
ROTARY GEARS

This week's meeting

For the first time in lo these many pandemic months, tomorrow's meeting is in person (if you choose), with a Zoom option. The meeting starts at 11:45 AM in the fellowship hall at Tryon Presbyterian Church, or on your Zoom-capable device. At the in-person meeting, there'll be no lunch; remember to wear a mask and keep your distance while inside the building.

The program starts with two presentations: A Paul Harris Fellowship to Polk County Health Department Director Joshua Kennedy, honoring Josh and his staff for their incredible effort to manage the pandemic in this county. And the Community Chorus board will announce a major donation to our club's Foundation for scholarships.

The main program concerns the Board's recommendations for a strategic plan. This is important—please make every effort to attend the meeting and give your input on this plan.

Donations to the Foundation of your choice

It's been our tradition to celebrate our birthdays and anniversaries by making donations at our Rotary meetings. These donations can be designated for Rotary International Foundation or for the Rotary Club of Tryon Foundation.

If you choose the Rotary Foundation, mail your check to Bob Lair at 615 Laurel Lake Drive, A338, Columbus, NC 28722 and he'll send it with the proper paperwork to Rotary International.

If you choose RCOT Foundation, mail to P. O. Box 923, Tryon, NC 28722.

Both donations would be tax deductible.

—Bob Lair, Chair, The Rotary Foundation

Happy Dollar news

Rotarian Les Stobbe has inked two new contracts for editing jobs. He reports that retirement just wore him out. These Rotarians have an altogether different view of retirement and its leisure options — **Charles McKeller** beat **Rotarian Art Brown** in a game of golf, as Art cheerfully admits.

Last week's meeting

District Governor-Elect Ken Shull introduced a video presentation from the Lenoir Rotary Club. What's up in Lenoir? That club doubled its membership in one year, and in the process became more diverse and more vibrant. The mechanism was inventing an *IMPACT by Rotary* satellite club.

IMPACT is chartered by The Rotary Club of Lenoir and was formed to enable citizens in the Lenoir Rotary area to engage in a full range of Rotary activities focusing on service. This enhances the ability of former Rotarians, non-traditional Rotarians, and family of Rotarians to participate regardless of constraints on their time. IMPACT club members range from educators to business owners, retired military, and beyond. The IMPACT by The Rotary Club of Lenoir Club Chair attends regular club Board meetings. Information about service opportunities is done through a home-grown IMPACT app. The non-profits in Lenoir sing IMPACT's praises—it gives these organizations access to a group of pre-screened volunteers on short notice.

The task of an IMPACT Rotarian:

Get in.

Serve.

Go home.

It's like being a Rotary Ninja.

The boundaries between the traditional club and its satellite are fluid. Some IMPACT members choose to attend regular meetings. Some legacy members, especially those facing a life change such as a career move or frequent business travel, have transitioned to the IMPACT group.

The Blowing Rock Rotary club has started an IMPACT satellite, and the Brevard club is in the process.

