

Rotary



Club of Charlotte Providence

Join us each Thursday!



May 15 - Sherrye Trice, Founder and CEO of nonprofit [Foscoe Home Team](#) based in Banner Elk, will visit us to talk about their disaster recovery efforts in western North Carolina after Hurricane Helene. (Thanks to Mark Daniels for coordinating this!)

May 22 - Club Members' Stories - Open Mic Day!

Looking ahead

May 29 - Please bring the items you signed up to contribute for our service project with [Hero Boxes](#)! We will pack boxes for our military members!

June 5 - Back by popular demand, Former North Carolina General Assembly Representative Craig Horn is president of the Churchill Society of North Carolina and will speak to us about the history of Winston Churchill and how his leadership still has relevance today.



A fun evening of fellowship



Thanks to everyone who attended our tour and social at The Bowl! Christina Thigpen and Nick Vosnock with Northwoods took us on a spectacular backstage tour of the complex. We walked through the swanky apartment tower and went 26 stories up! They took us to the stage at the Amphitheatre for a front-row view of the outdoor concert venue. After a brief threat of rain, we enjoyed a beautiful evening on the patio of OMB. A special thanks to Bob & Jan Cope who brought friends, Cheryl Brooks and Guy Herring, and Mindy & Chris who brought friends, Judy and Drew Coppola.

Club Meeting

Charlotte Providence
Meets at Maggiano's Little Italy
at SouthPark
4400 Sharon Rd
Charlotte, NC 28211
Time: Thursday at 12:30 PM

Club Leaders



[Mindy Leonard](#)
President



[Fitz Lee](#)
Treasurer
President-Elect



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[Ronald Wimberly](#)
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Club Chair



[Mary Ellen Shuntich](#)
Program Chair



[Mark Daniels](#)
Rotary Foundation
Chair
Past President



[Georgia Oakes](#)
Membership Chair

[Alan Turner Jr.](#)
Sergeant-at-Arms



(L to R): Guy & Cheryl, Mary Ellen, Mark & Lisa, Chris & Mindy, Bob & Jan, Georgia, Judy & Drew, Jerry, Richard & Ann, Fred Rees (not pictured: Fran Fesmire, Katherine Clements, Christy Smith)

Sam's Xpress Car Wash gift card FUNdraiser

Georgia is leading our springtime fundraiser, the sale of gift cards for Sam's Xpress car wash! (Thank you, Georgia!) The cards will be available to purchase weekly at club lunch. They cost \$25 each and will have a face value of \$25. Our profit on each is \$12.50. They are great to resell OR as graduation/Mother's Day/Father's Day/any day gifts! We will use the proceeds to fund upcoming service projects. This is a FUNdraiser, after all, so we hope everyone will participate!



East Meck Interact Club - Scholarship



Thank you to Christy who has offered to lead the East Meck Interact scholarship application process again this year! We have budgeted \$2,000 for the scholarship, but we want to invite anyone who may be interested to contribute additional funds in order to increase that amount. Please contact Mindy or Christy. Thank you!

Friends of Barnabas

Stay tuned for exciting news about an exploratory trip for Rotarians to Honduras with **Friends of Barnabas**!! Tentative trip dates are September 11-14, 2025. Erin Caldwell will provide details at club lunch on May 29th!



Cotswold Farmers Market



participate!

The CFM is off to a successful start! Every Saturday morning through October, be sure to visit the [Cotswold Farmers Market](#). Located in the parking lot of Providence Baptist Church at 4921 Randolph Road, it's THE place to be on Saturday mornings! Market hours are 8am-12pm.
To show our continued support of and commitment to this wonderful community market, Charlotte Providence Rotary will help with setup (7am) and breakdown (12pm) on the first Saturday of each month through October. Please



Christine E. Smith
Club Service Chair



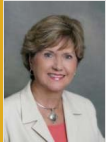
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Interact Chair



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iPast President



Frances E. Fesmire
Fundraising Chair



Birthdays



George D. Crow III
May 23rd



J. Grason Hudson III
June 7th

District Leaders



Kevin Kendrick
District Governor



Donna M. Moffett
DG - Elect

Jerald P. Coughter
DG - Nominee

Distinguished Rotarian



Congratulations to **Ron Wimberly**, our club's Distinguished Rotarian for the 2024-2025 Rotary year! Ron received a significant majority of votes by club members. We will honor Ron at an upcoming lunch meeting.

The Rotary District 7680 Distinguished Rotarian Awards were first awarded during the 1993-94 Rotary year at the District 7680 Conference. Each of the clubs in District 7680 has the opportunity to honor a member of their club for a distinguished tenure as a Rotarian. The award is presented to a Rotarian who has exemplified "Service Above Self" in his/her daily life as a Rotarian and a member of his/her community. Each club selects a Distinguished Rotarian from their membership on an annual basis, and submits that name with supporting documentation to the District Governor. The District Governor presents each recipient an appropriate plaque at the District Conference.



Debra L. Corbett
iPDG



CPR Member Challenge



Georgia and Mindy have conspired to challenge each of you to bring just ONE guest to visit our club in the next two months, before the end of the current Rotary year. Invite anyone you wish who's not a Rotarian. They may have no interest in joining Rotary, and they may not even know what Rotary is. Bring one person, with no strings attached.

Club Invoices

Club invoices have been emailed! Please submit payment for your invoice (including any past-due) **as soon as possible**. We want the club to be a good steward of every dollar we take in and every dollar we give out, so please help us by doing your important part.

It's fair to all concerned. Thank you!



Save the Dates!



Invite a friend, colleague, neighbor, or fellow church goer to join us for ANY or ALL.

End-of-Year Celebration

Thursday, June 12, 2025 at 5:30pm at Georgia and Jerry's home with a lovely new party deck out back! (NO lunch meeting that day)