



**Rotary**  
District 7670



*July 2024 Newsletter*  
***District Governor Connie Molland***

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## July is Maternal & Child Health Month



Rotary improves access to high-quality healthcare for vulnerable mothers and children, ensuring longer, healthier lives. We strive to broaden the reach of excellent medical services, offering every mother and child equal opportunities for a robust future. Tragically, malnutrition, inadequate healthcare, and poor sanitation claim the lives of an estimated 5.9 million children under five each year – preventable losses.

Rotary supports education, immunizations, birth kits, and mobile health clinics. We educate women on preventing mother-to-infant HIV transmission, breastfeeding practices, and safeguarding themselves and their children from diseases.

The Rotary Foundation empowers communities to manage their own maternal and infant healthcare by providing essential assistance and training where it's most needed. One of Rotary's impactful initiatives is the establishment of mobile prenatal clinics, exemplified by the program in Haiti. With the highest maternal and infant mortality rate in the western hemisphere, Rotary responded by supplying a fully equipped medical jeep. This vehicle enables volunteers and midwives to access remote regions, providing crucial healthcare to mothers and children in these underserved areas.

Rotary has also facilitated a remarkable initiative in India with a mobile cancer screening unit and awareness programs. In Chennai, India, where many women suffer high mortality rates from late-stage diagnoses of breast and cervical cancer, Rotary's efforts are making a significant impact. Rotarians also, initiated a \$3 million, five-year pilot project aimed at saving the lives of mothers and children during home deliveries in Nigeria. Additionally, since 2005, they have successfully repaired 1,500 obstetric fistulas – exceeding their initial goal by 500 – thereby restoring dignity and hope to vulnerable mothers.

“If mothers are empowered and healthy, so are their families, leading to an alleviation of poverty and hunger.” Robert Zinser, co-founder of the Rotarian Action Group for Population and Development and retired president for Asia at chemical giant BASF

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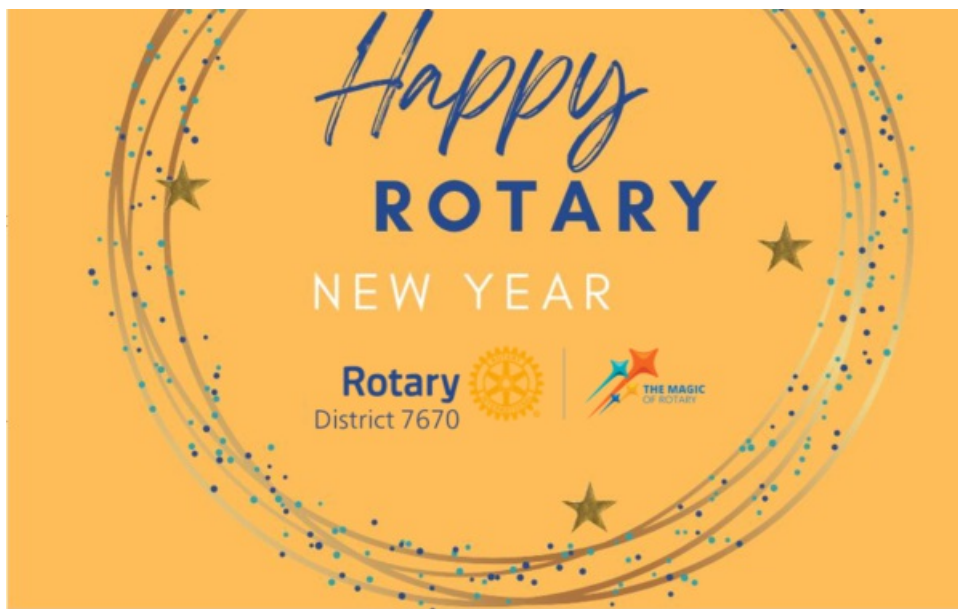
## Happy New Rotary Year

By Connie M. Molland on Sunday, July 7, 2024



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Almost three  
years ago, I



was honored to be selected as the District Governor for the 2024-2025 Rotary year for District 7670. To be honest (and Rotarians are honest to a fault, right?), I did not know what to

expect about the preparation for the role. Fortunately, my years in large corporations and banks, coupled with my non-profit management experience – both as a volunteer and staff - helped. But what I hadn't anticipated and very much appreciated were the amazing opportunities for learning that are offered by Rotary International. From the online courses in the Learning Center of MyRotary, to the Zone Summits, to the Governor-Elect sessions with my peers, they all contributed to preparing me to serve as your District Governor for this year. Rotary is a leadership development organization which is one of the things I love about Rotary!

At one of the Zones 33 & 34 training events I attended, 31 Governor-Elects had an amazing opportunity to meet with then-RI President-Elect Stephanie Urchick. She shared with us her vision for helping Clubs to take a good look at how “inviting” our clubs are for potential members.

- Do guests feel welcome when they attend a meeting?
- Does someone help them understand some of our club traditions – like the reciting of the 4-Way Test?
- Do guests leave the meeting with a sense of wanting to come back?

She also asked us to encourage incoming Presidents to conduct an anonymous Club Health Assessment to hear what members are thinking about their Club experience. Armed with this information, she challenged us to find ways to make our clubs **“simply irresistible.”** Of course, we all immediately thought of the Robert Palmer song, and after she left, we played the song from the 80s and agreed to name ourselves the “Irresistibles” (it is a tradition for Governor Classmates to come up with a name). Stephanie liked that so much, she asked us if she could use it for the entire group of roughly 530 incoming Governors all over the world! So, you now know the backstory if you see me wearing a Rotary shirt that says “Irresistibles” on it. I hope that we will all find ways to share ideas and work together to ensure that each of our 44 clubs in District 7670 are “simply irresistible.” This will make it easier for us to grow our membership!

I’m looking forward to a wonderful and magical year!

District Governor 24-25 Connie



## Unveiling Excellence: A New Era Begins - Rotary District 7670 Leadership Installation Marshall, NC



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If you couldn't join us, you missed an incredible event in Marshall, NC! On June 22, 2024, District 7670's new leadership for the 2024-25 Rotary year was officially installed, led by DG Connie Molland. They're set to make waves this year, promising an exciting journey ahead. Get ready to engage and be part of the magic of Rotary—we're in for an unforgettable year!



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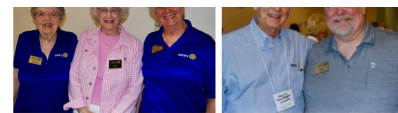


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## District Governor 2027-28...We Need You!



One of my last duties as your 23-24 District Governor is to chair the nominating committee that selects the District Governor for 2027-28. There are a lot of great Rotarians out there that would be very capable of leading our amazing district moving forward. The position requires a solid three years of your time as there will be lots of training involved and some travel to help prepare you for this amazing position! If you are a past club president, have been a member of Rotary International for 7 years at the time of you taking office July 1, 2027, and most importantly have a passion for this role,

then I strongly recommend you apply. Past district level experience is heavily recommended but not required. I will be sending out emails with application information in August with a deadline to apply by September 30th. The committee will consist of 6 immediate past presidents and five immediate past governors and will meet and make a final selection in early October. This is not only an incredible opportunity, but it is an amazing honor to serve. If this sounds like you, then please submit your application!

Talk to you soon! more to come

**Sean**



## Congratulations District Public Image Chair (DPIC) Julie!

By Billi J. Black

I am pleased and proud to announce that our own District Public Image Chair, Julie West, has been honored by Zones 33/34 for outstanding Public Image prep work, district education and execution throughout the year.

Each month, Julie attended the Zone

Public Image webinars, accomplished our monthly "task" and helped prepare District 7670 Club Public Image Chairs for their club assignments.

Congratulations - keep up the good work!



## Ending Polio in Our Lifetime!



We're thrilled to start this new Rotary year with a strong focus on ending Polio. As you plan ahead, mark October 24th for World Polio Day. In District 7670, October will be dedicated to planning activities, spiced up with a bit of friendly competition for added fun! Need ideas to raise awareness? Check out our resources at <https://www.endpolio.org/resource-center>. Clubs raising funds in October can win awards, but remember, community engagement is key to qualify (we've already heard about a Bingo game and Zumba - why not?). Get your Rotary creativity flowing; more details are on the way.

What else is in store? Look out for information on joining District 7670's PolioPlus Society and how to request a speaker for your club programs. We'll be reaching out to club Polio Chairs soon with further updates!

Experts suggest we could eradicate Polio as early as 2026 if we stay committed. Let's keep pushing forward!

For any questions, reach out to Cindy Ireland, District Polio Chair for 2024-25. [Cnd.ireland@gmail.com](mailto:Cnd.ireland@gmail.com)

## Welcome, Jennifer Jones

By Susan Harper

President-Elect Eva Michelle filled in for President Pat who was on vacation. She introduced Jennifer Jones, the first female President of Rotary International.

Jennifer Jones is a self-described "Storyteller in Chief" of her marketing firm in Windsor, Canada and that is an apt description. She shared stories from her **Imagine Impact Tour** during her presidency that covered 6



continents and reached 1.3 billion people.

Jennifer feels if we dream our wildest dreams, we can make them happen. She shared words of wisdom from her brother as he coached her for a media interview about creating a civil society. “In order to live in the kind of society you want, you have to build it.” She reminded us that as Rotarians, we envision a world where people unite to create lasting change in ourselves and the world. She thinks that creating lasting change in ourselves might be the most important part of that statement. She encouraged us to create a space for everyone to have an opportunity to serve.

Jennifer decided to frame her presidency around the 7 areas of focus plus an additional eighth – Rotary’s fight against Polio. Her visits were to places in the world where she could shine a light on important work being done in those areas of focus and, in doing so, she met world leaders from the Pope to heads of state and to local leaders. To her, the most important people she met were the Rotarians – some of the 1.4 million members of Rotary working to make the world a better place.

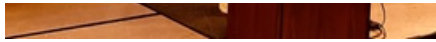
Jennifer’s stories were powerful, heartbreaking and inspiring. She highlighted stories of her travel – from the slums of Karachi (where 18 million people live) to participate in the vaccination program, to Uganda to see efforts to improve education, to Taiwan for community and economic development efforts - her world tour illuminated the 7 areas of focus for Rotary International. In her year as president, she and her husband visited 57 countries.

**I encourage Rotarians to listen to her speech and hear her stories first hand.** She ended with a great story about a Canadian Border Crossing Guard who questioned her about Rotary. She highlighted the need for each of us to be ambassadors for Rotary by telling the stories of the good work we are doing in the world.

#### **Rotarians are People of Action.**

Jennifer Jones with Interact student, Stella Bunn, and visiting student Inka Ojaniemi from Finland: District 1385





## McKeller Recognized as PHF +5



*Rotary Club of Tryon President Alan Purtill, Lib McKeller, Rotarian Charles McKeller, and Rotary Foundation Chair Ken Shull*

The Rotary Club of Tryon is pleased to recognize Rotarian Charles McKeller for his contributions to the Rotary International Foundation. Rotary Club members are recognized as Paul Harris Fellows for their first \$1,000 contribution to the Rotary International Foundation. For each additional contribution of \$1,000 Rotary members are recognized as a Paul Harris Fellow +1, +2, +3, +4, +5.

At a recent club meeting, Charles McKeller was recognized as a Paul Harris Fellow +5. During the ceremony, Rotary Foundation Chair, Ken Shull, mentioned that Charles is a "model" Rotarian. He gives his time, as he participates in most of the Rotary Club of Tryon activities. He has given his talents, as a Director of the Rotary Club of Tryon Foundation since its creation in the 1990's. Charles also supports the work Rotary is doing around the world, through his financial contributions to the Rotary International Foundation, .

Donations to the Rotary Foundation will support our seven areas of focus: Promoting peace, Fighting disease, Providing clean water, sanitation, and hygiene. Saving mothers and children, Supporting education, Growing local economies, Protecting the environment

Congratulations Charles! You are the Rotarian we should all strive to be.

## Rotary Four Way Test



July 8th, 12:45-2:00 PM <b>Zoomformation Call with RID Patrick Eakes</b>	July 8th, 5:15 <b>Zones 33-34 Membership Action Plan Webinars 2024- 25</b>	July 9th, 2:30-3:30 PM <b>DACdb U-No Sessions in July - See you in August!</b>	July 11th, 12:00-1:30 PM <b>DCO (District Communications Officer) Summer meeting</b>
July 12th, 10:00 <b>RLI-Annual Meeting and Active Faculty &amp; Staff Update</b>	July 13th, 8:30-3:00 PM <b>New Faculty and Recertification Training</b>	July 17th, 12:00-1:00 PM <b>Lunch A La CART with Dr. Malcolm Leissring</b>	July 18th, 7:30-8:30 AM <b>DG Official Visit - Madison County</b>
July 18th, 12:00-1:00 PM <b>DG Official Visit - Sylva</b>	July 18th, 5:30-6:30 PM <b>CART Conversations - Monthly Info Meeting</b>	July 20th, 10:00-11:00 AM <b>DACdb U-No Sessions in July - See you in August!</b>	July 22nd, 5:00 <b>Zone 33 District Membership Chair/DG Line Call</b>
July 22nd, 5:30-6:30 PM <b>DG Official Visit - Hendersonville Four Seasons</b>	July 23rd, 8:00-9:00 AM <b>DG Official Visit - Foothills IMPACT</b>	July 23rd, 5:15-6:15 PM <b>DG Official Visit - Black Mountain</b>	July 26th, 12:15-1:15 PM <b>DG Official Visit - Lenoir</b>
July 29th, 7:30-8:30 AM <b>DG Official Visit - Arden</b>	July 29th, 12:00-1:00 PM <b>DG Official Visit - Murphy</b>	July 29th, 5:30-6:30 PM <b>CART Training for Club/District Chairs</b>	July 31st, 7:30-8:30 AM <b>DG Official Visit - Asheville Breakfast</b>
August 1st, 12:30-1:30 PM <b>DG Official Visit - Asheville</b>	August 2nd, 12:30-1:30 PM <b>DG Official Visit - Waynesville</b>	August 5th, 7:00-8:00 AM <b>DG Official Visit - Asheville Biltmore</b>	August 5th, 12:00-1:00 PM <b>DG Official Visit - Lincolnton</b>
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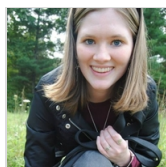
## Club Anniversaries

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## 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



Andie R Taylor  
District CART  
Chair



Michael Lanzilotta  
Club Diversity  
Equity and  
Inclusion Chair



Karolyn W. Killian  
District  
Conference Chair



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



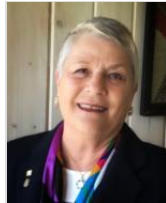
Guy Gooder  
Community  
Service Chair



John F.  
Baumrucker  
International  
Services Chair



Frankie L Adkins  
Youth Exchange  
Chair



Billi J. Black  
DCO-District  
Comm. Officer