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# CAROLINAS

## PETS

**Rotary**  
District 7670



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# WELCOME LETTER

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Dear Friends,

I'm honored to serve alongside you in the 2026–2027 Rotary year! I hope you're as energized as I am for the exciting opportunities ahead. Rotary begins with our clubs—you are the heart of everything we do. At the District, Zone, and International levels, our job is simple: to support YOU and help your club and members serve in ways that are meaningful to them.

This year, my top priority is helping you and your club achieve the goals that matter most to you. It's natural to want to accomplish everything in your year as President, but remember—leadership is about setting a pace that inspires without overwhelming. My wish is that you end this year loving Rotary even more than you do now! With thousands of ways to serve, I encourage you to not only focus on this year's goals, but also dream about how you want to serve in the future.

Great results come from great planning—that's what PETS (President Elect Training Seminar) is all about. You'll leave with powerful tools and fresh ideas to prepare for the year ahead. After this weekend, bring your board and club members together to decide your top priorities and map out the strategies that will get you there.

You've already met many of the district leaders who are here to support you—lean on them! Our Assistant Governors were recently in your shoes and can be an incredible source of insight and encouragement. Let's make this an inspiring year of service, growth, and Rotary fun – together!

In Rotary Friendship,

Paige



# PAIGE SCOTT

## DISTRICT GOVERNOR 2026 - 2027 ROTARY CLUB OF BURNSVILLE

Paige first joined Rotary back in 2000 as the Charter President of the Rotaract Club of Columbia, Missouri. In 2001, she joined the Rotary Club of Columbia, Missouri and now is a proud member of the Rotary Club of Burnsville, NC. She has experienced Rotary life and leadership in small, medium, and large clubs. Paige held club roles of Secretary, Treasurer, President, Youth Services Chair, Public Image Chair, and Rotary Youth Exchange Counselor. At the district level, she's served as Assistant Governor, Grants Co-Chair, RYLA coach, discussion leader for many years at Show Me Rotary PETS, and is a 2025 graduate of the Rotary Leadership Institute.

Paige earned a BA in Psychology (Westminster College, 1994), an MBA (William Woods University, 1996), a Graduate Certificate in Bank Management (SMU, 2001), and a Master of Science in Information Systems (Kennesaw State University, 2021).

After retiring from a career in Financial Services Management in 2017, she now works alongside her husband, John, on their timber farm and property, and at Harmening and Company, PLLC CPA firm. She will pick up the phone in March and April but maybe not quickly.

When she isn't working or volunteering, Paige's hobbies include playing/watching golf, tennis, and pickleball. She also enjoys cooking, traveling, kayaking, spending time with family, watching Hallmark movies, and learning new things. She's committed to environmental sustainability through ESRA (Environmental Sustainability Rotary Action Group)—and yes, she will 100% notice if you forget your reusable shopping bag or water bottle. Paige and John are Major Donors and proud members of the Paul Harris Society, Bequest Society, Polio Plus Society, and are CART fund supporters. Paige believes that the work we do through the Rotary Foundation will create positive, lasting change throughout the world.





# MARSHALL BUTLER

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## ROTARY ZONE 33-34 DIRECTOR

Marshall Butler is past president of the Rotary Club of West Jacksonville in Jacksonville, FL, USA. He served as District Governor for District 6970 (Northeast Florida) in 2016-17. From 2020 to 2023, he was the Zone 34 Rotary Public Image Coordinator, where he developed a structured methodology to help clubs and districts strengthen their public image through a series of monthly webinars and strategic action items.

Marshall has played a significant role in Rotary leadership, serving three times as Production Chair and twice as Program Chair on the Zones 33-34 Executive Committee. He has also held multiple leadership positions on the Rotary Florida PETS executive team and served as Lead Facilitator for Rotary International's Global Support Seminar. A committed supporter of The Rotary Foundation, Marshall and his wife, Karen, are Major Donors and proud members of the Bequest Society, Paul Harris Society, and End Polio Now Society. His contributions to Rotary have been recognized with the Citation for Meritorious Service.

Professionally, Marshall brings over 30 years of experience in marketing and technology, consistently driving innovation in every role he has held. A graduate of the University of Florida with a degree in advertising, he currently serves as Marketing Director for Pragmatic Works, one of the world's leading Microsoft training companies.

An avid endurance athlete, Marshall has completed 18 marathons and numerous triathlons, including Ironman-distance races. He is currently undertaking an ambitious project to run all 14,552 streets in Jacksonville, FL—the largest city by land area in the contiguous United States. Marshall and Karen have two children who have grown up immersed in the Rotary community. Their eldest daughter, Emily, is now a proud member of the Rotary Club of West Jacksonville, continuing the family's legacy of service.



# DISTRICT GOVERNOR LINE

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ROSS SLOAN

## Ross Sloan

Asheville

District Governor Elect (DGE)

District Governor 2027-2028

Ross Sloan has been a member of the Rotary Club of Asheville for 11 years. He is a past president of the club, and he has been chair of their RI Foundation Committee. He currently chairs the Rotary Club of Asheville Foundation Board. Ross has a total of 23 years in Rotary, having also been a member of the Asheville Breakfast Club and the Hendersonville Club. Ross, along with his wife Martha, is a major donor to the Rotary International Foundation and a member of both the Paul Harris Society and the Bequest Society.

Rotary Highlights for Ross have been a District 7670 Wheelchair Distribution Project in The Philippines, a Rotary Club of Asheville school project in Guatemala, the 2022 RI International Convention and District Conferences. He has also completed all three parts of the Rotary Leadership Institute.

Ross is SVP & Specialty Banking Officer for Dart Bank. He is a graduate of Davidson College, with a B.A. in History. Ross' other volunteer work has included serving on the boards of Montreat Conference Center and MANNA FoodBank, as well as chairing United Way Campaigns in Buncombe and Henderson Counties. He is an ordained elder in the Presbyterian Church U.S.A. Ross and Martha live in Fairview, NC with their brown dog, Scout. They have two adult children, a daughter who lives in Pittsburgh and a son who lives in the Asheville area.

## Chip Cross

Marion

District Governor Nominee

District Governor 2028-2029

While attending high school, college, and graduate school, Chip Cross worked during the summers in the textile industry as a member of the summer staff. Following graduation from Presbyterian College (B.S. Business Administration) and Clemson University (MBA), Cross was employed twenty-two years in the textile industry. During this time, he worked for three textile companies with numerous job assignments including Supervisor, Department Manager, Plant Manager, Director of Training, and Human Resources Manager.

Prior to joining Western Carolina Industries, a 550-member Employer Association in western North Carolina, Cross worked for Coats North America primarily as Director of Training and Human Resources Manager. His responsibilities included assuming a leadership role in the plant's effort to achieve OSHA's Carolina Star safety certification, coordinating numerous domestic and international plant start-up training efforts, and directing a supervisory development program, which required 50 hours of training per year for each supervisor. Cross completed 5 years as Director of Leadership Development with Western Carolina Industries. During this time, and during the time he has provided training through his own company, he has worked with over 250 companies training supervisors and management personnel in leadership development.

Cross is currently an instructor of Business Administration at McDowell Technical Community College in Marion, N.C. His wife, Penny, has recently retired following her assignment as Vice President of Learning at McDowell Technical Community College. They have two grown and one grandchild. They enjoy church and community activities, jogging, hiking, camping, golf, reading, traveling, and spending time with their family and friends. Chip joined the Marion Rotary Club in August, 2018; and has thoroughly enjoyed his time as a Rotarian. Some of the highlights of his Rotary journey include: Sponsoring over 35 new members into Rotary; District 7670 Membership Chair: 2022-2023; Marion Rotary Club President: 2023-2024; District 7670 Assistant Governor: 2024-2025; RYLA Coach: 2023-2025; District 7670 Youth Services Chair: 2025-2026.



CHIP CROSS

# ROTARY 7670

## *District Conference*



District Governor Alpo  
invites you to a one-day  
event. Inspiration,  
connection and celebration.  
See you there!

Registration is Open!

## *Service & Shindig*

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# ROTARY MONTHLY THEMES AND SIGNIFICANT DATES

**July:** No Theme

**August:** Membership and New Club Development

**September:** Basic Education and Literacy

**October:** Economic and Community Development

**October 24th** World Polio Day

**November:** Rotary Foundation

**December:** Disease Prevention and Treatment

**January:** Vocational Service

**February:** Peacebuilding and Conflict Resolution

**February 23rd** Rotary Founding Day

**March:** Water and Sanitation

**April:** Maternal and Child Health

**April 22nd** Earth Day

**May:** Youth Service

**June:** Rotary Fellowships





# KEY DATES FOR 2026-2027

Event	Date	Who Attends	Addl Info.
President Elect Training Seminar (AKA PETS or Carolina PETS)	Thursday evening March, 19th-Saturday lunch, March 21st.	Presidents Elect for 2026-2027, President Nominees for 2027-2028. Assistant Governors, District Governor Elect, Nominee, and Nominee Designate	Mandatory to serve as club president - Registration opens on Nov. 1, 2025 and early bird rates end Dec. 31, 2025. We start promptly at 9 AM on Friday so it's recommended to arrive Thursday night if you have a long drive.  Register at <a href="https://carolinapets.org">carolinapets.org</a>
RYLA: Rotary Youth Leadership Academy	Thursday April 9 - Sunday April 12, 2026 Blue Ridge Assembly 84 Blue Ridge Circle Black Mountain, NC 28711	Club Sponsored RYLARIANS and Rotarian volunteers	This is a leadership weekend for High School Students. There are also many volunteer opportunities available. Contact Vicki Lawrence at <a href="mailto:assistpastor@firstumcfranklin.org">assistpastor@firstumcfranklin.org</a> or see more information at <a href="https://www.ryla7670.org/">https://www.ryla7670.org/</a>
Rotary Leadership Institute	Saturday, April 18, 2026 Crossroads Church 20 S Bear Creek Rd. Asheville, NC 28806	All Rotarians	
District 7670 Conference	May 1, 2026 Tryon Equestrian Center 25 International Blvd. Mill Spring, NC 28756	All Rotarians	More information to come at <a href="https://Rotary7670.org">Rotary7670.org</a>  More information about Tryon Equestrian Center at <a href="https://www.resort.tryon.com/">https://www.resort.tryon.com/</a>
Club Officer Training	TBD in May - In Person	Secretary Treasurer Public Image Chair Foundation Chair Membership Chair	DacDb sign up TBD
Rotary International Convention	June 13-17, 2026 Taipei, Taiwan	All Rotarians	More information and to register at <a href="https://convention.rotary.org/en-us/">https://convention.rotary.org/en-us/</a>



# KEY DATES FOR

## 2026-2027

District 7670 Leadership Installation Luncheon	Saturday, June 27, 2026 11 AM-1 PM NC Arboretum Auditorium & Veranda 100 Frederick Law Olmstead Way Asheville, NC 28806	All Rotarians Club Presidents and District Leadership	More information on the NC Arboretum at <a href="https://www.ncarboretum.org/">https://www.ncarboretum.org/</a>  Registration on DacDb
Membership, Foundation, & PI Summit	Saturday, Aug. 15, 2026 Crossroads Church 20 S Bear Creek Rd. Asheville, NC 28806	All Rotarians Club Presidents, Presidents Elect, President Nominee, and Club Foundation, PI, and Membership Chairs	A terrific opportunity to gain ideas for your club in the areas of expanding membership, supporting the Rotary Foundation, and telling our Rotary story to the world!  Registration on DacDb
Rotary Foundation Luncheon	TBD	All Rotarians	Registration on DacDb
Rotary Leadership Institute	TBD	All Rotarians	
Rotary Zone 33/34 Institute	October 19-25th Williamsburg Lodge Williamsburg, VA	District Governors Elect, Nominee, Nominee Designate, Emerging Leaders (selected by District and Zone), PDG's, Rotarians	While there is Governor training and emerging leader training, this is <u>open to all Rotarians</u> who want to learn more about Rotary work in other Districts.
President Elect Training Seminar (AKA PETS or Carolina PETS)	Thursday evening March, 18th-Saturday lunch, March 20st, 2027.	Presidents Elect for 2027-2028, President Nominees for 2028-2029, Assistant Governors, District Governor Elect, Nominee, and Nominee Designate	Mandatory to serve as club president - Registration opens on Nov. 1, 2025 and early bird rates end Dec. 31, 2025. We start promptly at 9 AM on Friday so it's recommended to arrive Thursday night if you have a long drive.  Register at <a href="http://carolinapets.org">carolinapets.org</a>
Rotary Leadership Institute	TBD	All Rotarians	
District 7670 Conference	April 23 & 24, 2027 Hyatt Regency Greenville, NC 220 N Main St. Greenville, SC	All Rotarians	More information to come
Rotary International Convention	May 22-May 26, 2027 Dubai, UAE	All Rotarians	More information to come



# ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

TAIPEI, TAIWAN | 13-17 JUNE 2026



Register today at [convention.rotary.org](https://convention.rotary.org).

## District Leadership 2026-2027

\*\*Add Photos for some positions  
and reformat

Position	Rotarian	Club
District Governor	Paige Scott	Burnsville
Vice Governor	Tammy Mosteller	Alzheimer's Research
District Governor Elect	Ross Sloan	Asheville
District Governor Nominee	Chip Cross	Marion
Immediate Past District Governor	Alpo Portelli	Marion
Council on Legislation 7670 Representative	Tammy Mosteller	Alzheimer's Research
Chief of Staff 2026-2027	Sarah McGuire	Avery County
District Secretary		
District Finance Chair	Jim Cruickshank	Pisgah Forest
District Treasurer	Jim Perry	Denver Lake Norman
Learning Facilitation Chair	Tracy Petrosky	Denver/Lake Norman
Rotary Leadership Institute	Sarah McGuire	Avery County
Public Image Co-Chair	Andie Taylor	Denver/Lake Norman
Public Image Co-Chair		
Membership Chair *	Tammy Mosteller	Alzheimer's Research
Foundation Chair (DRFC)*	Ken Shull	Tryon
Youth Services Chair*		
District Conference Co-Chair	Karolyn Killian	Hendersonville
District Conference Co-Chair	David Mans	Asheville
DacDb Liaison (Aka. District Communications Officer or DCO)	Julie West	Lincolnton
Rotaract Chair	Lori Tyler	Boone Sunrise

Cart Chair		
RI Convention (Dubai) Chair	Joan VanOrman	Pisgah Forest
District Insurance Representative	Tammy Mosteller	Alzheimer's Research

\*See the following Pages for Sub Committee Chairs

### **Rotary Foundation Committee**

<b>Position</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Club</b>
Rotary Foundation Chair (DFRC)	Ken Shull	Tryon
Paul Harris Society	Larry Gardner	Waynesville
Polio Plus	Bronwen Talley-Coffey	Waynesville
District Simplified Grants	Judy Chapman	Franklin
Global Grants	Jamie Willis	Lenoir
Scholarships	Rick Molland	Madison County
Stewardship	Nancy Brooks	Asheville

### **Youth Services Committee**

<b>Position</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Club</b>
Youth Services Chair		
Youth Protection	Margarita Ramirez	Marion
RYLA	Vicki Lawrence	Franklin Daybreak
Youth Exchange	Frankie Adkins	Asheville
Interact	Sarah Leatham	Hendersonville-4 Seasons



### Membership Committee


Position	Name	Club
Membership Chair	Tammy Mosteller	Alzheimer's Research
Member Engagement Chair		
Attraction	Bronwen Talley-Coffey	Waynesville
New Club Creation		
Onboarding Chair	David Peltzer	Catawba Valley

### District Council

Position	Name	Club
Chairperson	Paige Scott	Burnsville 
Immediate Past District Governor	Alpo Portelli	Marion
District Governor Elect	Ross Sloan	Asheville
District Governor Nominee	Chip Cross	Marion
Past District Governor	Connie Molland	Madison County
Past District Governor	Tiffany Ervin	Hendersonville- 4 Seasons
Club President Representative		
Assistant Governor Representative	Bronwen Talley-Coffey	Waynesville
Assistant Governor Representative	Eva-Michelle Spicer	Asheville
Membership Chair	Tammy Mosteller	Alzheimer's Research
Foundation Chair	Ken Shull	Tryon
District Learning Facilitator	Tracy Petrosky	Denver/Lake Norman
Youth Services Chair		
Public Image Chair	Andie Taylor	Denver/Lake Norman
District Finance Chair	Jim Cruickshank	Pisgah Forest



### Assistant Governors

Name	Club	Matched Clubs
Eva-Michelle Spicer	Asheville	Asheville Asheville South Black Mountain & Swannanoa Valley
Bronwen Talley-Coffey	Waynesville	Haywood County Waynesville Waynesville Sunrise
Len Jones	Madison County	Burnsville Madison County Spruce Pine
Shawn Hamm	Valdese	Blowing Rock Marion Valdese
Kim VanSickler	Morganton	Burke Sunrise Hickory Sunrise Morganton
Laura Phipps	Hendersonville	Hendersonville Hendersonville-4 Seasons Tryon
Lanzi Lanzilotta	Highlands Mountaintop	Cashier's Valley Franklin Sylva
Kristy Smith	Franklin Daybreak	Franklin Highlands Highlands Mountaintop
Watson Jordan	Asheville Breakfast	Asheville Biltmore Asheville Breakfast Asheville Metro
Patrick Longano	Foothills Impact	Caldwell County Foothills Impact Hickory
Kadee Close	Murphy	Alzheimer's Research Bryson City Murphy
Trudie Crawford	Denver/Lake Norman	Denver/Lake Norman 

		Sherills Ford Dry Pond
Karen Keating	Asheville Metro	Asheville Metro Brevard Pisgah Forest
Open		Catawba Valley Lincolnton Newton Conover
Open		Avery County Boone Sunrise Lenoir



# DISTRICT GOVERNOR VISITS

## (2026–2027)

Each club in our district will receive one official visit from the District Governor during the 2026–2027 Rotary year.

### Purpose of the Visit

- Celebrate your club and the achievements of individual members
- Welcome new members to Rotary
- Share resources and inspiration to strengthen your club
- Highlight Rotary's local, regional, and global impact—and ways your club can engage

### Speaker Gifts

Speaker gifts for the District Governor are discouraged. Instead, please consider directing club funds to a club project or making a contribution to The Rotary Foundation or PolioPlus.

### Scheduling

Suggested visit dates are listed on the following pages.

- If you need to request a change, please coordinate with **Sarah McGuire** as soon as possible.
- The Governor's visit should serve as your program for the day; please do not schedule additional speakers.

### Pre-Visit Information Form (Due Two Weeks Prior)

Please complete the **Club Visit Form** at: <https://forms.gle/TXyoeCHXff81wiEr8> (or use the QR code provided).

This form helps Paige prepare to recognize your club's achievements and focus her remarks on the topics most valuable to your members.

Use this QR Code to access the form:



Club Name	Proposed Club Visit Date
Arden	August 17, 2026
Asheville	November 12, 2026
Asheville-Breakfast	July 29, 2026
Asheville-Biltmore	August 3, 2026
Asheville-Metro	August 6, 2026
Asheville-South	August 12, 2026
Avery County	October 15, 2026
Black Mountain & Swannanoa Valley	November 11, 2026
Blowing Rock	December 14, 2026
Boone Sunrise	September 15, 2026
Brevard	Invite me!
Bryson City	September 10, 2026
Burke-Sunrise	November 19, 2026
Burnsville	January 21, 2027
Cashier's Valley	September 16, 2026
Catawba Valley (Conover)	Jan. 14, 2027
Denver/Lake Norman	January 6, 2027
Franklin	October 28, 2026
Franklin Daybreak	December 8, 2026
Haywood County (Canton)	September 17, 2026
Hendersonville	December 8, 2026
Hendersonville-Four Seasons	July 20, 2026
Hickory	January 6, 2027
Hickory Sunrise	December 2, 2026
Highlands	November 15, 2026
Highlands-Mountaintop	November 16, 2026
Lenoir	October 2, 2026
Lincolnton	November 9, 2026
Lincolnton Sunrise	October 15, 2026
Madison County	August 13, 2026
Marion	November 19, 2026
Morganton	December 2, 2026
Murphy	October 5, 2026
Newton-Conover	November 3, 2026
Pisgah Forest	November 11, 2026
Alzheimer's Research	August 18, 2026
Sherrills Ford-Dry Pond	November 18, 2026
Spruce Pine	October 8, 2026
Sylva	November 5, 2026
The Foothills (IMPACT)	Invite me!
Tryon	December 3, 2026
Valdese	October 13, 2026
Waynesville	October 30, 2026
Waynesville-Sunrise	August 25, 2026



# OPERATION POLLINATION



## Invitation to Participate & Lead a Local Pollination Project

### Purpose

Rotary clubs are invited to join **Operation Pollination** by launching or leading a local project that strengthens habitats for pollinators and educates the community. This document includes why pollinators matter, project ideas, planning steps, resources, and a simple timeline you can adapt for your club.

### Why Pollination Work Matters:

Food security, Biodiversity & ecosystems, Local resilience, Community engagement

### Ways Clubs Can Participate

Choose a single activity or combine several to create a full program. Start small and scale up.

### Habitat & Planting

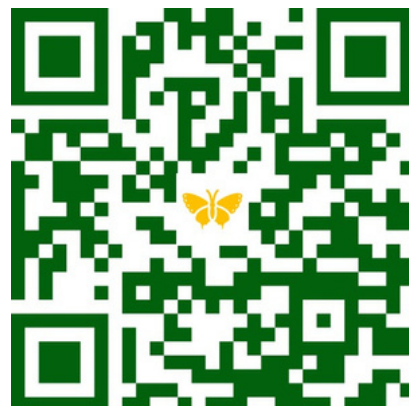
### Education & Community Engagement

### Partnerships & Policy

### Measuring Impact:

**Track and report:** Habitat, Engagement, Education, Stewardship

Learn more about the many facets of **Operation Pollination**:





# ASSISTANT GOVERNORS



EVA-MICHELLE SPICER

## Eva-Michelle Spicer

Rotary Club of Asheville

Serving: Asheville, Asheville South, and  
Black Mountain & Swanannoa Valley

Eva-Michelle is an Asheville native with deep Western North Carolina roots. After Asheville School, UNC-Chapel Hill, and the Gemological Institute of America, she and her husband, Elliott, took the helm of Spicer Greene Jewelers, carrying forward her family's nearly 100-year legacy downtown. An award-winning jewelry designer, she's also dedicated to philanthropy and civic service. As 2024-2025 president of the Rotary Club of Asheville, she led local relief efforts after Hurricane Helene and serves on the Asheville Downtown Improvement District board and the City of Asheville Economic Recovery Board. She loves time with Elliott, their daughter Ellie-Grace, and their dog, Carats.

## Shawn Hamm, DO, MPH, FAAFP

Rotary Club of Valdese

Serving: Blowing Rock, Marion, and Valdese

Dr. Hamm is a Family Physician with UNC Health Blue Ridge and the Medical Director of the Burke County Health Department. He has been a Rotarian since 2011, initially joining Rotary in Florida, and then transferring to Valdese, NC, once he finished his medical training. Dr. Hamm is the recipient of the Service Above Self Award in 2014 and the Rotarian of the Year Award in 2023. He is the Immediate Past President of the Rotary Club of Valdese. At the District level, in addition to being an Assistant Governor, Dr. Hamm serves on the RYLA Planning Committee, District Conference Planning Committee, and the Membership Committee as the Discover Rotary Chair. Outside of Rotary, Dr. Hamm holds multiple leadership positions at the local, state, and national level within the medical profession. In his free time, Dr. Hamm enjoys traveling and playing pickleball, and spending time with his immediate family who all live in Shelby, NC.



SHAWN HAMM

# ASSISTANT GOVERNORS

## Laura J. Phipps

Rotary Club of Hendersonville

Serving: Hendersonville, Hendersonville Four Seasons, and Tryon



LAURA PHIPPS

Laura J Phipps, Physician Assistant-Emeritus, devoted much of her career to the medical discipline of child abuse pediatrics. She began her Rotary journey in 1992 as the 1st female member of the Rotary Club of Altamonte Springs (District 6980), serving as President in 2001-02 and 2012-13. Laura later served as Assistant Governor 2002-05, and as District 6980 Youth Protection Officer. She is the recipient of multiple service awards and is a Paul Harris Fellow +6. Laura is a 2008 graduate of Rotary Leadership Institute. In 2017, the Altamonte Springs Rotary Club established the “Laura J Phipps Legacy Award”, in recognition of her leadership and service in the Central Florida area. Each year, the Altamonte Springs Rotary Club continues to honor a select Rotarian with this accolade. Laura joined the Rotary Club of Hendersonville after moving to Henderson County in 2018. She served as President in 2022-23, and began her service as Assistant Governor in 2024. Having served as District 7670 Youth Protection Officer, she continues her work with the District Youth Protection Team. Laura resides in Henderson County with her husband Stan. They are the proud parents of one son, Justin.

## Kadee Close

Rotary Club of Murphy

Serving: Murphy, Bryson City, and Alzheimer’s Research

I’m Kadee Close, a wife, mom to four awesome kids, and “Na” to three amazing grandbabies. I value creativity, connection, and steady growth, and I try to approach every project with curiosity and a willingness to learn. I enjoy collaborating with others and turning ideas into something meaningful. Supporting the people around me—whether at work or at home—is something I truly care about. Whether I’m taking on a new challenge or stepping outside my comfort zone, I aim to show up with kindness, integrity, and an open mind. My hope is simply to keep learning and make a positive impact where I can.



KADEE CLOSE

# ASSISTANT GOVERNORS



## Karen Keating

Rotary Club of Asheville Metro  
Serving: Arden, Brevard, and Pisgah Forest



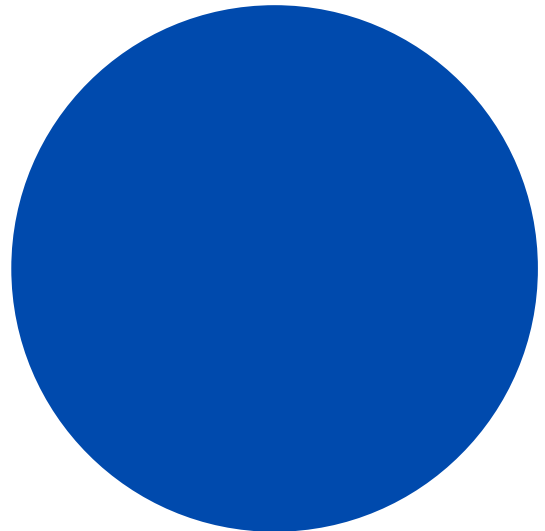
KAREN KEATING

### Assistant Governor

Rotary Club of  
Serving:

For position only

Karen is a former Outreach Coordinator with over 20 years of experience in the brain injury world. Throughout her career with the Brain Injury Association of NC, she supported families and professionals with education, advocacy and awareness on both local and national levels. Her passion for working with this population was due to personal experience. Though retired, she continues to be passionate about brain injury Education. Her first introduction to Rotary was in 1989 when one of the doctors she worked with said 'my Rotary meetings are sacred; I cannot be disturbed'. Jump to 2008 when she was invited to join a spin-off club and raised her hand when asked if someone would be President. That was 3 Presidency's ago, and she is her club's incoming Co-President. Karen has attended both District and International Conferences as well as joined the Honduran Medical Brigade. Karen enjoys life. She loves traveling, time with the grandkids, time with friends, local music, a great book & just 'being'.





District 7670

# *LEADERSHIP INSTALLATION LUNCHEON*

*SATURDAY, JUNE 22, 2026  
11 AM - 1PM*

*NC Arboretum*

Auditorium & Veranda  
100 Frederick Law Olmstead Way  
Asheville, NC 28806

All Rotarians  
Club Presidents and District Leadership

More information on the NC Arboretum at:  
[www.ncarboretum.org/](http://www.ncarboretum.org/)  
Registration on DacDb

**Rotary**  
District 7670



## **RYLA Applications**

December 31, 2026 for Discount of \$50 per RYLARIAN

March 14, 2026 for all other applications

**Goals entered in Rotary Club Central ([Rotary.org](https://www.rotary.org)):** May 15, 2026

**Final report for 2025-2026 District Grants:** May 15, 2026

**Applications for 2026-2027 District Grants:** May 15, 2026

A graphic featuring a dark blue background with a white, torn-paper-like border. In the center, there is a network of white dots connected by thin white lines, forming a complex, interconnected web. Overlaid on this network is the Rotary Vision Statement in white text.

## **Rotary 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.**



# District Conference Greenville, SC



**SAVE the DATE!**  
**April 23 & 24, 2027**  
**Hyatt Regency Greenville, SC**

**Rotary**  
District 7670



# Member Code of Conduct

## From the Rotary Code of Policies Updated as of January 2026

### 8.030.2

**All members (Rotarians and Rotaractors) are expected to:**

1. **Act with integrity and high ethical standards** in their personal and professional lives.
2. **Treat others fairly** by using respectful language, being supportive, fostering a welcoming environment, and honoring all individual member characteristics.
3. **Use their professional skills through Rotary** to improve people's quality of life, their own communities, and elsewhere in the world
4. **Avoid behavior that reflects adversely on Rotary** or other Rotary members.
5. **Follow all codes of conduct** for any Rotary-related event.

**In addition, district and regional leaders, including district governors will:**

6. **Comply with all applicable laws and regulations** in conducting Rotary business and in their personal lives.
7. **Adhere to the provisions of Constitution of Rotary International and the Rotary International Bylaws**, as well as to the provisions established by the RI Board in the Rotary Code of Policies.
8. **Serve for the benefit of all members** and participants in upholding Rotary's purpose, prioritize the interests of district members, and avoid even the appearance of impropriety in their conduct.
9. **Foster an environment in the district that promotes safety, courtesy, dignity**, which includes promptly addressing any allegations of harassment.
10. **Avoid using their office for personal prestige or benefit** or to benefit family members or friends.
11. **Act on what is fair** to all concerned.
12. **Promote transparency** about financial information, compliance with all local and national laws relating to financial management and adhere to Rotary's reimbursement policies for expenses.
13. **Use confidential or proprietary information for their intended purposes** (never for personal ones), prohibit and restrict the disclosure, communication, and use of this information, and take precautions against any accidental disclosures.

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