



**CREATE HOPE  
in the WORLD**

**Rotary**  
District 7670



*January 2024 Newsletter*  
***District Governor Sean Gibson***

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## **January is Vocational Services Month**



In Rotary,  
there are many

different people from diverse professions and backgrounds and Rotary recognizes the importance of skills and occupations. A Rotary club that reflects the businesses, organizations and professions in its communities and embraces the diversity is a vibrant Rotary club. Vocational Service calls on us to empower others by using our unique skills and expertise to address community needs and help others acquire or refine skills and advance their professional opportunities. The professional life and vocational service of each Rotarian, goes hand in hand. January is Rotary's Vocational Service month and a great time to start leveraging vocational service!

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## DG Sean's Stuff



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As we welcome 2024, I hope everyone is and will have a happy and prosperous new year. It's hard to believe that we are now halfway through the Rotary Year!

I would first like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to the late Carol King, our past district governor from 2009-10 who passed away early New Year's morning after fighting a long fight with cancer. She not only gave her heart and energy to this district and Rotary International, but more importantly, provided leadership inspiration to Rotary women in the district, serving as our first female governor. At our Franklin club meeting this week, Past President Susie Ledford told our club that Carol was one of the biggest reasons why she joined and got involved in Rotary. Carol, you will be missed. Thoughts with her and Dr. John's families.

If you haven't done so yet, please make it a New Year's priority to give to the Rotary Foundation and Polio Plus. As we know, it helps us do the great work of Rotary worldwide and locally. We've just recently gone through the January mid-year "club cleanup" as clubs around the district tightened their club rosters. In that process we have lost ground on our membership lead in the zone. Please continue to invite new prospective Rotarians to your clubs. We need more folks to continue our great work.

The back half of the Rotary Year looks to be a fun one with our district conference in April in Greenville, SC. If you haven't done so, please register...gonna be a blast! We also have RYLA in April and the International Conference in late May. DGE Connie is also gearing up her team for next year. I appreciate the great work of each and every one of you and let's have some fun these last six months Creating Hope in the World!

Sean

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# Heaven has it's Newest Angel

2022-2023

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Rotary International  
Service Above Self Recipient

Carol  
King



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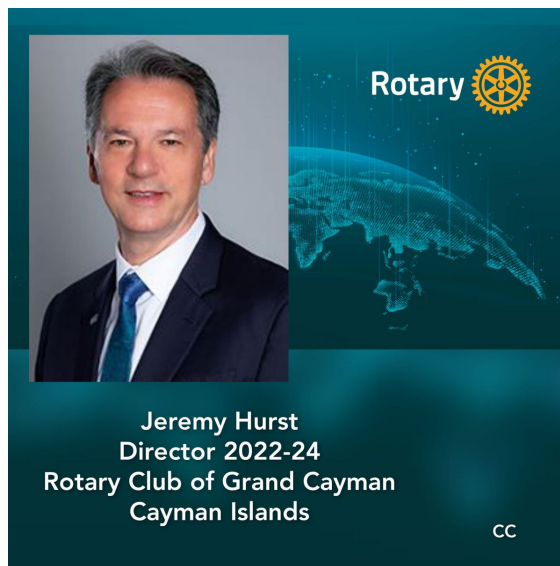
It is with a heavy heart today that I bring sad news to our fellow Rotarians. Early morning on January 1, 2024, we learned of the passing of Past District Governor Carol King. Carol, as many of you know, had been battling severe health issues for several years. Not enough words can say what Carol has done for our district and Rotary International. Carol served as district governor in 2009-10, serving as the first woman governor in 7670. Carol was the recipient of the Service Above Self award, she was an Arch Klumpp

Society member, and District Foundation Chair for six years in addition to her longtime career as a CPA. Please keep Dr. John and Carol's family in your thoughts and prayers. As Dr. John said in his email to IPDG Tammy and I, heaven has its newest angel. Carol, you will be missed.

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# District 7670 Conference-ALL STAR WEEKEND

By Tiffany Ervin



Jeremy Hurst  
Director 2022-24  
Rotary Club of Grand Cayman  
Cayman Islands

Our All-Star Weekend is less than four months away - are you registered yet? We are excited to announce a VERY SPECIAL GUEST who will be joining us!!

RI Director Jeremy Hurst and his wife Michelle will be joining us in #YeahTHATGreenville! What an honor to have "Rotary Royalty" at our event!

We are still looking for a few volunteers to help with some "special" projects... if you have knowledge and interest in helping with any of the following areas, would you please let us know? Email PDG Tiffany at [Tiffany@tiffanyervin.com](mailto:Tiffany@tiffanyervin.com).

- 1-BEER
- 2-CARS
- 3-HISTORY
- 4-BASEBALL
- 5-ANIMALS

**Full Conference Registration Package \$199 -Price Includes Friday Tailgate Dinner, Saturday Lunch & Dinner, as well as all conference programming and activities**

**[To see more details and register, click here!](#)**

**HOST HOTEL:** Hyatt Regency Greenville (220 N Main St) - Reduced Rate of \$169 per night for King or Double Queen. Reservations must be made separately from event registration. Last date to book is April 4th!

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

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# RYLA Needs You!

By Michael Stevenson on Wednesday, January 3, 2024

## RYLA NEEDS YOU

The next iteration of RYLA is now only 3 months away (April 11 - 14). 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 January 1, we had 47 applications in process. We are planning on about 125 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 Mike Stevenson at 828 380-0580. 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 Black Mountain during that weekend, give Mike a call. He is creating a list of volunteers and we will work out assignments a bit later.

You can find out virtually anything you want to know about RYLA on the RYLA website [www.RYLA7670.org](http://www.RYLA7670.org). The password to the Rotarian section is RYLA7670.

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## Passing of Henry Hoffmeyer

By Tiffany Ervin



I am sad to report that our dear friend and former member (& honorary member) Henry Hoffmeyer has passed away. Henry was a great leader in our club for many years after moving here from District 7770. I will always appreciate that he invited his dear friend, Past RI VP Anne Matthews, to speak at our tiny little club in 2014. That was the first time I ever met her in person and I will never forget Henry introducing me to her and

telling Anne "watch out - this young lady is going to go places in Rotary!" It was such a compliment and the beginning of a very special friendship with her too!

Henry was an incredible fundraiser for The Rotary Foundation and helped our club achieve "All Paul Harris Club" status and increase our giving to record numbers. He probably never forgave Ron Winecoff for the last minute donations that pushed Franklin Daybreak into first place and our club into second place in 2014-15! He was a mentor to many of us trying to learn more about our Foundation, and he was a constant at our meetings, fundraisers and special events. He was recognized at the District Foundation Banquet by DG Billi Black for his commitment to "doing good in the world" by becoming a major donor to the Foundation. He always attended district conferences and other events, even when he had trouble hearing what was being said at the podium. I was honored to present him with a District Service Award at the conference in 2016 in Kingsport, TN.

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## Speaker Book Program - Another Successful Project!

By Tiffany Ervin



Thank you to all of Santa's elves from Four Seasons Rotary who helped deliver the books to Henderson County Public School librarians. This annual project is part of our George Sessoms Speaker Book program where we donate books selected by the HCPS librarians in honor of our weekly guest speakers.

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## Gene Carr Recognized For Foundation Contributions

By Tiffany Ervin

Rotarians were excited to award Four Seasons Rotary Past President (multiple times) with his Paul Harris Fellow +5 pin and recognition at our recent holiday party. Gene and his wife, Sallie, are Major Donors to The Rotary Foundation, and we appreciate their commitment to doing good in the world!



## Ringin' for the Community



Rotarian Dan Timmerman updated the club on contributions from our Salvation Army Red Kettle Project. Between Red Kettle collections at both Walmart and Sam's Club, plus member donations and a match from Pepsi, our club brought in

\$10,497.06! If you weren't already in the Christmas spirit, I hope this will bring you there. Your heart should swell when thinking about all of the good that will go into our community to assist those in need. We each played a small part in making Christmas better for many. A special thank you for Dan and Paula for championing the project.

Most people know The Salvation Army for Red Kettles and strong presence during the holiday season. The donations collected during the holiday season not only help provide gifts to children who would otherwise go without, but they also help provide food, shelter, and utility assistance to those who need it most every day of the year. *Brighten Christmas morning. And the hardest nights for hardworking families.*

Every dollar dropped into a red kettle helps give local families the Christmases they deserve and the yearlong support they so desperately need.

Grateful. Thankful. Blessed.

## Ivory, the President's Daughter Visits Rotary



The Franklin Daybreak Rotary Club was honored to have a very special visitor. Ivory Rodriguez visited Rotary during her school vacation and learned about The Rotary Foundation and how we "Do Good in the World".

Ivory will have some great things to remember, such as ringing the Rotary bell at the end of the meeting, and she was surrounded by people who care.

She was awarded part of the 50/50 winnings!

Thanks for the visit, Ivory. Thanks for bringing her, President Ben

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## Baughman Joins Rotary Club

Wednesday, January 3, 2024

The Rotary Club of Tryon was very excited to add Michael Baughman as a new member at the end of December. During the induction ceremony, Rotarian Art Brown filled in for Michael's sponsor, Rotarian John Gargiulo.

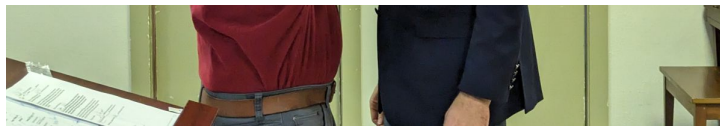


*Rotarian Art Brown, Michael Baughman, and Rotary Club of Tryon President Allan Purtill*

During the ceremony, Michael spoke about the visit he had from Rotarian John Gargiulo. "He came to my office and gave a very passionate appeal about why I needed to join the Rotary Club of Tryon. John's passion for Tryon and the Rotary Club made me decide it was time to join the Club." Michael continued, "My father was a Sertoma Club member and instilled in me the responsibility to serve the community where I live. Through the Rotary Club of Tryon, I will work to live the Rotary Motto, Service Above Self."







*Rotarian Art Brown and Michael Baughman*

Michael is no stranger to providing service to our community. From his office at the Tryon Depot, he provides wealth management service as a Principal with Modera Wealth Management. Michael is the Chair of the committee tasked with bring a YMCA to Polk County, and currently serves on the steering committee for the Saluda Grade Trail. In serving his community, Michael previously served as a trustee of St. Luke's™ hospital and a board member for Thermal Belt Outreach. You may also know Michael as the auctioneer at the Rotary Club of Tryon's annual Shrimpfest. Michael understands what it means to be an active part of our community.



*Rotarian Art Brown, Michael Baughman, and Rotary Club of Tryon President Allan Purtill*

The Rotary Club of Tryon is very excited to welcome Michael Baughman to our Club.

The Rotary Club of Tryon meets every Thursday at the Tryon Presbyterian Church. If you are interested in joining the Club, please contact our President, Allan Purtill, at [revallanpurtill@gmail.com](mailto:revallanpurtill@gmail.com) or 704-576-2463.

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## Four Way Test

By Julie P. West on Saturday, July 1, 2023

### 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?**

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### Events

January 8th, 5:00-8:15 PM <b>District 7620 - Part III - Virtual - Jan 8 and 10, 2024</b>	January 9th, 2:30-3:30 PM <b>DACdb U-What's Important in Preparing for Rotary Year 2024-25!</b>	January 11th, 5:30-6:30 PM <b>CART Conversations - Monthly Info Meeting</b>	January 13th, 8:30-3:00 PM <b>RLI-District 7710- Parts I, II and III- Clayton, NC</b>
January 13th, 5:30-8:00 PM <b>COG Gathering</b>	January 15th, 5:00-6:00 PM <b>Zone 33 District Membership Chair/DG Line Call</b>	January 15th, 5:45-7:00 PM <b>Zones 33-34 Membership Action Plan Webinar &gt;&gt;&gt;JOIN NOW</b>	January 20th, 10:00-10:30 AM <b>DACdb U-What's Important in Preparing for Rotary Year 2024</b>
January 22nd, 10:00-11:00 AM <b>CART PI Team Meeting</b>	January 23rd, 5:30-6:30 PM <b>CART Executive Committee Meeting</b>	January 27th, 8:30-3:30 PM <b>RLI-District 7770- Parts I, II, III - Columbia, SC</b>	January 30th, 12:00-1:00 PM <b>Lunch A La CART with Dr. Gary Small</b>
February 5th, 12:45-2:00 PM <b>Monthly ZOOMformation Call with RID Jeremy, <a href="#">Click Here for</a></b>			

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### Club Anniversaries

[Sylvia](#)  
January 1st  
[The Foothills \(IMPACT\)](#)  
January 10th  
[Newton-Conover](#)  
January 25th

[Morganton](#)  
January 1st  
Lincolnton  
January 22nd

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## Account Leaders



[Sean Gibson](#)  
District Governor



[George Michael Vavrek](#)  
Strategic Planning Chair



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



[Alex R Portelli](#)  
DG-Nominee



[Patrick Anthony Longano](#)  
District Membership Chair



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



[Julie P. West](#)  
District Public Image/PR  
Chair



[Michael Lanzilotta](#)  
Club Diversity Equity and  
Inclusion Chair



[Paige Carroll Scott](#)  
District Governor - Nom.  
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District Conference Chair



[Paul Garner](#)  
District Secretary



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



[Michael Stevenson](#)  
Youth Services Chair



[James O. Perry](#)  
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International Services Chair



Billi J. Black  
DCO-District Comm. Officer