

# Rotary

## Club of Mecklenburg County-South, NC



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

Home Club of District Governor Beth Trotter 2019-2020  
Home Club of District Governor Debb Corbett 2023-2024

### Welcome Distric Governor Kevin Kendrick!!!



Kevin Kendrick, born in Detroit in 1956, pursued a career in law enforcement after graduating from college in 1978. He served with the Detroit Police Department and the FBI for 25 years, ending as the Special Agent in Charge of the Charlotte Division. He and his wife, Jenny, moved to Midland, Michigan, where he worked as Vice President of Global Security for Dow Corning Corporation.

Kevin joined Rotary in 2007 and became active in the Midland Noon Rotary Club, serving as President and initiating significant projects like a diaper drive and the 'Pies for Polio' campaign. Kevin and Jenny hosted Rotary Youth Exchange students and engaged in various club activities.

Kevin also contributed to community organizations in Midland, co-founding 'The Big Give' and participating in initiatives aimed at improving literacy and cultural awareness. He received numerous awards for his service, including the United Way "Heart of the Community" award and two Martin Luther King awards.

After retiring in 2017, Kevin and Jenny relocated to Charlotte and joined the Charlotte Dilworth South End Rotary Club. Kevin served as Club President and played a key role in organizing service events during COVID. He increased Paul Harris Society membership and served in various district roles.

Sadly, Kevin's beloved wife, Jenny, recently passed away. Jenny was truly devoted to Rotary. Her unwavering commitment and active involvement at the club level and at the district level have left an enduring impact on our community. This dynamic duo spent their spare time rescuing animals and doing community service.

Kevin is a Paul Harris Fellow +8, a Major Donor, and has two adult children and five grandchildren. Outside Rotary, he served on the Board of Pineville Neighbors Place and the Mecklenburg County COVID Renewal Task Force.

### Mecklenburg County-South 2024 Wreath Fundraiser

2024

## Holiday Wreath Fundraiser

Hosted by Mecklenburg  
County-South Rotary Club



#### LOCALLY-MADE WREATHS

Each wreath is handmade and shipped fresh from Ashe County, NC. The wreaths are made out of Fraser Fir branches and are 22" in diameter (outside).

A fundraiser by Mecklenburg-County South Rotary Club. Proceeds from the past sales have benefitted Salvation Army Center of Hope, Operation Warm, and projects around local Charlotte elementary schools.



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### 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

**October 18, 2024**

Kevin Kendrick  
DG Official Visit

**October 18, 2024**

District Governor Kevin Kendrick

State of the district and  
the Magic of Rotary

### Club Leaders



Kelly Gaines  
President



Kimberley Ann Dunnagan  
President -Elect



Steve Strand  
Secretary



Jonathan Todd Greene  
Treasurer



Christopher Bona  
Public  
Relations/Image  
Chair



Frank Henry  
Bulletin Editor



Jona M Moody  
Bulletin Editor

Ken M Myers  
Club Director

For those new members, every year for the past 20 years or more, we have been pre-selling Holiday wreaths, and they get delivered to Charlotte typically the weekend after Thanksgiving. They are made in West Jefferson, NC and are fresh upon

arrival.

Additional information:

\* WestEnd Wreath company is based out of West Jefferson, NC and owned by a Rotarian. The wreaths are made just a few days before delivery, so they arrive smelling fresh!

\*Wreaths are 22 inches in diameter, and come with a big red bow. They cover the width of a standard front door.

\*Each wreath is \$30. If you want to direct ship around the US, we offer that option with a shipping fee.

\*Cash, check or use the QR code on the flyer for payment. We require payment before a Rotary member can pickup from the distribution site. Or discuss with Clay if you are collecting from neighbors.

**Delivery** - This year we expect delivery to Charlotte on Sunday Dec 1<sup>st</sup>, or Monday Dec 2<sup>nd</sup>. (Thanksgiving is Nov 28th). Each member is responsible for delivery to your buyer. We have a fixed location for everyone to pick up.

More information will follow at the next meeting.

## Meck-South Rotary Club's 2023-24 Platinum Award!!



CONGRATULATIONS MECK-SOUTH!! Our club has received the 2023-24 PLATINUM CLUB AWARD. The Zones 33-34 Membership Action Plan (MAP) team gives this award to clubs that grow two or more years in a row. Platinum Clubs are the epitome of Rotary's Vision Statement: "Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change — across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves."

Let's continue to grow our impact this coming year so we can extend our status as a Platinum Club in 2024-25!

## It's Time for Some FUN--Upcoming Social events!!!!

By Jonathan Todd Greene on Wednesday, October 9, 2024



Come on out for some SOCIAL TIME :)

Club Social at Ted's Montana Grill in Waverly. Thursday, October 24<sup>th</sup> beginning at 4:30pm. Let's socialize, enjoy drink specials, and give back to Giving Kitchen. Part of the proceeds from our drinks goes to Giving Kitchen, an organization that provides emergency assistance for food service workers through financial support and a network of community resources.

## Foundation Celebration 2024 \*\*\*\*Almost Sold Out\*\*\*\*



Kyle Romanat  
Club Director



Robert Schmiesing  
Club Director



Gregory Snoor  
President-Nominee  
Club Director  
Membership Chair



June Thoreson-Rogers  
Public Relations/Image Chair  
Past President



Joni Stanley Brown  
Rotary Foundation Chair



Jon C. Hall  
Sergeant-at-Arms



Jill Bastian  
Club Service Chair



Robert W. Bugg  
Club Programs Chair



Michael Masci  
Club Programs Chair



James Pagano  
iPast President



### Events

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### Birthdays

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### Wedding Anniversaries

June Thoreson-Rogers  
October 16th

### Years of Service

Jill Bastian  
10-19-2018

## 2024 District 7680 Foundation Celebration

Featuring Rotary International President

**STEPHANIE URCHICK**



November 8, 2024  
Doors Open at 5:30 pm, Dinner at 6:30 pm,  
Program ends at 9:00 pm  
Gastonia Conference Center  
145 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Way, Gastonia, NC

Join us for an exciting evening celebrating The Rotary Foundation and its work in our District and the world. Featured guest speaker is 2024-25 Rotary International President Stephanie

Urchick! Register now as seating is limited. **DEADLINE 10/21/2024**

Tickets are \$75.00 / Sponsorships are available.

Free parking

Attire: Cocktail / Dressy

Chicken, Beef, or Vegetarian/Gluten Free entrees



[ClickHereToRegister](#)

6 Years

Adam H. Snelling

10-19-2018

6 Years

James W. Bastian

10-19-2018

6 Years

Jill Rajala

10-23-2023

1 Year

Edriel Jeffrey

10-23-2023

1 Year





## DISTRICT 7680 2024 FOUNDATION CELEBRATION SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



Celebrate the work of The Rotary Foundation and the Rotarians who generously donate.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8  
GASTONIA CONFERENCE CENTER, 145 DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING WAY, GASTONIA, NC



We are excited to welcome Rotary International President, Stephanie Urchick as keynote speaker.

A packed house of 300 Rotarians and their guests is expected.  
Event tickets: \$75 each. Tables of 8.

### ● Bronze - \$250

- Recognition in the 2024 Foundation Celebration event program
- Recognition on the event screen
- Includes **TWO** event tickets
- Recognition in the District Newsletter

### ● Silver - \$500

- Larger recognition in the 2024 Foundation Celebration event program
- Recognition on the event screen
- Recognition in the District Newsletter
- Includes **FOUR** event tickets
- Mention from the stage

### ● Gold - \$1,000

- Prominent recognition in the 2024 Foundation Celebration event program
- Recognition on the event screen
- Recognition in the District Newsletter
- Includes **EIGHT** event tickets
- Mention from the stage

### ● Platinum - \$1,500

- Highest recognition in the 2024 Foundation Celebration event program
- Recognition on the event screen as the event begins
- Recognition in the District Newsletter
- Includes **EIGHT** event tickets
- Mention from the stage, signage at the main event
- **Table** in main reception lobby **PLUS:** Swag bag product placement opportunities

Contact Foundation Celebration Sponsorship Chair, PDG Mike Walker at [mwalker@stephens.com](mailto:mwalker@stephens.com) or 704-589-2754 for more information on sponsoring this important event. If you are unable to attend, please let us know and we will be happy to donate your tickets on your behalf.

Suggestions on making the most of your sponsorship welcomed!

## Upcoming Service Projects

Friday, November 8th - Hyatt House NO ZOOM

The Salvation Army Center of Hope for Women and Children Service Project

We will construct 35 blankets and donate them to the Center of Hope.

Evelyn Ramirez-Agosto, Program Manager Shelter Operations will join us.

7:30 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.



Friday, December 13th - Operation Warm OFF SITE

Bruns Elementary School

501 South Bruns Avenue

Charlotte 28208  
**NUMEROUS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED.**

Anyone who wants to participate – and who wouldn't – we get to provide 400 elementary school kids with a brand-new winter coat!!! If you want to join in on this amazing service project, **you must register with CMS**

[www.CMSvolunteers.com](http://www.CMSvolunteers.com) prior to December 1<sup>st</sup>.

# OPERATION<sup>®</sup> warm

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## more than a coat<sup>®</sup>

**Saturday, December 14th - Salvation Army Bell Ringing**

Walmart Arboretum

10:00 - 6:00 p.m.

SignUp: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0B4EAEA623A0F85-51463332-salvation>



**Save The Date - Holiday Party December 7th**



Mark your calendars....

We will be celebrating our Holiday party at Robert Bugg's house on Saturday, December 7. Thank you, Robert, for welcoming us into your beautiful home once again.

A great time was had by all last year- make sure you join in on the fun!

**Presidential Peace Conference**





Join peacebuilders from around the world for the 2025 Rotary Presidential Peace Conference, 20-22 February, in Istanbul, Türkiye, to explore ways to create environments that foster peace and understanding.

With the theme of Healing in a Divided World, the conference offers a unique opportunity to connect with Rotary members, partners, and thought leaders committed to addressing important peacebuilding issues of our time.

Through dialogue, interactive workshops, and insightful presentations, we'll cover topics such as:

- Peace in a polarized world
- Technology, media, and peacebuilding
- Environmental issues in peacebuilding
- Making peace last

Led by 2024-25 Rotary International President Stephanie A. Urchick and held at the Hilton Istanbul Bomonti Hotel & Conference Center, the conference will also recognize Rotary's contributions to advancing peace through our peace and conflict resolution area of focus and our Rotary Peace Centers and mark the launch of our newest peace center in partnership with Bahçeşehir University in Istanbul.

Learn more about the conference and presentations at [rotary.org/Istanbul25](https://rotary.org/Istanbul25) and register today!

[Register](#)

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

All members & visitors are welcome - 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. A breakfast buffet is available for \$12, or you may also 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/85754400627?pwd=NHQ2SjRkSkRKZEkzazE5bVQrZWJ1UT09>

Meeting ID: 857 5440 0627

Passcode: 974042

One tap mobile phone: [+16468769923](tel:+16468769923), [+185754400627](tel:+185754400627)#, ..., \*974042#

Fellowship until 7:35

7:35 AM - Announcements & Comments

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

8:30 AM - Meeting adjourned