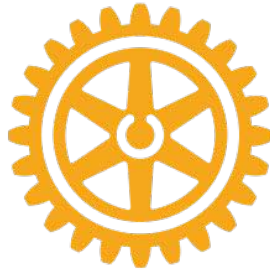


Rotary



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Birthdays

Thomas Jason Austell
February 9th

Richard Bruce Abernethy
February 11th

Wedding Anniversaries

No Wedding Anniversaries Found

Years of Service

John R. Cloninger
02-12-1998
25 Years

Donna L. Elliott
02-09-2012
11 Years

Michael Craig Peoples
02-08-2018
5 Years

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

President's Message - February 12, 2023

Dear Rotary Friends,

Hello to my fellow Rotarians!

Welcome to a week of almost 70 degree weather! So sorry, Punxsutawney Phil, your six more weeks of winter was not right once again. Well, thankfully, at least for our area.

Our thanks to Dr. Bill Thierfelder for taking the time to come and give us an update on Belmont Abbey College. The Belmont Abbey monastery has been home to Roman Catholic Benedictine monks since 1876. The monks continue to use their land to help others. We do have a top 4-year college to be proud of and to take pride in. Just think, the #1 ranked "Best College for Undergraduate Teaching for 2022-2023" as rated by *U.S. News & World Report* is just off I-85 in Gaston County! As Dr. Thierfelder reminded us " This is our 4-Year College". The College, as well, is meeting people where they are with the addition of new Master Degrees, many of them online. Not only is Belmont Abbey College an amazing academic college, they have the seventh largest athletic program in the country with over 900 student athletes. These athletes compete in more than 30 NCAA Division II programs. Surely the success of the college lies in their ability to meet the two needs shared with us - objective truth and the need to be loved.

This week, we will hear from Kam Chandon, District Governor. I look forward to seeing each of you there.

Yours in Rotary Service,

President Patti

This Week's Program: February 9 - DG Kam Chandan

This 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.



James Copeland Smith
Club Director



Kathryn Ellen Styers
Club Director



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



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=MWhQMmNTRlhzeG9LUkITaXIGempMQT09>

Meeting ID: 810 8487 3919

Passcode: 333806

This Week's Birthdays: Feb 6 - Feb 12



Jason Austell-Feb. 9 Richard Abernethy-Feb. 11



Next Week's Program: February 16 - Gaston County Public Health

Next Week's Program
Gaston County Public Health
Steve Eaton, Department of Health and Human Services Director



Steve Eaton is from Hickory, NC and holds a Master of Public Health degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from East Carolina University, a graduate certificate in Public Health Leadership from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and certificate in Non-Profit Management from Duke University. He joined the former Gaston County Health Department in 2011 as Assistant Health Director.

Earlier in his career, Steve was the executive director for two North Carolina Smart Start Agencies and for the Early Head Start Program in Alexander County. He has experience in public health policy, population health outcomes, and community engagement. He serves on the UNCC School of Public Health Advisory Board, the Lenoir Rhyne University Master of Public Health Advisory Board, the Gaston County School Health Advisory Council, and as the regional chairman for the NC Association of Local Health Directors.

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Afghan Refugee Families Supply Drive

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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



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=d2sraXFqdWRISTVtL2ltO0dIT1dPZz09>



Questions: Contact Marcia Scheideman (mscheideman.ms@gmail.com) or Lorena Prince (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.
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.

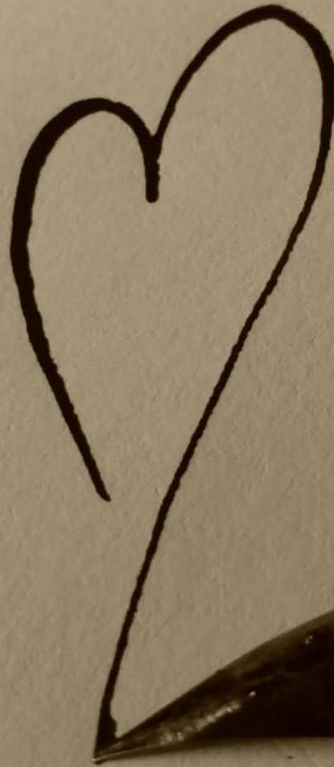
Fee - \$95 (includes materials and lunch)

Many clubs cover the registration cost.

The Women of Rotary - Leading with the Heart

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



Let's Get Growing

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Friday, February 24, 2023 at 8.30 am

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

Do you think our club could have more impact in the community if we had more members?

Would you like to become an Irresistible Club?

Would you like to hear some tips for getting our members more energized and engaged in our club's activities?

If you answered "Yes" to any or all of these questions, you won't want to miss the District 7680 Let's Get Growing - Membership Summit.

When: 24th February 2023 at 8.30 am

Where: Providence Baptist Church, 4921 Randolph Road, Charlotte, NC 28211

Register NOW or send your REGRET that you cannot attend by [clicking here](#).

Even if you are not a club officer or a member of the club's Membership Committee, you can play an important part in attracting, engaging, and retaining members.

This event is for all D7680 Rotary members committed to the sustainability of their clubs. All Club Presidents, Presidents-Elect, President Nominees, AGs and Club Membership Chairs are expected to attend.

7680/7690 Joint Conference

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TWICE the
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May 5-7 2023

Charlotte



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



Editor's Note

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As I edit the Bulletin each week, I am surprised at the fact that we rarely have wedding anniversaries pop up, despite me knowing that there are many Club members who are married, including to other Club members! When I go into the system I see that folks have not updated their records to include that vital piece of information.

To that end, and to help build good will and better friendships, I'd encourage everyone to go into their record at DACdb (<https://dacdb.com/index.html>), check to make sure that their information is up to date, and to add any missing information. Hate the image that I used in the Bulletin for your last birthday? I pull it directly from the system, so update it! Realize that your spouse's image is missing from your record? Add one! Notice that your wedding anniversary is missing? Put one in! Forget when your wedding anniversary is? Make one up!

If you have any questions about updating your record, let me know, or ask another fellow Rotarian. We're happy to help.

Events

February 9th

Club Meeting: District Governor Visit

February 16th

Club Meeting: Steve Eaton - Public Health Director

February 23rd

Club Meeting: Charlotte Regional Airport

March 2nd

Club Meeting: Rotary Friendship Exchange