

November is Rotary Foundation Month

By Julie P. West



Rotary District 7670 Launches Peace Pole Grant Program

By Connie M. Molland



Rotary District 7670 is excited to announce the launch of the **Peace Pole Grant Application** process, aimed at spreading the message of peace throughout Western North Carolina. Inspired by Rotary International President Stephanie Urchick's call to "help heal a divided world," District Governor Connie Molland sought a meaningful way for our District to contribute to global peace efforts. A conversation with an Australian classmate introduced the concept of Peace Poles—simple but powerful monuments that promote peace worldwide—and the idea took root.

A Peace Pole is a monument displaying the message "*May Peace Prevail on Earth*" in the local language of the country or community where it's installed, often with additional translations. The Peace Pole concept was first introduced by Masahisa Goi in Japan in 1955, and since the 1980s, hundreds of thousands have been placed in nearly 200 countries around the globe.

Peace Poles come in various materials, including wood, limestone, copper, and stainless steel. The message can be painted, carved, etched, welded, or applied in many other creative ways, often by local artists.

The goal for District 7670 this Rotary year is to plant **50 Peace Poles** across our region. To support this initiative, we are offering a **\$250 grant** for each Peace Pole installed. Rotary Clubs can apply for one or more grants to help fund this meaningful project.

How to Apply:

- Visit **DACdb** (District Database) to download the application form: Once logged in, click on the **District Tab**, then select **District Files** on the left-hand menu. Scroll to the **24-25 Magic of Rotary** folder and open the **Peace Poles** subfolder, where you'll find a fillable PDF application.
- Submit the completed application form to **DRFC Ken Shull** at: kshull51@gmail.com.

For questions or additional information, please contact **DG Connie Molland** at conmolland@frontier.com or call **828-450-8456**.

Let's work together to spread the message of peace and make a lasting impact in our communities!

Disaster Recovery Grants Now Available for Hurricane Helene Relief in WNC

By Paige Scott



In the wake of Hurricane Helene's devastation, RI Zones 33-34 and District 7670 are offering **Disaster Recovery grants** to support Club efforts in Western North Carolina. The grant amount is typically up to \$10,000, but the District Grants Team will consider larger requests.

Grant Details & Preferences

These grants are available to help Rotary Clubs and community organizations address the urgent needs created by the hurricane. Grants are available for a wide range of **disaster response projects**, with a preference for applications that include:

- **Recovery / rebuilding** requests are encouraged,
- **Rotarian involvement** in the project (at any level),
- **Matching funds**, where clubs can contribute to the grant (does not have to be a one for one match but as much as your club or partnering organization is able to contribute),
- **Partnerships with other organizations**, such as local nonprofits or governmental agencies,
- **Collaboration with Rotary District and/or Global Grants** for expanded impact,
- **Area-wide initiatives** that can benefit multiple communities.

While clubs can work together on larger initiatives, **joint participation is not required**—each club can apply individually. Clubs located **outside the immediate disaster area** are also encouraged to apply for grants that support relief efforts in affected communities.

How It Works:

- Complete and submit the simple, one-page **application**. Include supporting documentation (ie cost estimates, needs assessments) and matching information (if applicable).
- The District Recovery Grants Team will **review** the application and make a recommendation on whether to approve the request.
- Once a grant application is **approved**, the funds will be **disbursed upfront** (no need to wait to be reimbursed).
- **Rotarian involvement** in the projects is strongly encouraged, and we encourage creative ideas for how Rotarians can contribute. Whether it's organizing volunteer efforts, providing expertise, or leading a community outreach project, hands-on Rotarian participation can make a huge difference.
- Funds are coming from **RI Zones 33/34 foundation fundraising** as well as **District Fundraising efforts**, ensuring that resources are available to support these critical recovery initiatives.

Already Approved & More in Process

So far, **10 grants in our District have been approved**, and there are **5 more in process**, with more applications being reviewed.

How to Apply: Clubs can apply for one or more grants at a time as long as they are different projects and the plan is to have a quick turnaround. Here is the link to apply:

<https://dacdb.com/Rotary/Accounts/7670/Downloads/0/Helene%20Disaster%20Relief%20Grants/District%207670%20Stewardship%20Disaster%20Grant%20Form%20Oct%202024%20Fillable.pdf>
If you have a project that can make a difference, don't wait—apply today!

If you have questions or need help with your application, please contact District Recovery Grants chair, Paige Scott, at 816-714-9998 or paigeecs123@gmail.com.

Let's come together as Rotarians to help our communities recover and rebuild stronger than ever. Now is the time to act.

Special Edition Bulletin: Rotarians Unite for Relief and Recovery in Western North Carolina



In the wake of Hurricane Helene's devastating impact on Western North Carolina, Rotarians across the region are coming together to support relief and recovery efforts. To keep Club Members informed and engaged, a Special Edition Bulletin was quickly created. This Bulletin has been issued every Tuesday and will continue through the end of November, highlighting Rotarian involvement in the recovery process and sharing important updates.

If your Club is actively participating in any relief efforts, please reach out to Julie West, District Public Image Chair, so we can feature your activities in upcoming issues. We also encourage submitting photos of members in action—there's nothing more inspiring than seeing Rotarians making a difference! Together, we can help rebuild and support our communities during this challenging time.

A Healthy Club

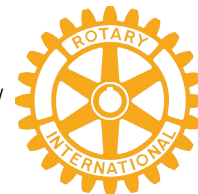
By Holly Guyer

As our clubs transition into a semi-normal routine post Helene, we need to ensure our clubs are creating a healthy environment.

Here are a few suggested guidelines to encourage a healthy club environment:

1. Be vibrant and full of energy! Find a way to make visitors and community members want to join Rotary because they see how much fun your club is having while they are serving their community
2. Remember, sponsoring a new Rotarian comes with a great deal of responsibility! Your job is NOT finished after your recruit joins. As a matter of fact, your job is just beginning! As a sponsor, make it a priority to encourage new members to attend meetings as well as service projects.
3. Strive to create an inclusive club environment. The next time you attend a Rotary Club meeting, take a minute to scan the room. Do you see diversity in age, gender, careers, etc.? Hopefully the answer is YES! If the answer is no, how can you change this??
4. Above all else, BE OPEN TO CHANGE! The face of Rotary has changed quite a bit over the past few years. In addition to the legacy Rotary Club model, we now have clubs which meet solely through ZOOM, Satellite Clubs, Impact Clubs etc. If you are a member of a traditional legacy club that also offers a satellite/companion club option, embrace these clubs! Support these satellite/companion clubs by serving with these members as much as possible or by inviting them to a legacy meeting.

Let's work together as Rotarians to create healthy club environments!



Council on Legislation-November 2024 Update

By Tiffany Ervin

Each Rotary International District elects one representative (a past District Governor) to serve a three-year term on the Council on Legislation. It is my honor and privilege to represent WNC and D7670 for 2023-2026, and I wanted to share some of the recent activities with you in case you're interested in the ideas being introduced around the globe.

We recently wrapped up the voting for the Council on Resolutions, which meets online each year. These resolutions can be proposed by clubs, districts, the RI Board of Directors, as well as a few international Rotary governing bodies such as RIBI (Rotary International in Great Britain & Ireland). This year, the Council considered 44 proposals, and 18 were approved. These resolutions are not binding, they are simply requests for the Board of Directors to consider these ideas.

Here are a few examples of some of the resolutions that were approved that I found the most interesting and worthwhile... Request to the RI Board to:

*Consider creating a status of 'club in formation' during the period preceding a new club's charter. *This would allow the members of those clubs to have access to resources such as MyRotary (and the Learning Center) for up to one year or until the club is chartered.*

*Consider recommending that each district establish a District Council on Legislation committee.

*Consider implementing enhancements to the training for assistant governors.

*Consider maintaining a firm position on the prohibition of political subjects by RI.

*Consider adding Hindi as one of the officially recognized languages of RI

*Consider undertaking a detailed review of the cost-to-value proposition associated with the Rotary magazines

*Consider respecting all religions prior to deciding matters of place, date, and time for meetings

*Consider establishing guidelines for Rotary clubs and Rotarians when providing support during large-scale disasters

If you're interested in learning more, [you can read all of the resolutions, along with the voting outcomes, here.](#)

As the Council on Legislation gets closer (I'll be attending it in person in Evanston in April 2025), I'll continue to share with you examples of some of the items that will be on the ballot. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to me!

Thank you for the opportunity to represent you in this important role!

CART Corner - November 2024 Update post - Helene

By Andie R Taylor on Tuesday, November 5, 2024

Greetings from District 7670 CART Chair - Andie Taylor!

It's been a little over a month since Hurricane Helene decimated a good portion of our beloved district. Where all energy and resources are going to the recovery efforts in the mountain region, and rightfully so, I do want to update everyone that CART (Coins for Alzheimer's Research Trust) is still working to raise money to fund the researchers who are dedicating their lives to finding treatments and a cure for this horrible disease.

Historically, District 7670 has led the way in terms of fund-raising. At this time, it would be unfathomable to ask for any substantial amount to be given by any club within the district when so much money is and will continue to be needed to clean out and rebuild the small towns and surrounding areas of our beautiful mountains. What I will ask is that if you have money already earmarked for CART as a club or member feel free to enter the contribution in mycartfund.org. I am happy to assist with this if you are unfamiliar with the process on how to make a contribution.

Forget-Me-Not Painting Raises Funds for CART



Rotarian George Lewis, RC of Venice-Nekomis Beach, FL (D6960) is well-known for his commitment to funding water projects and cleft palate surgeries for children, mostly by selling his original oil paintings with proceeds going to the Rotary Foundation and Water Team International.

George has painted this beautiful design of "forget-me-not" flowers to support The CART Fund and is offering original paintings for purchase! The painting is 11" x 14" oil on canvas, unframed, and the cost is only \$150 including shipping!

\$100 of every purchase will be donated to The CART Fund, and then George will MATCH that donation with another \$100! What a great way to purchase original artwork by a dedicated Rotarian AND help us #EndALZ!

To order your painting, contact George at waterman6960@yahoo.com and tell him you want a "Forget-Me-Not" painting for The CART Fund!

Lastly, if you are looking for a presentation, I would be honored to come for a visit to your club's meeting or via Zoom. Please reach out to me directly - andie@fitrealtygroup.com. I am, by no means, a medical professional so I won't speak much about the strides being made by the research teams, but I can update you on CART's fund-raising efforts, progress, and provide information on the CART organization. For more, in-depth, medical information, you can always join us for Lunch A La CART via zoom at noon where former CART grant recipients update zoom-ees on their research project's progress. (You can easily register by going to cartfund.org, click on Calendar and find the date. The next meeting is November 14th with Dr. Maj-Linda Selenica from the University of Kentucky.

My heartfelt prayers go out to those impacted by Helene and cheers to all the efforts our fellow Rotarians, and humans, are doing to help! #ServiceAboveSelf #PeopleOfAction

District 7670 Featured in Rotary Magazine!

By Julie P. West



Have you seen the November edition of *Rotary* magazine? If not, you might want to check it out! The **Rotary Club of Murphy's Gobble Gallop Zero K Race** is featured in the magazine's monthly calendar. This fun, noncompetitive event, dubbed the "shortest race in Cherokee County," has participants leisurely walking a mere 3 meters to the finish line before gathering to socialize and enjoy a meal together in downtown Murphy.

The Gobble Gallop Zero K isn't just about fun—it also benefits two great causes: the Early Act Club at a local elementary school and District 7670's **Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA)** program. What a fantastic way for our Rotarians to support youth leadership while enjoying a little holiday cheer!

Be sure to pick up the latest issue and see how District 7670 is making an impact!

October Polio Awareness Month

These last few weeks have been so challenging for some clubs and watching all the activity in support of Hurricane Helene victims has been heartwarming to say the very least. We have also had a number of clubs that continued with their PolioPlus activities and recognized World Polio Day on Oct. 24th.

Franklin Daybreak had a Cake Auction and Bake Sale, raising \$2660. Other clubs held successful events as well and the information is still coming in. Based on reports, District 7670 PolioPlus contributions from July to October, saw an astounding number of \$114, 643 currently. With you and your club's efforts, we have exceeded our giving from the same period during the last Rotary year.

Let's all keep working and supporting the cause. October was amazing, challenging, devastating, kind, and will be remembered for all the generosity and heart! Thank you all!



Save the Date!!

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2025 District Conference

May 9 - 10, 2025
THE EMBASSY SUITES
ASHEVILLE, NC

Registration coming soon!!

Rotary Four Way Test



The 4-Way Test

of things we do and say:

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

November 11th, 5:30-6:15 PM
Zones 33-34 Membership Action Plan Webinar >>>JOIN NOW

November 14th, 12:00-1:00 PM
Lunch A La CART with Dr. Maj-Linda Selenica

November 16th, 10:00-10:30 AM
DACdb U-District Grants Module

November 21st, 6:00
Zones 33-34 Foundation Matters Webinars 2024-25 >>>JOIN NOW

November 12th, 2:30-3:00 PM
DACdb U-District Grants Module

November 16th, 8:30-3:30 PM
RLI-District 7570-Parts I, II and III - Blacksburg, VA

November 18th, 5:00-6:00 PM
Zone 33 District Membership Chair/DG Line Call

November 21st, 6:00-6:45 PM
Zones 33-34 FOUNDATION MATTERS Webinar >>>JOIN NOW

November 12th, 3:00-3:30 PM
District Finance Committee Meeting (2nd quarter)

November 16th, 8:30-3:45 PM
RLI-District 7610-Parts I, II and III - Fredericksburg, VA

November 21st, 12:00-1:30 PM
DCO (District Communications Officer) Fall meeting-Cancelled

November 26th, 6:00-7:00 PM
Public Image & Our Rotary Action Plans

November 12th, 5:30-8:30 PM
District 7620 - Part I - Virtual - November 12-13, 2024

November 16th, 8:30-3:45 PM
RLI-District 7600-Parts I-Smithfield, VA

November 21st, 5:30-6:30 PM
CART Conversations - Monthly Info Meeting

December 3rd, 5:00-6:00 PM
Zone 33 Monthly District Innovative Club Advocate (ICA) Me

Club Anniversaries

Franklin
November 10th
Hickory Sunrise
November 22nd

Franklin Daybreak
November 11th

Account Leaders



Margaret Fenton Lebeck
District Peace Ambassador



Sarah J McGuire
District RLI Chair



Connie M. Molland
District Governor



Richard Molland
Chief of Staff



Sean Gibson
iPDG



Alex R Portelli
DG-Elect



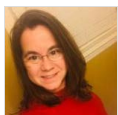
Paige Carroll Scott
DG-Nominee



Tammy Mosteller
District Membership Chair



Kenneth A. Shull
District Rotary Foundation Chair



Julie P. West
District Public Image/PR Chair

Jennifer L. Wilcox
District Empowering Girls Advocate

Michael Lanzilotta
District DEI Chair



Andie R. Taylor
District CART Chair



Kathy P. Scott
Rotaract Chair



Laura J. Phipps
Youth Protection Officer



Frankie L. Adkins
Youth Exchange Chair



Cynthia K. Ireland
District Polio Plus Chair



James A. Cruickshank
District Finance Chair



James O. Perry
District Treasurer



Billi J. Black
DCO-District Comm. Officer



Karolyn W. Killian
District Conference Chair



Michael Stevenson
Youth Services Chair



John F. Baumrucker
International Services Chair

