.

The training allowed us to share ideas among fellow classmates from around Zone 33 and 34 as well as 130 nations from all over the world.

Cultural night was amazing! Zones from all over the world shared their country's culture to all leaders who attended. It was sort of a mini international conference minus the huge attendance of members. As part of the International Assembly, the incoming president of Rotary International unveils the new theme for the upcoming year. This year Gordon McNally from Scotland announced the new theme of "Create Hope in the World". This theme encourages all of us to work not only together but in continuity as we continue to do good in the world.

I also found it amazing how powerful Rotary is. 130 nations with represented leadership all speaking one language....ROTARY!

I look forward to serving you this upcoming year as your district governor as we all work together to "Create Hope in the World"

Sean

Carol King receives Rotary International's Service Above Self Award

By Tammy Mosteller on Tuesday, January 31, 2023

2022-2023



Rotary International
Service Above Self Recipient

Carol
King



Carol King has been selected as a recipient for Rotary International's Service Above Self Award.

The Service Above Self Award is Rotary International's highest honor for individual Rotarians. The award recognizes up to 150 Rotarians annually who have demonstrated exemplary humanitarian service, with an emphasis on personal volunteer efforts and active involvement in helping others through Rotary.

Carol is a shining example of this award and our district couldn't be more proud of her!

Remind me, What Does DEI Mean??

By George Michael Vavrek on Wednesday, February 1, 2023

Cut to the chase...Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, that's DEI. After that, it gets a little complicated.

You may be wondering who asked that question in the headline? When I sought help with DEI work, I was asked the same question by a member of the district leadership. I learned the question represents one end of the district's DEI normal distribution curve. The curve is skewed toward the "What does DEI mean?" Five clubs are on the other end of the curve because they have adopted the RI Commitment statement, appointed a DEI committee chair, and are people of action in the spirit of DEI: Brevard, Catawba Valley, Hickory – Sunrise, Mountaintop – Highlands, and Madison County.

A little history...Rotary International issued its first DEI Commitment statement in 2019 and revised it in 2021. Rotary District 7670 established a DEI Committee in 2020-21, but found a rocky road ahead. In November 2022, the District Governor recruited the new chair and committee members through 2023-24.

The mission of the now-stabilized committee is to help presidents and presidents-elect educate their

members to be self-assessed advocates for RI's DEI Commitment. Self-assessed refers to clubs being members of RI, not members of the district.

The committee's objectives for implementing the mission:

1. January - March 2023 - Listen to the clubs presidents' and presidents'-elect thoughts and feelings about RI's DEI emphasis.
2. April - June 2023 - Offer clubs help based on the club leaders' words.

District DEI Committee chair, Michael Lanzilotta, Mountaintop-Highlands.

Members: Cynda Bollinger, Hickory-Sunrise; Tammy Hernandez, Franklin-Daybreak; Michael Lanzilotta, Mountaintop-Highlands; Vicki Lawrence, Franklin-Daybreak; Connie Molland, Madison County; Andi Taylor, Denver/Lake Norman; Liz Van Horn, Catawba Valley-Conover; and Michael Vavrek, Mountaintop-Highlands (admin support).

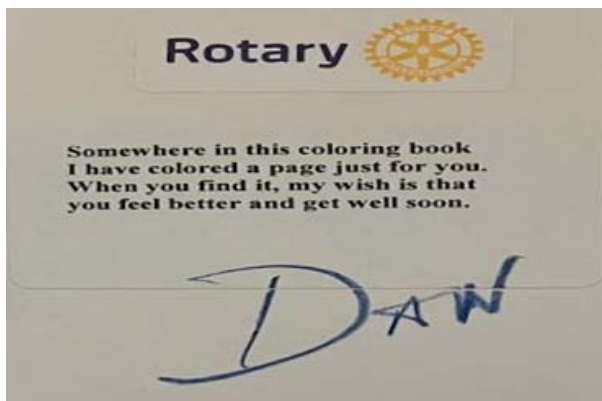
Please feel free to contact any of the members if you'd like to talk about your club's DEI thinking. See DACdb profile for contact information.

Inaugural Interact Banquet

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



Back in December, the Rotary Club of Madison County hosted The INAUGURAL INTERACT BANQUET for the Interactors from Madison High School along with their parents and Club members. It was a great evening with a fabulous pasta buffet at Mars Hill University. There was a little explanation about Rotary International and its mission for the parents of the Interactors, a little entertainment, a motivational speech by a former Interactor (now a Rotaracter in Boone) and we topped it all off with a service project to benefit pediatric patients at Mission Hospitals Children's Hospital. Everyone including the parents contributed to it.



The service project involved each person at the banquet coloring one page in each of 100 coloring books and personally signing a get well message to the child who will eventually be given the coloring book. I don't think many of the parents had colored since their kids were toddlers. The same goes for the Rotarians especially DG Tammy who we had to watch carefully to be sure she colored between the lines. We ended the evening by asking all present to stand with us and recite the Four Way Test.



The picture to the right shows the conclusion of the service project when two Rotarians and four of the Interactors delivered the coloring books to the staff at Asheville's Mission Children's Hospital. All in all, it was a great evening and a fun and satisfying experience

2023 - 24 RI Presidential Theme Announced

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



Rotary International President-elect R. Gordon R. McNally

called for members to capture the world's attention and lead the way toward possibilities far beyond our current expectations.

McNally, a member of the Rotary Club of South Queensferry, West Lothian, Scotland, revealed the 2023-24 presidential theme, *Create Hope in the World*, during the Rotary International Assembly in Orlando, Florida, USA, on 9 January. He urged members to promote peace in troubled nations, help those affected by conflict, and maintain the momentum of initiatives begun by past leaders.

"The goal is to restore hope — to help the world heal from destructive conflicts and, in turn, to help us achieve lasting change for ourselves," McNally said at Rotary's annual training event for incoming district governors.

McNally spoke about a woman he met in Ban Taling Chan, Thailand, where Rotary members helped build houses, a meeting hall, and childcare and health care facilities following the tsunami that devastated South Asia in late 2004. The woman had lost her husband, her daughter, and her son in the tsunami, as well as her livelihood. But she still had a gift to offer McNally: a beautiful seashell.

"She went on to tell me that Rotary... had restored her optimism. We gave her hope," McNally said.

"This is how Rotary brings lasting change to the world," he added, "one restored or newly created hope at a time."

Create Hope in the World

With Much Gratitude for Your Service

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



Joan and I met on a blind date in 1970 while we were living in Connecticut. We were both in our 30s, divorced, with children, and looking to start a new life. At the time, Joan was involved with teaching blind students and I was working for an aerospace company. By the end of that first date, I knew she was going to be the woman I wanted to spend the rest of my life with.

In 1995, we relocated to Asheville and decided to stay, retiring in 2000. In our retirement we enjoyed spending a number of months each year on the road in our 5th wheel seeing this great country and volunteering at ABCCM. Joan in the kitchen serving lunch and me counselling low-income individuals. Joan also took several short art and craft courses at various places like AB TECH learning new techniques, creating beautiful paintings such as the one on this card, and we hiked the trails around NC, enjoying the cultural events, especially music in Brevard.

We stayed healthy physically and mentally until we hit our late 70s when we noticed a decline in mental and physical ability. We began to investigate retirement communities and sought outside advice. We reached out to MemoryCare and decided to enroll with the program in hopes it might help us as we age. With the guidance of our MemoryCare team, we now have confidence in our ability to live together at home as long as possible and are truly grateful for their care and encouragement. Thank you for supporting the work of this special organization.


Allyn Aldrich

Dear Raymond Kimberly
and Rotary Club of
WNC Passport Members -

Thank you so much for
your generous gift in support
of our select MemoryCare.
to honor the members and
families of your club in this
way is so thoughtful and
truly makes a difference in
our ability to care for
families. Wishing you all
peaceful, healthy holidays
and a very Happy New Year!
Mayhankir Gine Temple

Rotary is 1.4 million passionate individuals in 46,000+ clubs worldwide. Together we lead change in our own backyards and across the world.

In Rotary District 7670, there are many Rotarians ready and willing to do good in the world...the Rotary Club of WNC Passport is no exception. This Rotary club chartered during the COVID-19 pandemic and began to serve their communities near and far. During this worldwide pandemic, the Rotarians of Rotary Club of WNC Passport carried out many service oriented projects with the small membership base, including:

- Supporting ABCCM Transformation Village Women's Shelter,

- Veterans Quarters,
- Blue Ridge Honor Air,
- And various Downtown Hendersonville efforts;
- Alzheimer's giving,
- Loving Food Resources,
- And other area nonprofits...
- as well as supporting Rotary International and District 7670.

Due to various reasons, this wonderful club of People of Action have decided to dissolve their club and make their paths to other Rotary clubs and continue their love of serving. Rotary International and District 7670 is grateful for the impact the WNC Passport Club has brought to the community.



TO: District Governor Mosteller
Previous -Past District Governor Erwin

FROM: Kimberly Walker, President and Membership of WNC Passport Club

At the December 15, 2022, meeting of the WNC Passport Rotary Club, a unanimous vote of members present (Myra Grant, Laura Misner, Ronnie Reid, and Kimberly Walker) was passed to dissolve the club by December 31, 2022.

Currently the membership of the club has decreased to 6 members due to a variety of reasons. However, during the past two years and COVID, our small club has carried out many service oriented projects with the small membership base---supporting ABCCM Transformation Village Women's Shelter, Veterans Quarters, Blue Ridge Honor Air, and various Downtown Hendersonville efforts; , Alzheimer's giving, Loving Food Resources, and other area nonprofits.. as well as supporting Rotary International and District 7670. Sometimes these projects have been on a weekly basis and this group of members is and continues to focus on serving the community with time and talents. We all plan to continue our friendship and community work in the future, some how our paths will cross often.

We, as a club, commend the continual focus on service of Kimberly Walker, especially, and others within the club for their leadership and work over the past year. The intention of the members present -- as we understand the current memberships will be terminated with the dissolution of the club--is to seek membership in other district clubs. For some it will be the best cost of membership and others proximity to where they live.

Requesting that Ronnie Reid continue to manage the current checking account and make notifications to the IRS and Secretary of State of dissolution filings that will come due and pay any necessary fees regarding such. Once all outstanding checks have cleared and dissolution fees paid, remaining balance to be sent to Rotary District 7670. Close the paypal account.

It's been a privilege to be of Service
Members, of WNC Passport

Acceptance of Dissolution:
Date: Thu, Dec 29, 2022 at 10:34 AM
Subject: Termination - Rotary Club of Western NC Passport, NC, USA
To: Tammy Mosteller <tammymosteller@gmail.com>
Dear DG Tammy:

This message is to confirm that the Rotary International Board of Directors have accepted the resignation of the Rotary Club of Western NC Passport, NC, USA [91051], effective 31 December 2022.
While we're sorry to hear that the club has reached this decision, we're grateful for the impact brought to its community while still active.

Best regards,

Alicia

Rotary Club of Madison County awards 2 PHF fellows

By Barbara Shepard on Friday, January 13, 2023



The Rotary Club of Madison County was honored to present two Paul Harris Fellow pins at Thursday's meeting. Immediate Past President Patricia Gregory received her Paul Harris Fellow pin from DG Tammy Mosteller who explained the importance of the pin and donating to the RI Foundation's Annual Fund and Polio Plus Fund. Congratulations Patricia!

Assistant Governor (and Club Treasurer) Rick Molland then surprised President Barbara with her Paul Harris Plus 1 pin.

Thank you DG Tammy for making the trip up the mountain to make the presentation.





Catawba Valley Rotary Goes Backpacking

By H. Swofford on Thursday, January 19, 2023



On January 3 The Rotary Club of Catawba Valley partnered with We Rock The Spectrum Kids' Gym to pack bags of food. The Backpack Program of Catawba County, led by Amanda Newton, bags donated and purchased food to



be sent home to children in the local public schools who might otherwise go hungry over a weekend or during a break in the school year. Currently The Backpack Program is supplying approximately 1200 bags each week. We Rock the Spectrum serves children and youths with autism. Kathryn Grandgenett and Jim Grandgenett brought four youths to work with the Rotary members in restocking shelves and packing bags. Participating Rotarians were Scott Hildebran, President Liz Van Horn, Dr. David Peltzer, Wayne Swofford, Peg Wartowski and her fiancé, Scott Propst, and Hamp Shuford.

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

February 6th
**RLI-District 7680-Part
II & III - Virtual_Feb
6 and Feb 8_2023**

February 7th
**CART Conversations -
Monthly Info Meeting**

February 13th
**Zones 33-34
Membership Action
Plan | MAP Database
Premiere**

February 28th
**Public Image - Office
Hours**

February 7th
**DACdb University:
Completing a Grant
Application**

February 10th
**RLI-District 7680-Part
II-III-Virtual_Feb 10
and Feb 11_2023**

February 14th
**DACdb University:
Completing a Grant
Final Report**

February 7th
**District Finance
Committee Meeting
(3rd quarter)**

February 11th
Pre Pets Training

February 18th
**RLI-District 7690-
Parts I, II and III -
Thomasville, NC**

February 7th
**District Council
Meeting (3rd quarter)**

February 13th
**District 7620 - Parts
III - Virtual - Feb 13
and 15 2023**

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

Club Anniversaries

Marion
February 3rd
[Madison County](#)
February 6th
[Waynesville](#)
February 18th
[Haywood County \(Canton\)](#)
February 23rd

[Waynesville-Sunrise](#)
February 6th
[Hickory](#)
February 11th
[Lake Hickory, \(Hickory\)](#)
February 21st

Account Leaders



[Tammy Mosteller](#)
District Governor



[Sean Gibson](#)
DG-Elect



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



[Kenneth A. Shull](#)
iPDG



[Eugene Cross IV](#)
District Membership Chair



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



[Tim Radford](#)
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

[James A. Cruickshank](#)
District Finance Chair



[Michael Stevenson](#)
Youth Services Chair



[Isaac B. Owolabi](#)
Friendship Exchange Chair



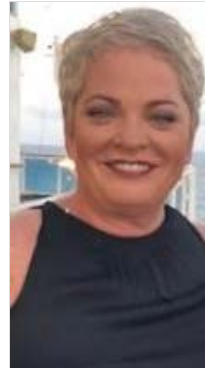
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