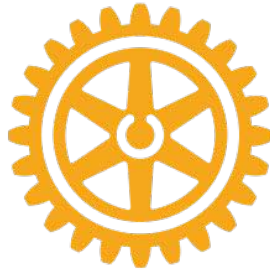


# Rotary



# IMAGINE ROTARY

## Birthdays

Walter N. Hobbs  
February 2nd

## Wedding Anniversaries

No Wedding Anniversaries Found

## Years of Service

Donyel Bratton Barber  
02-03-2022  
1 Year

## Club Leaders



Patricia Lane Black  
President



Leslie Gene Davis  
Membership Chair  
President - Elect



Luke Lucas Upchurch  
Vice President



Kay Collins Peninger  
Secretary



Davidson Robert  
Hobson  
President - Nominee



Robin McDonald Loupus  
Treasurer



Scott Scarborough  
Assistant Treasurer



James Copeland Smith  
Club Director



Kathryn Ellen Styers  
Club Director

## President's Message - February 2, 2023

Dear Rotary Friends,

Hello to my fellow Rotarians!

At Thursday's meeting we heard from a Rotarian, Scott Van Der Linden. His passion for Seminar for Tomorrow's Leaders (STLF) was evident in his face and expression as he spoke. Our Rotary District took a Rotary International Program- RYLA and made it our own. I want to thank our own member, **Sharon Heinrich**, for all that she does to make this program safe and successful. **Sharon** is the nurse for the week of STFL and the photographer whose pictures we saw during the presentation.

As I was watching the video, many of the words and phrases spoken by the attendees stood out to me--learn about myself, teammates, apply skills, connect, leader, service, conflict resolution skills, and thank you. As Scott said, the time spent during the week is a lot of work and active. But more importantly, we are planting the seeds of leadership in students. If you know of a rising high school junior or senior who would benefit from this program, scholarships are available. It only takes a nomination and a willing participant.

This week, we will hear from Dr. William Thierfelder, President of Belmont Abbey College. I look forward to seeing each of you there.

Yours in Rotary Service,

President Patti

## This Week's Program - February 2: Belmont Abbey College Update

### Next Week's Program February 2 Belmont Abbey College Update



Dr. Bill Thierfelder is in his 18th year as President of Belmont Abbey College, a Catholic, Benedictine, liberal arts college founded in 1876, located 10 miles west of Charlotte, N.C., and ranked #4 in the South by U.S. News & World Report for Best Undergraduate Teaching.

Prior to his appointment at Belmont Abbey College, Dr. Thierfelder successfully led several sports medicine, sports law, and sports business corporations. He is a licensed psychologist and received his



Karen Walker  
Rotary Foundation  
Chair



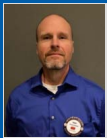
Laurel Roe Morris  
iPast President



Sharon Jenkins Padgett  
Club Director



Donald Benton Parrott  
Club Director



Tony Eugene Pasour  
Club Director



Marcia Scheideman  
Club Director



William Augustus  
Anthony III  
Club Director



Nancy Anne Kuney  
Club Director



Pamela Peacock  
Overcash  
Club Director



Patrick Larkin  
Public Image Chair



Steven D. Long  
Club Trainer

master's and doctoral degrees in Sports Psychology and Human Movement from Boston University. He is a former Track & Field National Champion & Record Holder, two-time All-American from the University of Maryland, and an NCAA Division I Coach. He is an inductee in the Sports Faith International Hall of Fame, which includes world-class athletes, coaches, and team owners, such as George "Papa Bear" Halas, Vince Lombardi, and Brian Piccolo. He is also the author of *Less Than A Minute To Go: The Secret to World-Class Performance in Sport, Business and Everyday Life* with Foreword by Coach Mike Krzyzewski.

Dr. Thierfelder has testified before the United States Congress in matters related to religious liberty. He is a Knight of Malta and serves on the Federal Association's Defense of the Faith Committee. Dr. Thierfelder was born and raised in New York City and currently lives just outside of Charlotte, NC where he and his wife Mary have raised their ten children.

The meeting begins at 12:40pm and is offered in-person and by Zoom.

**If you are attending in-person, join us at noon for the lunch service.**

**The Zoom link will open at 12:15pm.**

**You can join the meeting here:**

**<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81084873919?pwd=MWhQMmNTRlhzeG9LUkITaXIGempMQT09>**

**Meeting ID: 810 8487 3919**

**Passcode: 333806**

## This Week's Birthdays: Jan 30 - Feb 5



*Walter Hobbs-Feb. 2*



## Next Week's Program: February 9 - DG Kam Chandan

**Next Week's Program**

**Kam Chandan, Rotary 7680 District Governor 2022-2023**



Kam was inspired to join Rotary by his father-in-law PDG Pratap Gokuldas, PDG Tom Overbaugh, and PRID Bill Cadawallader. Kam was a member of Rotary Club of New York in 2001. In 2013, he was reinvigorated to join the Rotary Club of Lake Norman-Huntersville. Since then he has been an active and engaged member of the club.

Kam received his bachelors in Computer Engineering from Pune Institute of Computer Technology, Pune. He earned his master's degree in computer science and business minor in entrepreneurship from University of Southern California, Los Angeles.

Kam served as the Club President in 2016-17. That year, the club was awarded Best Small Club Award of Excellence, International Service Award and Club of Distinction in District 7680. Kam is a Major Donor, Benefactor, and an RLI graduate. He is a recipient of the Club's Distinguished Rotarian Award and Most Engaged New Member Award.

He is a passionate Rotarian involved in service projects and grants benefiting our community, both locally and globally. He has participated in district grants and global grants leveraging the Rotary Foundation.

At the District level, Kam completed his third year in 2019-2020 serving as Assistant Governor for 4 clubs in the North Mecklenburg area. He had the opportunity to lead the first inbound and outbound Friendship Exchange program for District 7680 with District 3201. Kam served as chair for the District Foundation Banquet, Rotary Global Swimathon and Ambassador for World's Greatest Meal (WGM) to End Polio Now. He has served as a mentor and facilitator for Seminar for Tomorrow's Leaders (SFTL) and mentor for NewGen Peacebuilders. Kam's family had the privilege of hosting four youth exchange students and building lifelong memories.

Kam is an entrepreneur and technology geek. He founded three startups – Chandan Computers, Media Touch and DLoop. After his graduate studies, he pursued his career as technology practitioner in Investment Banking and Capital Markets at Goldman Sachs in New York and Wachovia/Wells Fargo in North Carolina. He worked as an innovative technology executive at Ally Financial, a leading digital financial services company, and Principal Product Manager at a SaaS startup – Blueshift. Currently, he works as Principal – Application Modernization Leader at Amazon Web Services.

Kam is inspired to serve with Rotarians around the globe and do good in the world.

The meeting begins at 12:40pm and is offered in-person and by Zoom.

**If you are attending in-person, join us at noon for the lunch service.**

**The Zoom link will open at 12:15pm.**

**You can join the meeting here:**

**<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81084873919?pwd=MWhQMmNTRIhzeG9LUkITaXIGempMQT09>**

**Meeting ID: 810 8487 3919**

**Passcode: 333806**

---

## **Afghan Refugee Families Supply Drive**

### **Afghan Refugee Families Supply Drive**

The Charlotte International Rotary Club is continuing to receive a few new Afghan refugees into the city on a regular basis. Consequently, there are ongoing needs for a number of items to help facilitate their transition to new homes. Marcia Scheideman will pick up any items you wish to donate (mscheideman.ms@gmail.com; 716-863-2865).

**Wish List**

2 Sofas	2 Kitchen Tables and Chairs
Vacuums (including stick vacuums)	Rugs
Pressure Cooker	Diapers (disposable)
Tea Pot	Blankets
Dishes	

## ROTARY 101

### 7680 ROTARY101

#### New to Rotary or want to know more – This is for you!

You are part of a group whose impact reaches around the world through local community service by our 1.4 million members in 200+ countries.

Join us for "Rotary 101" a virtual tour of Rotary and Rotarians that will inspire you to engage even more in the Rotary community. District 7680 has implemented a brand-new initiative specifically for new members. It is a 45-minute virtual event held monthly to help engage new members and encourage them to become involved in their club and district activities.

Wednesday August 24 was the kickoff for ROTARY 101, an online program designed for new and potential members of Rotary. The next event is:

- Tuesday, February 8, 2023, at 6:00pm
- March 13, 2023, at 6:00pm

Register on DACdb or use the link below:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81801636156?pwd=d2sraXFqdWRlSTVtL2ltOQ0dIT1dPZz09>



Questions: Contact Marcia Scheideman ([mscheideman.ms@gmail.com](mailto:mscheideman.ms@gmail.com)) or Lorena Prince ([garzalster@gmail.com](mailto:garzalster@gmail.com)) for any questions you might have. Looking forward to seeing you virtually!

## ROTARY LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE



## ***FIND YOUR PASSION IN ROTARY***

**Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI)** can strengthen your club and strengthen your life. Knowledge is the power that can help change the world. Begin your RLI journey with one of these events.

Join us as you begin to discover the wonder of Rotary. Five (5) sessions will be led by trained Rotarians and include exploring Rotary's Roots, Creating Service Projects, The Foundation, How Best to Engage Members in your Club, and What Lies Beyond Your Club.

### **VIRTUAL RLI OPPORTUNITIES**

#### **Parts 2 & 3**

Two Separate Events:

1. **Monday February 6 & Wednesday February 8 (5pm – 8pm)**

OR

1. **Friday, February 10 (1pm – 4pm) & Saturday, February 11 (8:30am – 11:30am)**

Register at [www.midatlanticrli.org](http://www.midatlanticrli.org).

Fee - \$35 (*Many clubs cover the registration cost*).

### **IN-PERSON RLI EVENT**

In conjunction with... **7680/7690 Joint District Conference**



#### **Parts 1, 2 & 3**

**Thursday, May 4, 2023 (8:15am to 3:15pm)**

Location:

Le Meridien Charlotte  
555 South McDowell, North Tower  
Charlotte, NC 28204

Register at [www.midatlanticrli.org](http://www.midatlanticrli.org).

Fee - \$95 (includes materials and lunch)

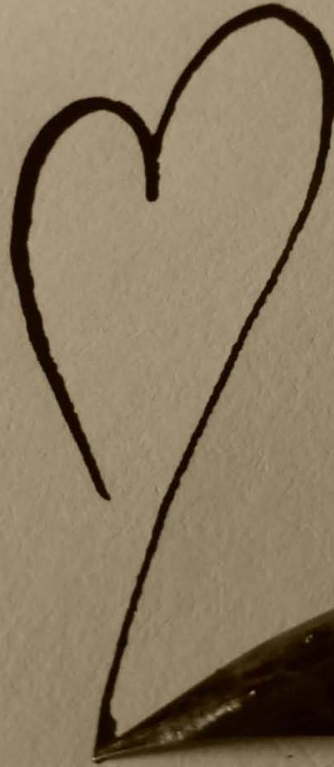
*Many clubs cover the registration cost.*

---

**The Women of Rotary - Leading with the Heart**

The Women of Rotary - Leading with the Heart

# The Women of Rotary Leading with Heart



February, 16th 2023  
11.15 am - 1 pm  
Grand Bohemian Hotel  
Charlotte, NC



Rotary  
District 7680



## Let's Get Growing

Let's Get Growing

Let's Get Growing

IMAGINE ROTARY

Rotary District 7680

Friday, February 24, 2023 at 8.30 am

<https://www.tinyurl.com/7680letsgetgrowing>

## 7680/7690 Joint Conference

7680/7690 Joint Conference

# 7680 7690



IMAGINE  
ROTARY

# JOINT CONFERENCE

TWICE the  
FRIENDS

TWICE the  
POSSIBILITIES

May 5-7 2023

Charlotte



MARRIOTT  
BONVOY  
Le MERIDIEN



<https://tinyurl.com/7680districtconference>



## Editor's Note

### Editor's Note

February kicks off this week, and with it National Sweet Potato Month.

The sweet potato (*Ipomoea batatas*) was grown before the more well-known white Irish potato. Cultivation and consumption date back to 750 B.C. in Peru. Christopher Columbus brought this new food back to Europe, where it was given the name 'sweet potato' due to its sweet flavor. This vegetable is now a classic for Thanksgiving dinners, sometimes candied or topped with marshmallows.

North Carolina is the number 1 producer of sweet potatoes in the United States, and as a result, is the state's official vegetable. That said, more than 90% of the world's sweet potato production is from Asia.

Why not celebrate this month by working sweet potatoes in to your menus. These Sweet Potato and Black Bean Burritos would be a great way to start (<https://www.foodnetwork.com/recipes/sweet->

## Events

February 2nd

**Club Meeting: Belmont Abbey**

February 9th

**Club Meeting: District Governor Visit**

February 16th

**Club Meeting: Steve Eaton - Public Health Director**

February 23rd

**Club Meeting: Charlotte Regional Airport**