

July 2026

Rotary

District 7690



DG Karen's Message

July 2026



A few years ago, Tim Johnson showed up at a fundraising event for the Western Forsyth Rotary Club as the hired DJ.

He wasn't there to join anything — he was there to run the music. But Gene Blackwelder saw something...

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Can You Find 8 Differences?

Check your answers August 1st
Visit <http://rotary7690.org/>



INCREASE OUR IMPACT

Ripple Effect

Ordinary Rotarians. Extraordinary Impact.

One Person. One Idea. Hundreds of Futures Changed.

How “Doc Tuna” turned retirement into an opportunity for 300 children

When Dr. Jim Granfortuna — known affectionately as Doc Tuna — retired from a long career as a cardio-oncologist, he suddenly had something new on his hands: time. And he wanted to use it well.



About four years ago, he joined the Crescent Rotary Club with a simple intention — to make a meaningful difference in his community. So he paid attention. He read the local news. He listened.

That’s when he learned...

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Rotary International Convention Changed This Global Scholar's Life



Global Scholar Holly Miranda taking a break from her studies at National Taiwan University to learn more about Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation at the RI Convention 2026 Taipei.

Everyone Is a Friend You Haven't Met Yet!

The Rotary International Annual Convention happened this past week, and I’m still kind of processing all of it...

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One Trip Ends. The Healing Stays.

How Dr. Marc Benard makes each mission outlast the week it takes place



Dr. Marc Benard is a surgeon — but ask him what he does, and the answer stretches far beyond an operating room in any one country.

His path there was anything but straight. Before he ever held a scalpel, Marc performed on professional stages in New York — a working musical-theater actor who'd originally set out to become a veterinarian, and for a while was neither. It wasn't until his surgical training, when he first encountered children with severe, neglected foot deformities, that everything clicked. He calls it an epiphany. It became...

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**EXPAND OUR
REACH**

District 7690 Membership Update

Mark Hensley DMC



As we start the new Rotary Year, we will begin with a question many of you have heard frequently: "Whose responsibility is it to help our clubs grow their membership?"

Is it the Club's Membership Chair; the Club President; the District Governor; the District's Membership Chair???

NO! It's...

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Rotary International Foundation News

Jim Fradenburg DRFC

HAPPY NEW ROTARY YEAR!

July begins a new Rotary year. DG Karen Pollard was installed and officially began serving on July 1. Many thanks to PDG Mark Brandon for his leadership over the past year.

As we begin the new year, it is a good time to review the District's support of The Rotary Foundation during the 2025–2026 Rotary Year. Here are the results:



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August: Make a Will a Month



DOING
GOOD
IN THE
WORLD

Create a Lasting Impact

Include The Rotary Foundation
in your will this
Make a Will Month



SUPPORT CAUSES THAT MATTER

Help advance peace,
health, education, and
opportunity worldwide.



TRANSFORM COMMUNITIES

Your gift helps Rotary members
create lasting change in
communities near and far.



LEAVE A LASTING LEGACY

Your values. Your vision.
Their future. Forever.

*“Rotary’s tomorrow
depends on what we
do today.”*

— Rotary International

YOUR LEGACY.
Their Tomorrow.



**MAKE A WILL
MONTH
AUGUST**

A little planning today
creates a world of good tomorrow.
Talk to your advisor. Change the world.



Learn more at
rotary.org/legacy

What Will Your Legacy Be?

WHAT IS YOUR Rotary LEGACY?

District 7690



Who we are?

Rotary District 7690 is committed to Doing Good in the World through The Rotary Foundation. Your generous support helps fund projects that improve health, support education, alleviate poverty, respond to crises, and create lasting change in communities both locally and globally.



How to join the 7690 Strong Campaign?

Join the campaign with a new gift or commitment of \$10,000 or more. This can include:

- An outright gift
- A three-year pledge
- A bequest commitment
- A Life Income Agreement

Are you already a participant?

You may already be a part of the 7690 Strong Campaign without even realizing it.

- Have you included The Rotary Foundation in your will or as a beneficiary of an IRA or Life Insurance Policy, but haven't documented the commitment with The Rotary Foundation?
- Are you a member of the Bequest Society from years ago and the commitment may have grown in value?

Why it matters?

This campaign ensures that District 7690 can continue responding to the needs in our local communities and around the world. These gifts will provide the resources needed today and tomorrow to launch new projects, sustain long-term efforts, and support the work of future members. This campaign is our way of creating lasting impact that will be felt for generations to come.

HOW WILL YOU CREATE LASTING IMPACT?

Contact DRFC Jim Fradenburg or James Gouty for more information on how to participate in the campaign.
jimfradenburg@wbd-us.com or jggouty@gmail.com

Excellence in Public Image 26-27 Awards Zone 33



The EPIC awards will strengthen your Clubs' (and, in return, your District's) Public Image by completing a series of monthly tasks designed to build a sustainable strategy and highlight your clubs' impact.

These actionable steps will guide your Public Image Chairs and their teams throughout the

Rotary year - enhancing visibility, promoting engagement, and reinforcing Rotary's brand.

These tasks do have deadlines...

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**ENHANCE
PARTICIPANT
ENGAGEMENT**

Membership Summit
[Click to Register](#)

DISTRICT 7690 MEMBERSHIP SUMMIT



AUGUST 20,
2026

WHY ATTEND?

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SPIN A WEB TO CAPTURE NEW MEMBERS — practical prospecting that sticks.
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WIELD THE HAMMER TO SMASH ATTRITION — tools to reduce churn and keep momentum.
- 

RAISE THE SHIELD TO PROTECT ENGAGEMENT — build belonging and retention.
- 

IGNITE THE SIGNAL TO ACTIVATE AMBASSADORS — turn members into recruiters.
- 

USE X-RAY VISION TO SPOT PROSPECTS AND BARRIERS — data-driven insights.



LOCATION



Pinewood
Country Club

247 Pinewood Rd
Asheboro, NC

SCHEDULE

	8:00 AM	Registration
	8:30 AM	Program Begins
	2:00 PM	Adjourn

**BRING YOUR CAPES—

WEAR YOUR **SUPERHERO** COSTUMES TO THE SUMMIT!

District 7690 Foundation Gala
Save the Date!

Rotary
District 7690



SAVE THE DATE!

ROTARY DISTRICT 7690 FOUNDATION GALA

An Evening with **JENNIFER JONES**

Past Rotary International President
Chair, The Rotary Foundation

Celebrate the generosity and service that make Rotary's work possible. Join fellow Rotarians as we recognize the people and clubs whose gifts of time, talent, and treasure are **transforming lives** locally and around the world.

TOGETHER, WE
Do Good in the World.



THURSDAY
NOVEMBER 12, 2026



RECEPTION 6:00 PM



DINNER & PROGRAM 6:45 PM – 8:45 PM



KOURY CONVENTION CENTER
IMPERIAL BALLROOM
3121 HIGH POINT RD., GREENSBORO, NC 27407



BLACK TIE OPTIONAL

\$85

PER PERSON



LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
Enjoy music during the reception.



FOUNDATION RECOGNITION
Honoring clubs and individuals whose giving changes lives.



DOOR PRIZE DRAWINGS
Great prizes and surprise fun!



SPECIAL PHOTO OPPORTUNITY
Club Presidents are invited for a group photo with Jennifer Jones, our District Governor and District Rotary Foundation Chair.



PRESIDENT COMPETITION
Prize for the Club President with the greatest per-capita registration and preferred seating near the head tables!



REGISTRATION OPENING SOON!

Don't miss this historic evening!

TOGETHER, **EVERY BIT** COUNTS.

We Climb to Remember 9-11
Click to Volunteer



**FRIDAY,
SEPTEMBER 11, 2026**



FIRST NATIONAL BANK FIELD
(HOME OF THE GREENSBORO GRASSHOPPERS)
408 Bellemeade Street,
Greensboro, NC 27401



SPEAKERS starting at 5:30pm
STAIR CLIMB starts at 6:00pm

ROTARIANS ACROSS DISTRICT 7690...

On the 25th Anniversary of September 11th, we invite every Rotary club in District 7690 to stand together in remembrance.

Whether you climb every step, climb a portion, volunteer, or simply attend in support, your presence honors:

- ★ The 343 FDNY firefighters who made the ultimate sacrifice
- ★ The 71 law enforcement officers who gave their lives
- ★ The 55 military personnel lost that day
- ★ The thousands of innocent victims
- ★ The families, survivors, and first responders whose lives were forever changed

★ FREE COMMUNITY EVENT ★

25th anniversary T-shirts will be on sale at the event.

Proceeds from the sale of the T-shirts go toward supporting community initiatives.



CALLING EVERY ROTARY CLUB IN DISTRICT 7690

We encourage participation from every club across our district, including:

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| ★ Alamance (Burlington) | ★ Jamestown | ★ Sandhills |
| ★ Asheboro | ★ Jonesboro | ★ Sanford |
| ★ Burlington | ★ Kernersville | ★ Siler City |
| ★ Carthage | ★ King | ★ Southern Guilford |
| ★ Clemmons | ★ Lexington | ★ Southern Pines |
| ★ Crescent (Greensboro) | ★ Liberty | ★ Stoneville |
| ★ Downtown Greensboro | ★ Madison-Mayodan | ★ Stratford (Winston-Salem) |
| ★ East Greensboro | ★ Mebane | ★ Summit (Greensboro) |
| ★ Eden | ★ Midstate (Asheboro) | ★ Surry Sunrise |
| ★ Furnitureland (High Point) | ★ Mocksville | ★ Thomasville |
| ★ Gate City (Greensboro) | ★ Mount Airy | ★ Troy |
| ★ Global Trekkers eClub | ★ Pinehurst | ★ Western Forsyth |
| ★ Graham | ★ Pittsboro | ★ Winston-Salem |
| ★ Greensboro | ★ Randolph (Asheboro) | ★ Yadkin Valley |
| ★ Greensboro Airport | ★ Reidsville | ★ Yadkin County |
| ★ Guilford | ★ Reynolda (Winston-Salem) | |
| ★ High Point | | |

(Plus District 7690 satellite clubs.)

SERVICE ABOVE SELF

Join fellow Rotarians, firefighters, law enforcement officers, military members, EMS professionals, and our community as we climb in memory of those who gave everything.

ONE STEP. ONE NAME. ONE NATION.



★ VOLUNTEER & JOIN US! ★

Scan the QR code or use the link below to sign up:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A4DA5AA2EA6FC1-64864821-911>



NEVER FORGET.

September 11, 2001 – September 11, 2026

20th Annual Ray Taylor Golf Tournament
Click to Register

20th Annual

Ray Taylor District Golf Tournament

Grandover Resort & Spa, Greensboro

September 21, 2026



District Governor Karen Pollard invites you to enjoy a great day of golf at Grandover. Please come out and enjoy fun, food, and Rotary Fellowship on September 21st!



Grandover Resort



Tournament namesake, PDG Ray Taylor, with his beloved Betty.



2025 Gross Winners – Satellite Club of Maple Chase



2025 Net Division – Greensboro Crescent



This hole sponsored by:

Your Name Here

You can sponsor a hole for "End Polio Now" for \$100. See details on the other side of this page.

More Details

**INCREASE OUR
ABILITY TO
ADAPT**

Asheboro's Sweet Dreams Initiative

A Sweet Way to Start the Rotary Year

When I began my year as President of the Asheboro Rotary Club on July 1, I wanted to kick things off with a challenge that would be fun, memorable, and meaningful.

A few weeks before my term officially began, I promised our members that if they raised at least \$500 for District 7690's Sweet Dreams Initiative by July 14, I would...



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Craig DePuy Memorial Appeal to District 7690



As many of you may know, Craig DePuy passed away suddenly this past April at our District Conference. Rotary and all who knew him, lost a loving friend who was the epitome of "Service Above Self".

Throughout his career as a professional scoutmaster in Scouting America, he was also a dedicated Rotarian. He served District 7690 in the Rotary Club of Clemmons for many years; most recently as the Club President.

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Pigstock 2026



PIGSTOCK 2026

Be a SPONSOR

OR

Donate any amount to help continue the pledge to support young girls' educations

WAYS TO SUPPORT

Support the Girls Now and Plan for the Future

Join us in making a positive impact—support the girls today and help pave the way for a brighter tomorrow. Your contribution will not only assist current needs but will also help ensure ongoing support for future generations.

Make a BBQ Pledge for October 2026

Donate now and commit to enjoying a barbecue with club members, friends, and family during October 2026. This pledge strengthens community bonds and celebrates togetherness while supporting a meaningful cause.

Share Your Experience on Social Media

After your BBQ event, share your experience with others on social media. Posting photos and stories helps spread awareness and encourages more people to join in supporting the initiative.

DONATE or SPONSOR HERE

SPONSORSHIP LEVELS

Sponsorship Levels for Virtual PIGSTOCK 2026

Sponsorships for Virtual PIGSTOCK 2026 offer valuable recognition for your support. All sponsors will be acknowledged with their business logo and photos featured on social media, Rotary District news publications, and local news outlets.

- \$250 - Piglet Supporter**
- \$500 - PIG Supporter**
- \$1,000 - PIG Sponsor**
- \$2,000 - PIG Proud Sponsor**
- \$2,500 - PIG Loyalist Sponsor**
- \$10,000 + Event Sponsor**

The Quinn Family Is An Event Sponsor of Virtual PIGSTOCK 2026

Western Forsyth Casino Night

ROTARY CLUB OF WESTERN FORSYTH

PRESENTS



FRIDAY, SEPT. 25, FROM 7-10 PM

This fundraiser funds two \$2,000 scholarships at Winston-Salem Preparatory Academy and Reynolds High School, restocks the South Fork Elem. food pantry weekly, supports service projects around town, and donates books to the Lewisville Elementary library.

\$125 to play & \$75 for non-players. You can upgrade onsite if desired.

- Participants will receive **\$10,000** in chips to play poker, Blackjack, craps and roulette. Many people will not know how to play all of the games, but the dealers will make it easy for everyone to learn and have fun.
- Raffle tickets will be handed out throughout the evening. Prizes include a custom-tailored tuxedo (or suit), massage and spa gift certificates, gift baskets and over 30 different \$50-100 restaurant gift cards!

Location : Forsyth Country Club

SCAN TO PURCHASE TIX:



QUESTIONS? CONTACT SCOTT ERTL AT:

(336) 765 - 7319 SCOTT@PLAYSHOPS.COM

Buy tickets at: **RotaryCasinoNight.org**





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