



CREATE HOPE
in the WORLD

Club Meeting

Concord-Afton Sunset
Meets at High Branch Brewing Company at Gibson Mills
305 McGill Avenue, Ste 100
Concord, NC 28027
Time: Tuesday at 06:00 PM

Events

July 11th
**Concord-Afton
Sunset Weekly
Club Meeting**

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Club News - Week of July 10, 2023

By Pramod Joglekar on Sunday, July 9, 2023

Dear Rotarians and Friends of Rotary:

This week we will be having our **first meeting** for the 2023/2024-year and what a great way to start the year than by coming together for a **Service project**.

As I mentioned in last week's update, we will be packing 60 knapsacks with school supplies and writing a brief encouraging note to each recipient. All the supplies necessary for the knapsacks have been purchased and will be available at the Meeting Room at High Branch Brewing Company - starting at 6 PM. I hope to see you all for the event, and please bring along a friend or family member that would enjoy this event.

We also need 1 or 2 volunteers to help deliver the knapsacks and baby items to Cabarrus County Social Services. The date and time have not yet been determined but it will be this week. This will involve loading cars from Cindy's garage in Afton and driving to the drop off location on North Cannon Blvd in Kannapolis.

I have also been working on a calendar for the coming year. Below is a link to that document. Please reach out to me if you are unable to access this. This calendar will be updated as we confirm Speakers and Events thru the rest of the year.

[2023/2024 Calendar Link](#)

And as a reminder, if you have any suggestions on Service Projects or Speakers, please reach out to the Chairperson for the Service (Cindy Fertenbaugh) and Program (Susan Smith) committees respectively. You can also add your suggestions directly to the Google Doc at the below links (Please reach out if you do not have access).

- [Program Suggestion Form](#)
- [Speaker Suggestion Document](#)

I look forward to seeing you all at the meeting this Tuesday.

School Tools Collection Drive

By Pramod Joglekar on Sunday, July 9, 2023

Last week we announced that we are launching the collection drive for **School Tools** and starting to get the building blocks together.

We are now all set to distribute the bins and set up collection drives at various community locations and start building awareness of this drive. Please share ideas for locations of barrels and boxes for collections from now through August 7th. **We need more locations** to reach out into the community. Churches have been very successful collection locations. Can you hold a supply drive at your place of work, your bank, your church, or even with your Book Club or gym?

We need to find more school supply collection sites and business donors soon! The collection period is targeted to be July 15th to August 7th. Do you all have any ideas on who you can contact to host a collection site or make a donation?

As information, places already being contacted for collections or donations: Harris Teeter, Target, Team Honeycutt/Allen Tate, St. James Catholic Church, Afton Ridge HOA, Christenbury HOA

As soon as we have some collection events planned, there will be sign-ups. Please bring your friends and family to these events and help us make this a successful drive.

Please contact the Service Committee (Chair: Cindy Fertenbaugh) or Pramod Joglekar with any questions or feedback.

Message From New Governor - Debra Corbett

By Pramod Joglekar on Sunday, July 2, 2023

Dear Rotary Family and Friends,

Today is July 1st! I extend greetings and a heartfelt welcome to a new Rotary year! In other words, "Howdy y'all!" I am filled with immense joy and gratitude to begin serving as your District Governor today. Rotary International President, Gordon McNally, unites our focus to **Create Hope in the World** on the heels of a banner year with Past Rotary International President, Jennifer Jones. When our dreams guide our steps, we walk with a hope that ignites action.

We are People of Action!

As we bridge a year of imagining Rotary with Creating Hope in the World, I want to thank our immediate Past District Governor Kam Chandan, his leadership team, and all the 2022-23 presidents for leading us through an amazing year of service and fellowship.

As we embark on this new year, let us remember that each action, no matter how small, has the potential to ignite a spark of hope and transform lives. Together, we get to affect positive change, inspiring hope in the hearts of individuals, families, and communities, both locally and around the world.

I invite each one of you to embrace your Rotary journey and carry the spirit of hope in your heart. DARE to stretch your ideas, launch new projects, expand your membership footprints, and grow your clubs. SHARE your time, talent, treasures, and stories. Sharing stories is the glue for building relationships. Sharing our talent and treasures is the fuel that fills our ability to take action through amazing projects that create lasting change. Finally, CARE about people and lead with your hearts. Listen well and generously care about each other; equally caring about those we serve. Together, we are the dream team and can create a world where hope shines brightly and where the collective strength of our Rotary family leads the way.

Thank you for your unwavering commitment to Rotary and for joining hands to **Create Hope in the World**. I am honored to serve as your District Governor, and I am excited about the incredible possibilities that lie ahead. Go Rotary!

Cheers,

Debb Corbett
District Governor, Rotary District 7680



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#createhopeintheworld
#leadwithheart

What Is Rotary?

Rotary is an organization of business and professional leaders united worldwide, who provide **humanitarian service**, encourage **high ethical standards** in all vocations, and help to build **goodwill and peace** in the world. Rotary today is some 1.2 million service minded men and women belonging to some 34,000 Rotary Clubs in 200 countries. Our local club has a stable membership of around 27 men and women.
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Monthly Theme



Welcome to District 7680!



ABOUT DISTRICT 7680

Rotary District 7680 serves fourteen counties in the west-central region of North Carolina (from the VA state line to the SC state line, and from Boiling Springs to Hamlet). Each county has at least one Rotary club. There are 57 clubs with over 2,600 members who share similar values and are dedicated to serving the needs of their communities and helping others around the world.



BIRTHPLACE OF ROTARACT

District 7680 is noted for its support of The Rotary Foundation, its programs for youth, and as "the Birthplace of Rotaract". The first of over 10,000 Rotaract Clubs in the world was founded at UNC-Charlotte on March 13, 1968, by the Charlotte North Rotary Club. [Learn more about Rotaract here.](#)

ABOUT ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

What would it take to change the world? Rotary International is the world's first service club organization, with more than 1.2 million members in over 35,000 clubs worldwide. Rotary club members are volunteers who work locally, regionally, and internationally to combat hunger, improve health and sanitation, provide education and job training, promote peace, and eradicate polio under the motto **Service Above Self**. [Learn more about Rotary International here.](#)

WE'RE IN ZONE 33 OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

Rotary International is divided into 34 Zones, and District 7680 is in Zone 33.

Stephanie Urchick of the Rotary Club of McMurray near Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania in District 7305 in Zone 33, and Peter Kyle in the Rotary Club of Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C. in District 7620 in Zone 33, are the co-Directors representing Zones 33-34 on the Rotary International Board of Directors for 2020-21.

Zones 33-34 encompass 31 districts from western Pennsylvania, through the Mid-Atlantic and Southeastern United States, and the Caribbean, Puerto Rico, French Guiana, Guyana, and Suriname. There are 26 countries and regions represented in Zones 33-34. Our Rotarians speak English, French, Dutch and Spanish as primary languages.

Zone 33 includes western Pennsylvania down through North Carolina and South Carolina, and Zone 34 includes Georgia, Florida, the Caribbean, Puerto Rico, French Guiana, Guyana, and Suriname.

[Learn more about Zones 33 and 34 here.](#)

And here <https://www.rizoness33-34.org/zone-map-and-websites/>



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