



Rotary
District 7670



2023 Newsletter
January, 2025 Newsletter
District Governor Connie Molland

January is Vocational Services Month

By Julie P. West

JANUARY IS
VOCATIONAL SERVICE MONTH

Let's honor and promote professional ethics and skills within our communities.



Rotary
District 7670 

Exciting Keynote Speaker at Rotary District 7670 Luncheon – Register NOW!

Friday, January 3, 2025



Rotary District 7670 leaders were initially disappointed when our original luncheon date had to be rescheduled due to Hurricane Helene. One of the main reasons for our disappointment was the loss of a highly anticipated, dynamic keynote speaker. We had the privilege of securing Marty Helman, a Trustee of The Rotary Foundation, who has an incredibly impressive resume and is known for her impactful work and legacy in Rotary. We feared that her packed

schedule would prevent her from joining us, but we are thrilled to announce that she will be with us on **February 1, 2025**, to deliver an inspiring address.

Marty Helman is renowned as both a powerful speaker and a Rotarian committed to making a lasting difference in the world. At the luncheon, she will share insights into her incredible journey and the profound impact of Rotary's work globally. You won't want to miss her inspirational words.

In addition to Marty's speech, we'll provide an update on our district's ongoing disaster response efforts, particularly regarding the aftermath of Hurricane Helene and the impact it has had on our communities.

The luncheon will take place at **noon on February 1, 2025**, at the **Hilton at Biltmore Park**, a central location with easy access and free parking. This convenient time ensures that we won't have to drive in the dark, making it a perfect opportunity to gather with fellow Rotarians.

The program will be engaging, the food excellent, and the venue is ideal for our gathering. Be sure to register by **January 24, 2025**, on **DACdb** to secure your spot. We look forward to seeing you there and sharing an afternoon of inspiration and fellowship!

Grant Application Seminar: Get the Information You Need for 2025-6 Grants

By Kenneth A. Shull



Join us on **March 1st, 2025**, at **Christmount Assembly in Black Mountain** for a comprehensive seminar on applying for Rotary grants for the 2025-6 year. Whether you're a first-time applicant or a seasoned grant writer, this program will provide the guidance, answers, and support you need to navigate the process and make your club's grant application successful.

Agenda Overview:

- **Registration begins at 9:30 AM**
- **Speakers start at 10:00 AM**
- After the morning speakers, we'll break for a **buffet lunch** (provided), followed by a **panel**

discussion featuring experts on Global grants, District grants, Peace Scholars, and other scholarship opportunities.

- We'll adjourn by **2:30 PM**.

This seminar is **free of charge** and includes lunch. It is **mandatory** for any club that wishes to apply for a grant in the 2025-6 Rotary year. At least one representative from each club must attend the event in person, as it will not be broadcast or streamed.

The purpose of this session is to educate and empower Rotarians on how to apply for grants successfully, what pitfalls to avoid, and how to answer any questions you may have. We're also dedicating time for a **panel discussion** with experts who will share insights and tips on **Global**

grants, District grants, Peace Scholars, and other Rotary scholarships.

We encourage registrants to come prepared with questions or frustrations about the grant process—our goal is to help make the application process as easy and effective as possible. We want every club to use their grant funds on impactful projects that make a real difference in people's lives.

Important Details:

- **Location:** Christmount Assembly, Black Mountain
- **Date:** March 1st, 2025
- **Registration:** Opens at 9:30 AM
- **Program:** Starts at 10:00 AM and concludes by 2:30 PM
- **Cost:** Free (includes lunch)
- **Registration Deadline:** Please register by **February 12th** for meal planning purposes.

To register, visit the **DACdb calendar of events** and secure your spot. While only one member is required from each club, additional members are welcome to attend.

We look forward to seeing you there and helping you make the most of your Rotary grant opportunities!

RYLA 2025 Needs You!!

By Vicki Lawrence



RYLA NEEDS YOU - The next iteration of RYLA is now only 3 months away (April 10 – 13). That means that there is a lot going on right now including recruitment of students, finalization of the program, and working out the logistics of the event. We are at the stage where the needs are becoming apparent. Here are some ways you can help.

HELP YOUR CLUB'S RYLA POINT OF CONTACT RECRUIT SOME STUDENTS - As of December 27, we have 23 applications in process. We are planning on about 120 attendees, so we need to get cracking

on recruitment. RYLA is open to all high school grades. So, if you know of a student who would be a good candidate (hard working, well behaved, open minded with leadership potential), let your POC know.

CONSIDER BEING A RYLA COACH FOR THE WEEKEND – This is an opportunity for you to spend some quality time with the outstanding young people who attend RYLA. You may know that most of the activities at RYLA are done in a small team (10 – 12 students) format. As a Rotarian Coach, you and a Student Group Leader will work with your assigned small team to execute the RYLA program and help the attendees learn leadership skills. Ask any of the previous coaches and they will tell you what a rewarding experience it is. To learn more or to throw your hat in the ring, contact Vicki Lawrence at 919-210-8072. We need both male and female coaches, but in particular, we are interested in getting a few more female coaches to better match the demographics of the students.

CONSIDER BEING AN IN-PERSON VOLUNTEER at RYLA for specific tasks over the RYLA weekend. As part of working out the logistics for the weekend, we are starting to develop a list of volunteer needs. If you have a few hours to spare and can make the trip to Canton during that weekend, give Vicki a call. She is currently creating a list of volunteers and will be working out assignments a bit later.

You can apply to be a coach, find information for student applications, find out virtually anything you want to know about RYLA on the RYLA website www.RYLA7670.org. The password to the Rotarian section is RYLA7670.

Cheers to CART - CART Corner - January 2025

By Andie R Taylor on Monday, January 6, 2025

CART leaderboards and Lunch A La CART information and greetings for a wonderful 2025!

Happy New Year to everyone and what a great start we have had in District 7670 in terms of CART giving! I want to thank all the clubs and members who have helped make the first half of this Rotary year such a success. Take a look at the leader board for December 2024 for our District AND take a look at the Leaderboard for ALL Districts who participate and give to CART!



A heartfelt THANK YOU to the Rotary Club of Newton-Conover for their December 2024 donation of \$20,000 to CART via the Bolick Foundation. What a generous contribution to such an important cause in helping researchers develop new treatments, and hopefully one day very soon, a cure for this disease that robs so many of precious time and energy!

AND how about our District 7670 being at the head of the District Leaderboard? This is because of the generosity of all of our clubs, showing where we can turn Pocket Change into Lasting Change! (Of course, we will also take folding and plastic types of currency). You have heard it before, but 100% of the proceeds donated to CART go to researchers in developing the new treatments, enhancing current treatments and ultimately hoping to find a cure to beat Alzheimer's Disease!

In my time as the CART chair, I am often asked medical-related questions, to which I respond that I am in no way medically trained to understand all the R and D that has been done to date with the contributions made to CART. (I am here to help clubs and the District to raise funds for CART). If you would like to learn more about what has been and is being done research-wise, please join us for LUNCH A LA CART on the third Wednesday of the month. It is here where one can learn about the progress these dedicated researchers have made since receiving their grants from CART. It is here where you can interact with and ask questions directly about their research. Be sure to register and get the zoom link using www.cartfund.org/calendar.

And don't forget, if you would like to hear more about the history of and or the make-up of CART, please do not hesitate to call me. I am happy to visit your club in person or virtually for a



CART FUND LEADERBOARD

YTD All Districts through Dec 2024

TOTAL GIVING:

1ST: DISTRICT 7670 - THAT'S US!!!

\$86,830

2ND: DISTRICT 7770

\$59,090

3RD: DISTRICT 7750

\$28,631

presentation. You can reach me directly at andie@fitrealtygroup.com or 704-957-5564.

Cheers to a successful and peace-filled 2025 to all in District 7670 and beyond!

Rotary District 7670 to Host District RLI Event – March 29th, 2025

By Sarah J McGuire



Rotary District 7670 is excited to announce a **District RLI (Rotary Leadership Institute)** event on **March 29th, 2025**, at **Crossroads Church in Asheville, NC**. This is a fantastic opportunity for Rotarians looking to enhance their leadership skills and deepen their understanding of Rotary's impact.

Event Details:

- **Date:** March 29th, 2025
- **Location:** Crossroads Church, Asheville, NC
- **Time:** 8:30 AM – 3:45 PM
- **Cost:** \$95.00 (includes lunch)

We are offering **all three parts** of the RLI program, designed to provide Rotarians with the tools and knowledge to become stronger leaders within their clubs and communities. Whether you're a new Rotarian or a seasoned leader, this event will help you build on your leadership capabilities and make a bigger impact in Rotary.

The **\$95 registration fee** covers all three parts of the program as well as lunch, so you can focus on learning and connecting with fellow Rotarians throughout the day.

Registration is now open! To sign up, simply visit the following link:

[Register for District RLI Event](#)

Don't miss this incredible opportunity to grow as a leader, connect with fellow Rotarians, and strengthen your understanding of Rotary's vital work. We look forward to seeing you there!

The 2025 Rotary District 7670 Conference: Fun, Excitement, and Making Magic Happen!

By Karolyn W. Killian



Get Ready for the 2025 Rotary District 7670 Conference: Fun, Excitement, and Making Magic Happen!

The 2025 Rotary District 7670 Conference promises to be a thrilling event, full of fun, inspiration, and opportunities to make a lasting impact. This year, we're bringing the magic to life, and we want YOU to be part of it!

One of the highlights of the conference will be an **art auction** to benefit the fight against polio, led by District Polio Chair, Cindy Ireland. This special auction will feature unique and beautiful pieces of art, all donated to support Rotary's ongoing efforts to eradicate polio worldwide. It's an exciting way for attendees to contribute to a vital cause while adding a little creativity to the event!

In the coming months, Conference PI Chair, Joan VanOrman, will be sharing more details about the conference, including what you can expect and how to get involved. Stay tuned for updates that will give you a sneak peek into all the exciting activities and guest speakers lined up for the event.

Additionally, Shawn Hamm is hard at work building a dynamic new **conference website** that will be your go-to destination for everything related to the conference. The site is set to launch by mid-February, and it will serve as the official platform for **registration** to open. Make sure to visit the website as soon as it's live, so you can secure your spot for what's shaping up to be an unforgettable conference.

This year's Rotary District 7670 Conference is all about connection, celebration, and making a real difference. Get ready for an inspiring, action-packed experience—don't miss out on the magic! Keep an eye on the website and get ready to register. We can't wait to see you there!

Rotary District 7670 – Art for Polio Eradication: Call for Submissions

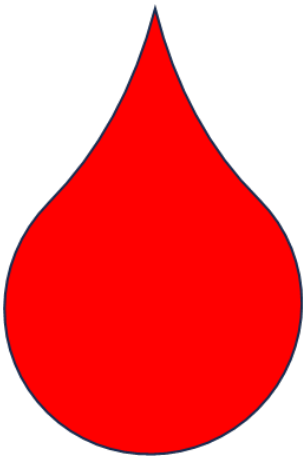
By Karolyn W. Killian

Are you an artist?

Do you have a club member who is an artist?

If yes, please consider submitting a piece of art for our Polio Plus Fundraiser at the District Conference in Asheville, May 9-10.

Create a piece of art, any medium, to be donated for a silent auction at the conference. The only requirement for the artwork is that it contains at least one teardrop shape (the color is optional) to symbolize the lifesaving drops children receive. The artwork should be original, created by a Rotarian and ready to



deliver by April 11, 2025.

All artwork will be on display at the district conference for bidding and fundraising. There will be a jury to determine the Best of Show piece that will be auctioned live at the event. All proceeds will go to Rotary International PolioPlus.

We will be limiting the submissions to no more than 15 entries, only 2 submissions from any one club.

If you or your club plan to submit a piece, please email the information below by February 10 so we can plan space for display.

Other questions contact:

Cindy Ireland, District 7670 PolioPlus Chair
cnd.ireland@gmail.com
828-551-5176

Joan VanOrman
jvanorman@comporium.et

We are excited to showcase district creativity.

NAME OF ARTIST:

ROTARY CLUB:

MEDIUM: (PAINTING, WOODWORK, GLASS, POTTERY, ETC.)

(Recommended artwork have a value of >\$50)

Calling All Authors to Participate in the 2024-2025 District Conference!

By Karolyn W. Killian



Are you an author and an active Rotarian in our district? We want to showcase your work at the upcoming District Conference on May 9th-10th, 2025. Join us for an extraordinary book signing event at the Friendship House, where we will highlight books authored by our local Rotarians.

This is a great opportunity to share your passion and connect with fellow Rotarians while celebrating the literary talents within our community. If you're interested in participating or have any questions, please reach out to Karolyn Killian at kkillian@howardhanna.com.

We look forward to seeing you and your book at this

Are You Feeling Poetic??

By Connie M. Molland

Everyone is welcome to become

Rotary 
eClub of Innovation

Poet of the Year



Compose & Donate

Closing Date 30th April 2025

The Rotary eClub of Innovation is proud to announce the launch of the Annual International Rotary Poetry Awards for 2025. Beginning January 1st, 2025, poets from around the world are invited to submit their poems to help support Rotary's charitable initiatives.

The 2025 Poetry Awards will run through April 30th, 2025, offering participants the chance to showcase their creativity and support Rotary's mission. This year's competition features two exciting categories:

1. **The Magic of Rotary** – A theme designed to capture the essence of Rotary's transformative impact on communities around the globe.
2. **Open Category** – An opportunity for poets to explore any topic they wish, while still contributing to the charitable spirit of Rotary.

Participants can submit their poems in any language, ensuring that this competition remains inclusive and accessible to a diverse range of voices from around the world.

The winning entries will be announced at the Rotary International Convention in Calgary, Canada, in June 2025,

where RI President Stephanie Urchick will present the awards.

To enter, simply visit our entry page and share your poem with the global Rotary community. By participating, you'll be joining hundreds of others who are putting pen to paper for a meaningful cause.

Don't miss this opportunity to contribute to Rotary's charitable work while sharing your poetic talent with the world. Submit your poem today and help make a difference through the power of words!

- **Overall winner*** receives the coveted **Rotary Poet of the Year plaque, handcrafted by "The Island Glass Studio" UK + £100 or equivalent Amazon Gift Token + payment of the annual RI membership fee, if a Rotarian****
- **The second prize will be a £50 or equivalent Amazon Gift Token plus a handcrafted paperweight from the "Island Glass Studio" in the UK.**
- **Additionally, judges will be selecting poems that are highly commended and a certificate for these will be presented, either by your district governor or club president.**
- **Please be aware you do not need to attend the RI convention to enter the competition or receive an award, but if you are, we would be pleased to see you.**

Will You Be

Poet of the Year

Join our competition

If you are feeling poetic, visit www.rotarypoetry.org for more information on joining the competition.

Winterfest 2025: A Celebration of Community and Charity Hosted by the Rotary Club of Blowing Rock

By Paul W. Horton



The Rotary Club of Blowing Rock invites all District 7670 Rotarians to join us for Winterfest, taking place from January 23rd to 26th.

We are excited to sponsor the Chilly Chili Challenge at Blowing Rock Elementary School, located just off Main Street. Come enjoy a variety of delicious chili and vote for your favorite! The event will run from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

Later in the day, join us for a wine tasting and auction at Chetola Resort from 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM. Rotarians have gathered an incredible selection of wines and auction items for you to bid on, with all proceeds benefiting our Rotary CART Fund.

Come visit our charming village and support the Rotary Club of Blowing Rock. Your participation makes a difference—thank you!

For more information go to blowingrockwinterfest.com.

Rotary Club of Marion and D7670 Make a Lasting Impact in Ukraine

By Alex R Portelli

While the Rotary Club of Marion and District 7670 in western North Carolina remain laser-focused on Hurricane Helene relief efforts, we're also celebrating a major milestone in our Million Meal March for Ukraine (MMM4U).

The final \$5,000 donation is on its way to Hope For Ukraine CEO, Yuriy Boyechko. This generous contribution will provide between 11,000 and 12,000 meals, bringing the total meals delivered to war-torn eastern Ukraine to over **1 million 5 thousand**. Mission accomplished!

Additionally, a separate initiative led by PDG Frank Dean, in partnership with The Wheelchair Foundation, recently delivered 250 wheelchairs to Ukraine, providing crucial support for those in need.



Through these efforts, we continue to spread **The Magic of Rotary**, demonstrating the power of service to make a real difference.

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

January 11th, 8:15-4:00 PM
RLI Graduate Class - History - Virtual

January 13th, 5:30 PM
Zones 33-34 Membership Action Plan Webinars 2024-25

January 13th, 5:30-6:15 PM
Zones 33-34 Membership Action Plan Webinar
>>>JOIN NOW

January 14th, 4:30-5:15 PM
DACdb U-Calendar and Events

January 14th, 5:30-8:30 PM
District 7620 - Part II - Virtual - January 14-15, 2025

January 14th, 5:30-6:30 PM
CART Donor Appreciation Virtual Social

January 15th, 12:00-1:00 PM
Lunch A La CART with Dr. Catherine Diaz-Asper

January 16th, 5:30-6:30 PM
CART Conversations - Monthly Info Meeting

January 16th, 6:00-6:45 PM
Zones 33-34

January 16th, 6:00 PM
Zones 33-34 Foundation Matters

January 17th, 4:00 PM
Rotarian Registration: O-E Winter

January 17th, 4:00 PM
Parent Registration: O-E Winter

**FOUNDATION
MATTERS Webinar
>>>JOIN NOW**

January 18th, 8:30-3:45
PM

**RLI-District 7750 -
Part I - Lancaster, SC**

January 25th, 8:15-3:15
PM

**RLI-District 7730-
Parts I, II, III -
Leland, NC**

**Webinar Series 2024-
25 Conference**

January 18th, 12:00-
12:45 PM

**DACdb U-Calendar
and Events**

January 28th, 6:00-7:00
PM

**Virtual Event: RI's
Public Image
Resources**

January 20th, 4:00-5:00
PM

**CART Governance
Committee Meeting**

Conference

January 22nd, 5:30-6:30
PM

**CART Executive
Committee Meeting**

Club Anniversaries

Morganton

January 1st

Bryson City

January 6th

Lincolnton

January 22nd

Sylva

January 1st

The Foothills (IMPACT)

January 10th

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



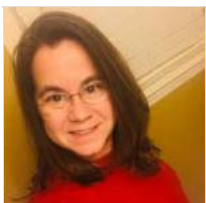
Paige Carroll
Scott
DG-Nominee



Tammy Mosteller
District
Membership Chair



Kenneth A. Shull
District Rotary
Foundation Chair



Julie P. West
District Public
Image/PR Chair



Michael Lanzilotta
District DEI Chair

Andie R Taylor
District CART
Chair



Karolyn W. Killian
District
Conference Chair



Cynthia K. Ireland
District Polio Plus
Chair



Ross Sloan
District Governor
- Nom. Desig.



Karen Keating
District Secretary



Kathy P. Scott
Rotaract Chair



James A.
Cruickshank
District Finance
Chair



Michael
Stevenson
Youth Services
Chair



Laura J. Phipps
Youth Protection
Officer



James O. Perry
District Treasurer



John F.
Baumrucker
International
Services Chair



Frankie L. Adkins
Youth Exchange
Chair



Billi J. Black
DCO-District
Comm. Officer