



Youth Services Month

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James Gouty
District Rotary Foundation Chair
2022-2025



FOUNDATION NEWS

May 2025

DISTRICT GRANTS

A reminder to all clubs that are participating in District Grants: final reports are due by May 15th. If your grant is completed, please file early.

The District Grant applications for the upcoming Rotary Year are to be completed by May 31, 2025.

If you have questions about District Grants, please feel free to contact me at jggouty@gmail.com

SUPPORTING THE ROTARY FOUNDATION

We as Rotarians continue to make a difference in the world and in the communities that we live in and serve. We focus on the 7 Areas of Service and do provide life-changing solutions to a myriad of issues facing our communities and the world.

I would ask you to remember the work our Foundation does, from large multi club global grants to smaller single club district grants, disaster relief grants, global scholarships, Peace Centers, and the eradication of Polio.

As the District begins its "Million Dollar Dinner Campaign" you will have the opportunity to make contributions in many ways. Be on the lookout for additional information regarding this initiative.

The bottom line is that our Foundation touches the lives of millions of people around the world and in our district. I hope you will join me in supporting this life-changing organization.

PAYMENTS TO THE ROTARY FOUNDATION

As we move towards the end of this Rotary Year, clubs should be sending in the funds they have collected from their members as soon as possible. Please do not wait until the end of June to send your club's funds to RI as they may not get credited to this Rotary Year. Sending your funds in late, results in less DDF for your club 3 years from now.

The bottom line is that you should get your funds in early.

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 15th—Final reports for completed District Grants are due

May 31st—Applications for 25-26 District Grants are due.



Membership Focus
By PDG Jon Spillman
District Membership Chair
2022-2025



Mother Teresa, Comfort, Care and Rotary Connections

Mother Teresa lived at a time when nearly 70 percent of the people in Calcutta lived below the poverty line. Surrounded and moved by these dire circumstances she founded the Kalighat Home for the Dying. The following story demonstrates the depth of her love and care for everyone.

Mother Teresa came across a man on the street in Calcutta, barely alive and covered in sores and filth. Instinctively, she knelt beside him, gently lifted him up and carried him to the Sisters of Kalighat Home for the Dying, who care for the destitute in their final days. Once there, Mother Teresa and the Sisters bathed him, dressed his wounds and spoke to him softly. Apparently, he had not been spoken to with kindness in years. The man looked up at Mother Teresa and said, "I have lived like an animal, but I will die like an angel, loved and cared for."



Is your Rotary club providing enough comfort and care to your club members? Connection and fellowship are one of the top reasons why people join and stay in Rotary. Creating a culture where members feel valued, seen and supported is critical to retaining members. Below are three key strategies to consider implementing.

- 1) Create a Care and Comfort Team – Comfort and care team members volunteer to contact and aid members who are ill, grieving or going through personal challenges.
- 2) Form a Mentorship Program – Veteran Rotary members guide and partner with new members, ensuring new members are aware of leadership, networking and service opportunities in the club.
- 3) Establish a Rotary Educational Team – Team members provide information on leadership and knowledge-based opportunities and arrange participation in Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI), networking events or webinars on current topics. Ensure members are aware of the Rotary educational events offered at club, area, district, zone and international levels

As Mother Teresa demonstrated, "It is not how much we do, but how much love we put in doing. Not how much we give, but how much love we put in the giving."

Rotary District 7690 New Membership Listing

New Members From: **Apr-18-2025** To: **May-16-2025**

31 Members Listed

Member Name	Start Date	Club	Sponsor
Sioussat, Stuart C. (STUART)	04/20/25	Alamance	Deva Reese
Ubaldo, Manuel (MANUEL)	04/23/25	Randolph (Asheboro)	David Gaskin
Miller, Fred C. (FRED)	04/24/25	Greensboro Airport	
Ingram, Anthony (ANTHONY)	04/24/25	Reynolda	Lynn P. Michael
Horton, Kim (KIM)	04/25/25	Lexington	Sandra Cope Motley
Stancil, Gayle M (GAYLE)	04/25/25	Crescent (Greensboro)	Karen Pollard
Tootle-Grbus, Shaylene (SHAYLENE)	04/27/25	High Point	Marshall Morgan
Kesler, Jon (JONATHAN)	04/30/25	Greensboro Airport	Steve Scott Billy Howland
Baird, Lloyd R (LLOYD)	05/01/25	Madison-Mayodan	
O'Brien, Denis R. (DENIS)	05/01/25	Pinehurst	G Sayre
Mecimore, John (JOHN)	05/01/25	Pinehurst	Sandra Blake
Capel, Gelynda (GELYNDA)	05/01/25	Troy	Arron W.E. Capel II
Baecker, Vera (VERA)	05/01/25	Summit	
Lesley, R. Glenn (GLENN)	05/01/25	Greensboro	
Mims, Billy Burns Jr. (BILL)	05/01/25	Summit	Ray S. Alley
Webster, S. J. Jr (JACK)	05/01/25	Madison-Mayodan	
Capel, Arron W.E. II (ARRON)	05/01/25	Troy	
Waterhouse, Amanda (AMANDA)	05/01/25	Summit	
Garrett, Jack (JACK)	05/01/25	Jonesboro	Stewart Lawrence Aiken Jr.
Cross, William (Pete) S III (PETE)	05/01/25	Summit	
Reese, Laramie (LARAMIE)	05/01/25	Kernersville	Donna V Rodgers
Hicks, Jason F (JASON)	05/01/25	Lexington	
Hutchens, Hatcher R (HATCHER)	05/06/25	Eden	Randy Hunt Parker Ellis
Devine, Alfred (AL)	05/07/25	Siler City	David Harris
Menius, Joy Victoria (JOY)	05/10/25	Asheboro	
Gendle, Mark Adam (MARK)	05/11/25	Greensboro	Jodi Lorenzo
Wielgus, Ryan W (RYAN)	05/12/25	Gate City	Jonathan M Fulton Michael P. Craig
Whitaker, William (BINKY)	05/12/25	Gate City	Christopher Kelly Harrill David Lillard
Carter, Lauri W. (LAURI CARTER)	05/13/25	Gate City Sunset Satellite	Uli Mueller Charlotte Mueller
Atwater, William Bennet Jr. (BEN)	05/15/25	Siler City	
Lentzen, Rosemary Budd (ROSEMARY)	05/15/25	Siler City	

Note: For members to appear on this list, their start date must be entered.



DISTRICT 7690 YOUTH SERVICES

Brent Holmes – District 7690 Youth Services Chair

District 7690 RYLA –District 7690 Rotary Youth Leadership Awards is scheduled for **June 12-15, 2025**, at Oak Ridge Military Academy in Oak Ridge, NC. Thirty-six Clubs have submitted Sponsorship Pledge Forms sponsoring 56 students. Forty-eight students have submitted Participation Forms. Ready to volunteer – go to RYLA7690.org – select ‘Rotarian’ tab – sign up through Jotform.via [LINK!](#)

Youth Protection – Youth Protection MOUs will be sent to Club Youth Service Chairs to review, sign, and return by July 31, 2025.

Interact - Continue to track and monitor Interact Club goals to ensure your Interact Club is on track for ***Club Excellence Award for Interact Clubs***. Submit nomination for ***Club Excellence Award for Interact Clubs*** by August 15, 2025. Interact Training for Club Youth Services Chairperson and Interact Contacts will be conducted during our July/August 2025 Youth Services Monthly Meeting. Update your Interact Club Advisor by June 30, 2025.

Check out **Youth Services - Rotary District 7690** for all District 7690 Youth Services information – *Interact, Jim Armstrong Four Way Speech Contest, RYLA, Youth Exchange, Youth Peace Action, Youth Protection Policy, and Monthly Youth Services Meeting Presentation and Recordings.*

Use your District Youth Services Committee Resources to support your Club!

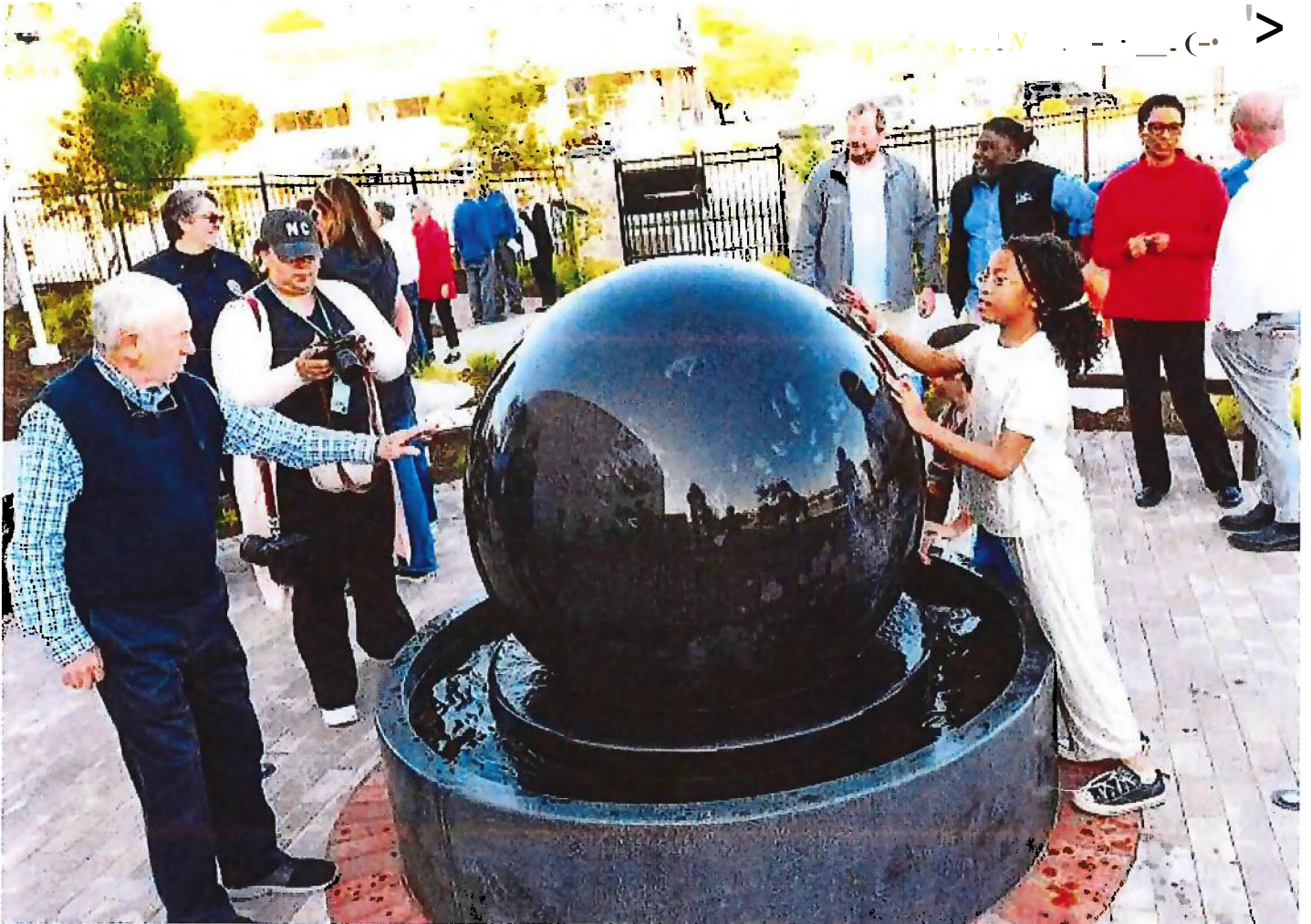
- Youth Services and Interact Chairperson – Brent Holmes
- Jim Armstrong Four-Way Test Chairperson – Kathy Homiller
- Youth Exchange Chairperson – Ed ‘Woody’ Woodall
- Child Protection Chairperson – Steven Taylor
- Youth Peace Initiative Chairperson – Scott Wagoner
- RYLA Chairperson – Connolly Smith

City opens new sensory garden

By PAT KIMBROUGH ENTERPRISE STAFF WRITER

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Guests tour the Rotary Club of High Point Sensory Garden during its grand opening ceremony Wednesday at the High Public Library.

LAURA GREENE | HPE

HIGH POINT - Organizers of the new Rotary Club of High Point Sensory Garden said it's designed to be an oasis of calm in the middle of the city.

The outdoor expanse on the High Point Public Library campus includes features to stimulate the senses and opportunities to make new discoveries, said Jim Zola, a retired children's librarian who came up with the idea several years ago.

"We want to serve as many diverse populations as we can. The city of High Point is very diverse," he said. "So, I saw the opportunity to serve blind people, deaf people, people on the spectrum, people who are suffering from dementia or Alzheimer's. And, for kids to be outside more - a little less screen time, and it's a safe environment here. So, they can enjoy the books inside and come out and enjoy the fresh air and explore in the garden."

The city held a grand opening for the sensory garden Wednesday.

The Rotary Club gave the lead naming donation of \$100,000 as a gift to the community for its centennial project.

The city combined construction of the sensory garden with a new beautification project for the library entrance in a total expenditure of just over \$1.02 million, with donations and grant funding totaling \$823,537, and \$218,258 from city sources.

"We're excited. It took a while, particularly with COVI'D, but we got it done," said Wil Elder, who led the fundraising as chairman of the High Point Library Foundation board.

The space includes a central water feature with a giant floating ball, "because, particularly on a quiet day, you can hear the water, and it just helps with the whole mood of walking through the garden," Elder said. "What's great about it is the kids can push (the ball) around. Even though it weighs thousands of pounds, it floats on the water. So, you can redirect it. It's a fun central feature."

There is also a smaller water feature, a children's play area and an herb wall.

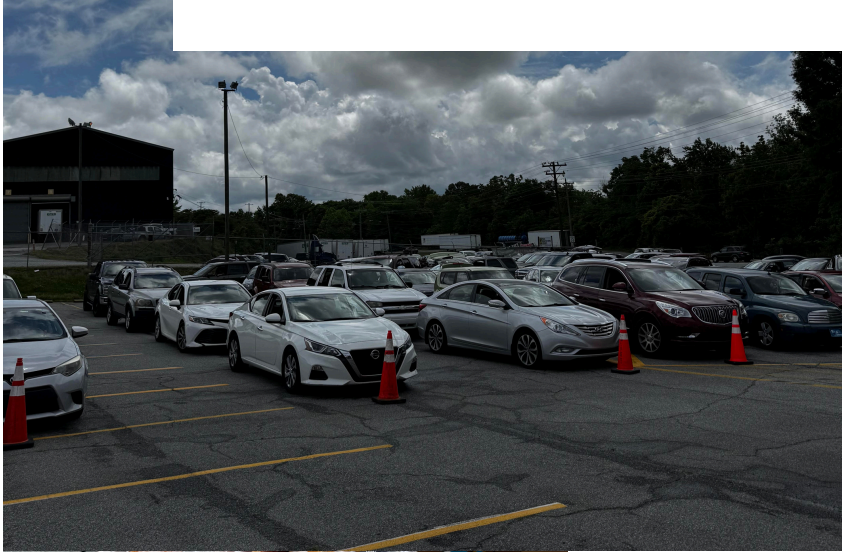
"When that really grows and it gets a little warmer, you'll be able to smell all the herbs as you walk through the garden," he said. "A lot of it was planted just last week. So, in another month, you're going to have a lot more flowers, a lot more scent."

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OUT OF THE GARDEN PROJECT

GIVE • TEACH • GROW



Crescent & Southern Guilford Rotary and others helped deliver 7,000 lbs of food to 112 families at Tuesday's Fresh Mobile Market.

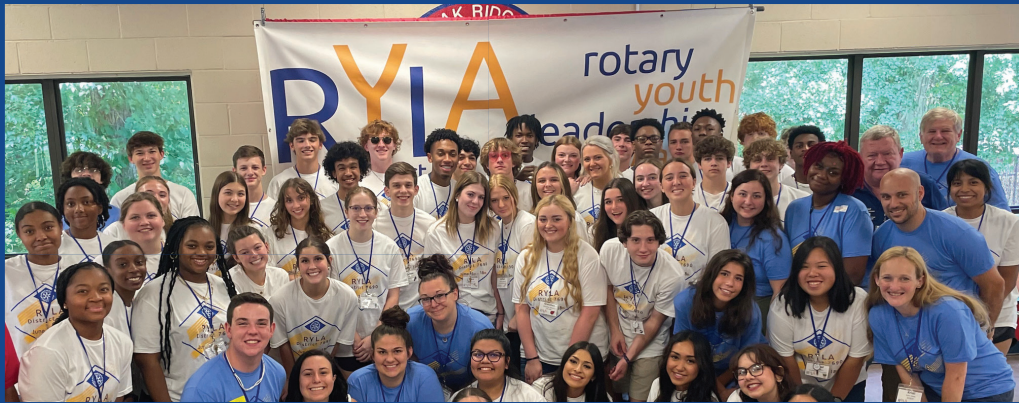


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RYLA

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Volunteers Needed!

Volunteer Shifts

Thursday, June 12

Registration & Check In 7:00am - 9:30am
20 Volunteers Needed

SECU Reality of Money 12:30pm - 2:30pm
35 Volunteers Needed

Saturday, June 14

Formal Dinner Set Up 1:00pm - 4:00pm
10 Volunteers Needed
***New Location: Koury Center*

Join For Meals!

Coming to say "Hello!" and eat with your RYLA Student
or Coming to Volunteer and would like a meal?
No problem! Register & Pay Online!

Thursday, Friday & Saturday Lunch:
\$10.00 (+Fees)

Come Visit & Experience

Thursday, June 12

Morning 9:30am - 12:00pm

Afternoon 2:30pm - 5:00pm

Friday, June 13

Afternoon 1:00pm - 5:00pm

Saturday, June 15

Morning 8:30am - 12:00pm

Afternoon 1:00pm - 4:30pm

Formal Dinner 6:00pm - 9:00pm

\$40 (+Fees) Per Person
Register & Pay by following QR Code

Questions?
Email: RYLA7690@gmail.com
Website: RYLA7690.org

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Pay (When Applicable!)
By Following QR Code

