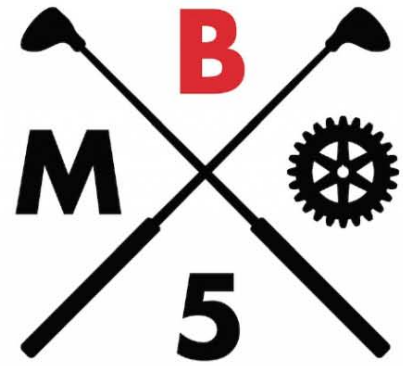


# Rotary

## Club of Mecklenburg- County South, Charlotte, NC



[www.mecksouthrotary.org](http://www.mecksouthrotary.org)

Home Club of District Governor Beth Trotter 2019-20  
Home Club of District Governor Debra Corbett 2023-24

### Welcome Rev. LeDayne McLeese Polaski!

By Julie W. Nee on Wednesday, January 18, 2023



Rev. LeDayne McLeese Polaski has been the Executive Director of MeckMIN since October 2019. She previously served on the staff of the Baptist Peace Fellowship of North America ~ Bautistas por la Paz for 21 years, ending as Executive Director, and she began her career as the Minister of Youth at Myers Park Baptist Church. LeDayne and her husband, Tom, are active members of Park Road Baptist Church. Their daughter Kate is a student at Meredith College. LeDayne loves "being outside and moving", so she loves walking, hiking, swimming, kayaking and more. She's an avid reader and her favorite part of the week is completing the New York Times Saturday crossword.

About Metropolitan Interfaith Network:

#### OUR STORY

MeckMIN, formed as Mecklenburg Ministries in 1987, had as its original mission "to be an interfaith advocate for compassion and justice within our community." Early member congregations were Roman Catholic and Protestant, white and black, Jewish, Unitarian Universalist, tall steeple and rural. In 1995, the first Muslim masjid was welcomed. We now represent the many faith traditions present in Mecklenburg County. In addition, countless individuals have been plugged in through their congregations or on their own. Since its founding, MeckMIN has navigated pitfalls that are typical of nonprofits. We've done this during dynamic times in our region's history, as we grapple with healing old wounds and facing new tests that would hinder our success in coming together as a community in the beautiful tapestry of our diversity. MeckMIN has been on the front lines of these changes, working to build bridges across differences.

Today we brand ourselves as MeckMIN, our long-time nickname coined by one of our founders, the late Sydnor Thompson Jr. We are not so much a ministry as an interfaith network of houses of faith and individuals working to foster understanding, compassion and justice. We do this in a number of ways, including our Food for Thought monthly lunch program on social issues; In Our Own Backyard summer youth camp; free weekly noon meditation, and the annual community-wide Interfaith Thanksgiving Service. We hope you will join us in our efforts to foster understanding, compassion and justice. There are prayers to share, conversations to have and hatred to be eliminated.

### Want Breakfast? Buy Tickets!

By Julie W. Nee on Wednesday, January 11, 2023

#### Club Meeting

Mecklenburg County-South  
Meets at Hyatt House  
Charlotte, Rea Farms  
(9930 Sandy Rock  
Place)  
9930 Sandy Rock Place  
Charlotte, NC 28277  
Time: Friday at 07:15  
AM

#### Speakers

**January 20, 2023**

[LaDayne McLeese Polaski](#)

Mecklenburg  
Metropolitan Interfaith  
Network

**February 10, 2023**

[Club Service Project](#)

**February 17, 2023**

[Bryan Cochran](#)  
Rotary Foundation  
Update and Paul  
Harris Fellow  
Presentation

#### Club Leaders



[June Thoreson-Rogers](#)  
President



[James Pagano](#)  
Membership  
Chair  
President -  
Elect



[Ken M. Myers](#)  
Secretary



[Bryan E. Cochran](#)  
Rotary  
Foundation  
Chair  
Treasurer



Tickets are sold in bundles, with a minimum of 5 for \$60 or 10 for \$120. See June to get them.

Thanks!!

## Get Excited for Q1 Socials!

By Sandra F Cika on Thursday, January 12, 2023



Jan. 21 Saturday 4-8pm  
**WhitewaterCenter**  
 Ice skating rink \$25  
 Parking \$5  
 Not a skater; can eat drink and be merry!



Sandra F Cika  
 Club  
 Director



Kelly Gaines  
 President -  
 Nominee



Jonathan Todd Greene  
 Club  
 Director



Jon C Hall  
 Family of  
 Rotary



Julie W. Nee  
 Bulletin  
 Editor



Linda Rakvic  
 Club  
 Director



Adam H Snelling  
 Club  
 Director



Jill Bastian  
 Club Service  
 Chair



Michael Masci  
 Club  
 Programs  
 Chair



Steve Strand  
 Club  
 Programs  
 Chair



Rodney J Holtzmuller  
 Assistant  
 Governor-  
 Mecklenburg  
 County  
 South

Feb 25 Saturday 2pm- until...  
**Dreamcatchers Brewery** in Waxhaw

Mar 18 Saturday 1-5pm  
**Sr Edmond Halley's**  
4151 A Park Rd  
Celebrate St Patty's Day after...

## Updated Service Projects

By Jill Bastian on Tuesday, January 10, 2023



**Tuesday, January 24th 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. A Roof Above**

3410 Statesville Avenue, Charlotte 28206

Three to four volunteers needed to serve dinner to the guests.

[Mecklenburg South Rotary : Meck South Men's Shelter Dinner Service \(signupgenius.com\)](https://www.signupgenius.com)

**Friday, February 10th 9:00 - 12:00 Samaritan's Feet Warehouse (In person service project)**

Volunteers will organize and sort athletic shoes to be distributed to underprivileged children. The SignUp has been arranged in one hour time slots.

4808 Chesapeake Dr, Charlotte, NC 28216

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0B4EAE623A0F85-samaritans>

**Tuesday, February 28th 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. A Roof Above**

3410 Statesville Avenue, Charlotte 28206

Three to four volunteers needed to serve dinner to the guests.

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## District Tree Planting Event

By June Thoreson-Rogers on Tuesday, January 10, 2023

The poster is green and white with a central image of a seedling in a pot. Text includes: "JOIN TREESCHARLOTTE", "SEEDLING REFORESTATION EVENT", "Rotary District 7680 and TreesCharlotte are teaming together to reforest a section of Stevens Creek Nature Preserve with 700 seedlings! We're looking for 90 volunteers for this event.", "Planting materials and demonstration provided.", "Saturday, January 21st 9 AM - 11:30 AM", "Stevens Creek Nature Preserve", "15700 Thompson Rd Mint Hill, NC", and "PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED".

**JOIN TREESCHARLOTTE**

# SEEDLING REFORESTATION EVENT

Rotary District 7680 and TreesCharlotte are teaming together to reforest a section of Stevens Creek Nature Preserve with 700 seedlings! We're looking for 90 volunteers for this event.

Planting materials and demonstration provided.

Saturday, January 21st  
9 AM - 11:30 AM

Stevens Creek  
Nature Preserve

15700 Thompson Rd  
Mint Hill, NC

**PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

**THIS WEEKEND! Rotary-Tree Planting Event (Seedlings) at Steven's Creek**

Saturday January 21, 2023  
9:00 AM

Topic: **Rotarians will plant seedlings within the Stevens Creek Nature Preserve! Join us for fellowship and fun!**

### Description

### Events

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### Birthdays

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### Wedding Anniversaries

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### Years of Service

Debra L. Corbett  
01-30-2009  
14 Years

IMPORTANT: ALL volunteers must register at this link. [Stevens Creek Nature Preserve Seedling Planting - TreesCharlotte](#)

If you are unable to attend, consider making a donation at the TreesCharlotte website. Thanks!!

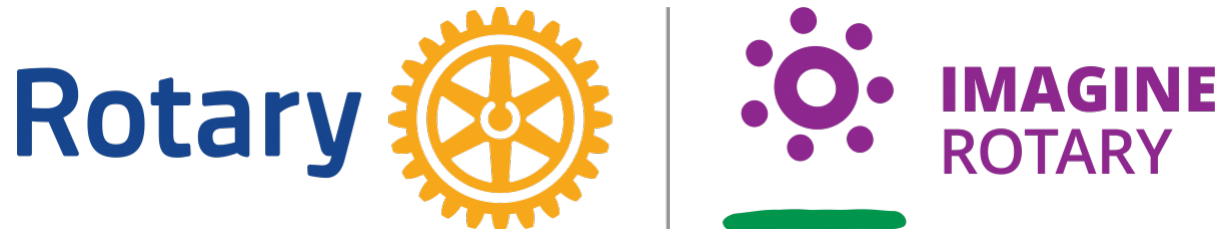
We need 100 Rotary volunteers to help plant seedlings at 9:00 am on January 21st.

Planting events are great for families and all ages are welcome. To ensure accurate counts and liability forms are signed, we ask that all participants please register separately at the link provided, by clicking on the event flyer image.

Events are held rain or shine. Details of the event will be emailed to registered volunteers the week of the event.

## Join Us For Our Online Rotary Meeting or In Person Now

All members & visitors are welcome to attend our meeting, and we're happy to have you.



### Option 1 - In person

We meet at Hyatt House Rea Farms (9930 Sandy Rock Place, Charlotte, NC) from 7:15 AM to 8:30 AM.

Breakfast buffet is \$12 and available for purchase, and you are also feel free to bring your own breakfast.

### Option 2 - ZOOM (link is below)

Agenda

7:20-7:30 AM Log On

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83691887212?pwd=bjJsa0lMZlhTRHlzWW5uaUU1U2lRQT09>

Meeting ID: 836 9188 7212

Passcode: 113159

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+16468769923,,83691887212#,,,,\*113159# US (New York)

Fellowship until 7:35

7:35 AM will be Announcements & Comments

8:00 AM - Our program is found on the right side of this bulletin

8:30 AM - Meeting adjourned

2022/2023 Positions

- Past President: Jon Hall
- President: June Rogers
- President Elect: James Pagano
- Pres Nominee: Kelly Gaines
- Secretary: Ken Myers
- Treasurer: Bryan Cochran
- Sargent at Arms: Jon Hall
- Directors (4)
  - Sandra Cika 22/23 & 23/24
  - Todd Greene 22/23 & 23/24
  - Linda Rakvic 21/22 & 22/23
  - Adam Snelling 21/22 & 22/23
- Membership: James Pagano
- Community Service: Jill Bastian
- Social: Sandra Cika
- Programs: Steve Strand & Mike Masci

