

# Rotary



## Rotary Club of Charlotte-South Newsletter



### Club Meeting

Charlotte South  
Meets at **Limani**  
6902 Phillips Place Ct  
Charlotte, NC 28210  
Time: Monday at 12:30  
PM

### Birthdays

### Club Leaders



**Rod Mallette**  
President  
Club Service  
Chair,  
Community  
Service Chair



**Leigh Jenkins**  
Public Image  
Chair  
Bulletin  
Editor  
Club  
Director



**Mark Kust**  
Secretary  
Club  
Director



**L. Craig Gannaway**  
Club  
Director  
Treasurer



**Dana Goldfarb**  
Foundation  
Chair  
Club  
Director



**William Edward Nuttall**  
Program  
Chair  
Club  
Director



**Ronnie Giberson**  
Club  
Director  
Sergeant-at-Arms



**Bill Belk**  
Past  
President  
Club Chair  
Membership  
Chair



**Jennifer Gibson**  
Assistant  
Governor-  
Mecklenburg  
County  
South

## This week's speaker is Dena Diorio - Mecklenburg County Manager



Dena Diorio has been a leader in public administration since 1988. After graduate school, Dena started what would be a ten-year stint with the City of New York, eight of which were in the Mayor's Office. Serving under three different Mayors, Dena started as a financial analyst in the Departments of Sanitation and General Services, where she provided financial support to various operating divisions. In 1990, she was appointed a supervising analyst at the Mayor's Office of Operations, where she rose to the level of Deputy Director in only five years. In 1995, she was appointed the Director of City Legislative Affairs and served as the Mayor's lobbyist to the City Council. In that role, she is credited with facilitating the passage of over 100 local laws included in the Mayor's legislative agenda. In 1998, Dena was appointed the inaugural Director of the Office of Policy and Management for the City of Stamford, Connecticut. She established a strong budget and auditing department that improved efficiency and accountability. In 2002, Dena moved to the City of Danbury, Connecticut, where she served as the Director of Finance and Human Resources. Dena joined Mecklenburg County, North Carolina in 2007 as Director of the Department of Financial Services. She is recognized for guiding the County through the fiscal crisis and implementing policies that significantly improved the financial position of the County. In 2013, she was promoted to Assistant County Manager and, in 2014 was selected as the first woman to serve as County Manager for Mecklenburg County. As County Manager, Dena serves as the CEO of the organization and is responsible for a workforce of 6,000 employees and an annual operating budget of \$2 billion.

In her role as County Manager, Dena serves on a variety of boards, including Charlotte Center City Partners, the Charlotte Sports Foundation, the Charlotte Regional Business Alliance, Blumenthal Performing Arts, and United Way of Central Carolinas. Dena has been recognized for her leadership by many organizations. In 2015, she was named Public Policy Leader of the Year by the National Association of Women Business Owners, and in 2016, she received the Leadership in Action award by Career Mastered. In 2018, she was named one of the 50 Most Influential Women by the Mecklenburg Times, and in 2019, a Most Admired CEO by the Charlotte Business Journal. In 2020, Dena was chosen as the Businesswoman of the Year by Queens University, the first woman from the public sector to receive the honor. In 2021, she was awarded the Excellence in Leadership Award from the Centralina Regional Council, received a Woman in American History Award from the Daughters of the American Revolution, and the Pegasus Award from the Public Relations Society of America, which honors someone from outside the public relations profession for embracing the strategic use of communications. In 2023, she was awarded the Whitney M. Young award by the Urban League of Central Carolinas that honors those that have made significant impacts in the black community. Dena earned her bachelor's degree in social services from the State University of New York at Plattsburgh. She earned a master's degree in public administration from Columbia University. Dena lives with her husband Phil in Charlotte, North Carolina

### . Upcoming Calendar:

3/4 William McNeely - Do Great Charlotte

3/11 Dr. Glen Gaston - OrthoCarolina

3/18 Club Assembly

3/25 Crystal Hill, CMS superintendent

4/1

4/8 Derrick Chambers (former defensive end for Carolina Panthers & Jacksonville Jaguars)

## Join Us at Limani!

6902 Phillips Pl Ct, Charlotte, NC 28210



Join us at our weekly meetings at Limani. As we did before, the lunch will be served to the tables. Lunch options will be selected from the menu with the color poker chips at check-in.

## Salvation Army Center of Hope Volunteer Opportunity - 3rd Thursday of Each Month

We help serve meals to the residents. This is a great way to give back to the community. Please contact Bill Bundy for more information: [bill@bundygroup.com](mailto:bill@bundygroup.com)  
Center of Hope - 534 Spratt Street, Charlotte, NC 28206

### Event Calendar for Rotary Club of Charlotte South 2023 - 2024

March 16 \* Purple Heart Home Volunteer Opportunity  
April 11 Perfectly Paired Wine Tasting & Auction Fundraiser  
May 18 Foster Village @ Whitewater Center Volunteer Opportunity  
June 1\* Cleanup of Foster Village Volunteer Opportunity  
July 8\* New Board Installed  
August 3\* Social Event

### Mark your calendars for April 11th!

Perfectly Paired Wine Tasting & Auction

**April 11th - 5:30-8PM**  
**Olde Providence Racquet Club - 5630 Sharon View Rd.**

**Tickets: \$75**

**Tickets can be purchased by Check, Venmo, Zelle, Stripe or for members (bill to dues)**

**Proceeds benefit many of our deserving charities.**

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**We had a great time at the game!!!!**



### Useful Links

Our club website: [Charlottesouthrotary.com](http://Charlottesouthrotary.com)  
Visit our District 7680 at: <http://www.rotary7680.org>  
Learn more about our Zone 33-34 at: <https://www.rizoness33-34.org>  
Check out Rotary International at <https://www.rotary.org/en>  
Don't forget to follow us on Facebook [www.facebook.com/cltsouthrotary](http://www.facebook.com/cltsouthrotary)

## Welcome to District 7680!



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### ABOUT DISTRICT 7680

Rotary District 7680 serves fourteen counties in the west-central region of North Carolina (from the VA state line to the SC state line, and from Boiling Springs to Hamlet). Each county has at least one Rotary club. There are 57 clubs with over 2,600 members who share similar values and are dedicated to serving the needs of their communities and helping others around the world.

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### BIRTHPLACE OF ROTARACT

District 7680 is noted for its support of The Rotary Foundation, its programs for youth, and as the Birthplace of Rotaract. The first of over 10,000 Rotaract Clubs in the world was founded at UNC-Charlotte on March 13, 1968, by the Charlotte North Rotary Club. [Learn more about Rotaract here.](#)

### ABOUT ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

What would it take to change the world? Rotary International is the world's first service club organization, with more than 1.2 million members in over 35,000 clubs worldwide. Rotary club members are volunteers who work locally, regionally, and internationally to combat hunger, improve health and sanitation, provide education and job training, promote peace, and eradicate polio under the motto **Service Above Self**. [Learn more about Rotary International here.](#)

### WE'RE IN ZONE 33 OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

#### Rotary International is divided into 34 Zones, and District 7680 is in Zone 33.

Jeremy Hurst is a 35-year Rotarian and Past President of the Rotary Club of Grand Cayman. He is currently the Director 2023-24 Rotary International Zones 33 & 34

Zones 33-34 encompass 31 districts from western Pennsylvania, through the Mid-Atlantic and Southeastern United States, and the Caribbean, Puerto Rico, French Guiana, Guyana, and Suriname. There are 26 countries and regions represented in Zones 33-34. Our Rotarians speak English, French, Dutch and Spanish as primary languages.

Zone 33 includes western Pennsylvania down through North Carolina and South Carolina, and Zone 34 includes Georgia, Florida, the Caribbean, Puerto Rico, French Guiana, Guyana, and Suriname.

[Learn more about Zones 33 and 34 here.](#)

And here <https://www.rizons33-34.org/zone-map-and-websites/>

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<http://www.Rotary7680.org> ? [www.facebook.com/Rotary7680](https://www.facebook.com/Rotary7680)

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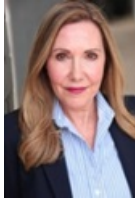
### Years of Service



**Scott Van Der Linden 32 Years**



**Steven Onxley 24 Years**



**Susan Walker 10 Years**



**Craig Gannaway 5 Years**



**Ronnie Giberson 2 Years**