



President's Notes

Fellow Rotarians,

Last week Mary Alan Todd gave an inspiring program on Poetry. I personally was so inspired by her reading that I am looking to form a District 7680 group of Rotarians interested in taking a classes with her for either Poetry or appreciating Shakespeare. We so often forget that there are a number of fellowships. [Here is a link to some of them.](#) They include 4X4, amateur radio, canoeing, caravanning and the list goes on. Find what group inspires you and broaden your friendships in Rotary.

Included in this newsletter is an article from the March *Rotary* magazine regarding the Genealogy Fellowship of which our own Jenny Kendrick is the Newsletter Editor.

On the service project front, I am delighted to see the high level of activity with our service project signups:

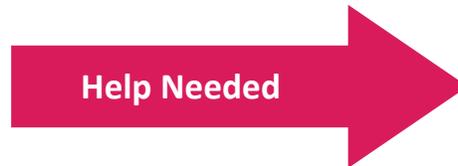
- ⇒ We had a full crew at Adopt a street. Thank you David Hodgkins, Charlie Seaman, Dana O'Connell, Tim O'Connell, Dave Miller and Ed King. We appreciate your hard work.
- ⇒ Promising Pages has kicked off book sorting and opportunities to sort are now on our signup genius. Thank you John Barringer and Amarja Webb for helping sort books. **Please signup Promising Pages needs your help.**
- ⇒ On February 23, we had eight slots at NC MedAssist. See pictures in this edition. Thank you Jerry Coughter, (President Charlotte Rotary), David Hodgkins, Kathy Allison, June Rogers, Karen Vagianos, Rajnish Bhardwaj, Lydia Surget and me. Thank you all, you are playing an important role in helping getting medicines out to the less fortunate in our communities. You are making it clear to the world that Rotarians are **People of Action**. Thank you.

March 5 is Harding Shinn's 100 birthday. Harding Shinn has been a Rotarian longer than most of us have been alive. His journey is one of extraordinary dedication and service and as a club we will be celebrating Harding at our March 5 meeting. Please keep your Harding Shinn stories and remembrances coming in.

Keep up the good work.

People of Action Needs Volunteers

We need help. See the links on the right. We need volunteers for Promising Pages Book Sorting and NC MedAssist. Please click on the names and sign up! Thank you!



This Week's Speaker

UNCC Center City with Jerald Coughter



Jerry Coughter is Executive Director of the Dubois Center at UNC Charlotte Center City. Since joining UNC Charlotte from George Mason University 10 years ago, he has led efforts to provide programming appropriate for the urban location and which better connects the university to the community. A microbiologist by training, Coughter's current area of academic interest is around how cities use technology assets to grow their economies. Jerry is current President of Charlotte Rotary, a Major Donor, a member of the Paul Harris Society, and an RLI faculty member. In 2013, he was one of six Rotarians from District 7680 to climb Mt Kilimanjaro, collectively raising ~\$60,000 for the End Polio Now campaign.



Rotary Club of Charlotte
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We meet the first three Fridays of the month via Zoom link ([this link includes virtual socials](#)):

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4511745271> Meeting ID: 451 174 5271

We will have in-person or virtual social meetings on the fourth depending on COVID restrictions.

Meeting Schedule

[Click here for our Google calendar](#)

2/26 UNCC Center with Jerald Coughter

3/5 Celebration of Harding Shinn's 100th Birthday

3/12 Victor Chen, CEO of GoPeaks.org

3/17 Board Meeting

3/19 Green Light Planet with Radhika Thakkar

People of Action

3/02 [Promising Pages Book Sorting \(need 2\)](#)

3/04 [Promising Pages Book Sorting \(need 1\)](#)

3/09 [NC MedAssist \(need 4\)](#)

3/23 [NC MedAssist \(need 6\)](#)

[For YouTube videos of past meetings click here.](#)

Club Officers

President: Ranjit Rawley
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Rotary Foundation

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Your actions have enhanced the power of Rotary. Your kindness, drive and generous financial support have changed lives. I am sure that feels great to think about. It will take continued dedication like yours to keep Rotary impactful for generations to come.



Have you taken steps to secure your Rotary legacy with a bequest? This [newsletter](#) shares several easy ways you can lead by example and remember Rotary in your estate plans—including a new benefit you might like. We have joined with FreeWill.com to offer a service that allows you to record estate planning and charitable giving intentions completely free of charge.

The great thing is that FreeWill includes a gentle prompt to include Rotary, so you can share the link with family and friends who know how important Rotary is to you so they can plan too! Whether you finalize your will online or take it to an attorney, you and your family can take comfort in knowing you have made life easier by completing this important task. Individuals and communities will grow stronger through your foresight and generosity toward Rotary.

When the time is right for you, please follow one of these steps to get started:

- ⇒ Log in to [Freewill.com/TheRotaryFoundation](https://freewill.com/TheRotaryFoundation) to develop your will
- ⇒ Chat personally with a Rotary Gift Officer by emailing plannedgiving@rotary.org and/or
- ⇒ [Share your bequest](#)

We look forward to recognizing your commitment and saying *thank you* for securing a strong future with your *Rotary legacy*!

District Rotary Foundation Report

Bob Wilson, District Foundation Chair

This week as we celebrate Rotary's 116th birthday, it's exciting to see the progress that each of our clubs are making in support of Our Foundation. You will recall that the Rotary Foundation is the financial engine that underwrites most of our local and worldwide programs. [Attached is the status report](#) of where each of our clubs stand in reference to certain milestones. If you have questions, bring them to the Mid-Year Assembly on Zoom on Saturday morning. Hope to see you then.

COVID-19 Recovery and Renewal Task Force Update

Leigh Altman, Mecklenburg County Commissioner At-Large Newsletter



This week, County Commissioners received the first update on the work of the Mecklenburg County COVID-19 Recovery and Renewal Task Force.

The Task Force was established to examine and help address COVID-19 impacts specific to employees, businesses, public health, education, the economy, and the overall well-being of Mecklenburg County residents.

The Task Force will develop a comprehensive Recovery and Renewal Plan of Action to be presented later this year.

Our own Kevin Kendrick is part of this task force and gave a presentation at this meeting. [To watch, click here.](#)



FEBRUARY

Birthdays

04 Ret Turner
12 Jay Patel

Partner Birthdays

07 Chris Webb (Amarja)

Anniversaries

Rhet Turner—25 years
Dave Miller—41 years
John Barringer—32 years
Kelly Cates—4 years

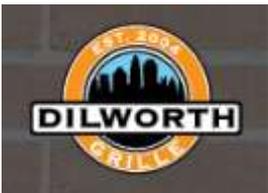


To access the on-line contribution portal for *Coins for the Alzheimer's Research Trust (CART) Fund*, go to www.mycartfund.org

1. Log in and use your DACdb login credentials.
2. Use MAKE A CONTRIBUTION to make future contributions.
3. Contact any of these District CART Co-Chairs if you have any questions:

Anna Davis, annadavis@bellsouth.net
AG Linda Rakvic, lindalee3751@gmail.com
AG Matt Cooksey, alexhabitat@aol.com

Checks for CART should be made payable to the *CART Fund* and mailed to Post Office Box 1196, Mooresville, NC 28115.



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<http://www.dilworthgrille.com/>

You Are Invited

March 25, 2021 at noon



Samaritan House 2021 Virtual Fundraiser

Hosted by Tommy Tomlinson

- Help Samaritan House provide a healing haven for homeless patients
- Explore our history with retiring Executive Director Brad Goforth
- Hear stories from guests and staff
- Celebrate our Volunteer of the Year

Register online at charlottesamaritanhouse.live

This event is free, but donations are encouraged.

Text SH2021 to 44321 to donate now

or visit our website at www.charlottesamaritanhouse.org

Checks may also be mailed to Samaritan House, 611 Fortune St, Charlotte NC 28205

Adopt a Street Clean Up February 20, 2021

2 hours / 11 bags of trash

Rotary Fellowships

Jenny Kendrick

I joined a Rotary Fellowship about a year ago whose focus is genealogy and immediately became their newsletter editor! The group has members from all over the world. It is a fun and interesting group whose members are very helpful with genealogy.

The March issue of *Rotary* features an article on this Fellowship! I'm not mentioned in it, but I'm proud to be part of it. I hope you enjoy the article which is on the last page of this newsletter.



L-R Dave Miller, Tim O'Connell, Dana O'Connell, Charlie Seaman, Ed King
(and shadow of David Hodgkins under Charlie!)



L-R Rajnish Bhardwaj (friend of Ranjit), June Rogers (Meck South), Kathy Allison, Lydie Surget (International), Jerry Coughter (Charlotte), Karen Vagianos (Dilworth), Ranjit Rawley (Dilworth)

Not in photo: David Hodgkins (Dilworth)





Second Harvest

Kevin Kendrick

As many of you know, we began volunteering at Second Harvest's Convention Center location in Charlotte in May of 2020 as a means of providing service opportunities for our Club and others in District 7680. Over the course of the past nine months, we have assembled literally thousands of boxes of food for families in need in the area. In fact, we have served almost 80,000 meals in total during that time. And while this has been an initiative organized by the Charlotte Dilworth South End Rotary Club, we have been extremely fortunate to have been assisted by several other District 7680 Clubs including the Charlotte, Charlotte West, Charlotte International, and Mecklenburg County South. In addition, this information has been shared with AG Paula Smith who is coordinating our District's participation in the "10 Million Meals" zone initiative. Thank you to all of you who have made this possible!



District 7680 Mid-Year Assembly

DG Mike Walker

Please join us for our annual Mid-Year Assembly Saturday morning, February 27, from 8:30 until 10:45.

You will get an update on a wide range of activities in the District. In addition, you will have 3 Breakout Room opportunities to go deep with 3 speakers of your choice. You may find a new passion or learn more about an existing one.

This will be a fast paced program and we will stop sharply at 10:45. It will go fast. I will send more specifics closer to the event, but it will more or less be as follows:

8:30 - 8:40 Welcome, explain how it will work

8:40 - 9:10 Hear from members of our District support/leadership team

9:15 - 9:40 Breakout Room #1

9:45 - 10:10 Breakout Room #2

10:15 - 10:40 Breakout Room #3

10:40 - 10:45 Wrap-up in main Zoom room

Please Register here to receive the Zoom link for the event. Like all Mid-Year Assemblies, it's free!



[Register NOW](#) for Mid Year Assembly for District 7680 - On Line Only
or RSVP that you cannot attend by [clicking here](#).

IMPORTANT NOTE: This will replace the February Third Wednesday All-Rotarian Zoom Call, that would have been on Wednesday, February 17th.

Please sign up today to get your Zoom link. We look forward to having you join us.

Cooking with Chef Tillie

We hope this finds you and your family doing well and staying healthy.

Even though we may not be able to see each other in person, it doesn't mean we can't have a lot of fun and maybe partake in a little bit of shenanigans! Please join us for the first *Women in Rotary* event of 2021. Chef Tillie will be doing a virtual cooking class that will include St. Patrick's Day appetizers and cocktails! This event is free and there's opportunities for some fun giveaways (you must be online to win). Registered participants will receive the Zoom link and the recipes in order to shop for ingredients so they can cook (and drink) along.

So dress in your festive best and join us for what promises to be a night of fun and laughs! We look forward to seeing you!



[Register NOW](#) for Women In Rotary- Cooking with Chef Tillie

Women in Rotary
District 7680

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

PRESENTS

Cooking with Chef Tillie

THURSDAY, MARCH 11
6:30PM-8:30PM

VIA ZOOM

ST. PATRICK'S DAY
APPETIZERS &
COCKTAILS

GIVEAWAYS!
(MUST BE ONLINE TO WIN)

Infinite Possibilities: Series 2

Diversity, Equity & Inclusion

Presented by Rotary District 6960

Darryl Keys, Governor, District 6960 and Cyndi Doragh, Chair, Infinite Possibilities

We hope your New Year is off to a great start! We have some exciting news to kick off 2021. District 6960 is launching **Infinite Possibilities Series 2: Diversity, Equity & Inclusion** with our first webinar taking place on January 29.

We had an outstanding response to **Series 1: Women in Rotary**, engaging thousands of Rotarians from around the world! Diversity, Equity & Inclusion promises to be just as amazing.

This four-part webinar series offers you the opportunity to hear from several very dynamic speakers who will offer vision, encouragement, enthusiasm and motivation to grow your membership. We encourage you to invite not only your fellow Rotarians, but prospective members as well.

Register now for the first session: **Strength in Diversity**, with a very special host, Valarie Wafer, Rotary International Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Task Force Chair, who will lead an esteemed group of panelists through discussions on how strength lies in differences, not similarities. Joining Valerie are Joshua Innis, Paul Amoury, and Rea Vrandecic.

As we bring major Rotary International speakers to the forefront, we have every confidence you will find each one-hour webinar well worth your time and attention. The following is our series schedule:

February 26, 2021, 1 pm: Infinite Possibilities—Embracing our Differences hosted by Rotary International Director Stephanie Urchick, with featured speakers Past RI President Barry Rassin and Rotarian Brian Rusch of District 5150 in California. [Register here.](#)

March 26, 2021, 1 pm: Infinite Possibilities—Investing in Equity hosted by District 6960 Governor Darryl Keys with featured speaker Xavier Ramey, fellow Rotarian from Chicago. [Register here.](#)

April 30, 2021, 1 pm: Infinite Possibilities—Celebrate Diversity with special guest speakers Rotary International President Holger Knack, Rotary International Director Peter Kyle and Anna Ekack. [Register here.](#)

We look forward to seeing you there.



Mission: Rotary Works is an initiative provided for Rotarians and Rotaractors within Zones 33 & 34 experiencing career transition. This initiative is comprised of three distinct programs, providing education, networking, and/or financial resources for participants, providing mentorship opportunities for personal and professional development.

The Project: The first Rotary Works program to launch will be our Career Development Professional Series, which will be offered via Zoom. Each month, [beginning December 9](#) at noon, with an overview of our Series, we will collaborate with business professionals in career development, exchanging ideas and having conversations with experts in their field. These “mentors” will provide information and inspiration for those in attendance seeking opportunities of self-exploration, self-improvement and ultimately seeking employment or entrepreneurial prospects.

Coming in the spring, Zones 33 and 34 will provide a “Job Board,” where you will be able to search for employment opportunities, post open positions, request a mentor, become a mentor, and find valuable and relevant career transition resources.

Finally, we are establishing an Impact Fund designed to assist Rotarians and Rotaractors in Zones 33 and 34, who may have experienced financial stress an opportunity to apply for a one-time grant of \$500.

The potential to help those in need is a top priority for us. More information on these programs will be available soon on the [Rotary Works website.](#)

THE QUEEN'S CUPBOARD CHALLENGE

WHAT IF YOU ONLY HAVE \$10 TO
SPEND ON NON-FOOD ESSENTIALS?
WHAT WOULD YOU PURCHASE?
WHAT WOULD YOU DO WITHOUT?

We challenge you to take \$10 and go shopping
as though:

- you have **\$10** to spend on non-food essentials
for a **month**, for you and your family
- you are shopping for a **family of 4**
- you have run out of **non-food essentials**
- you need toilet paper, bath soap, deodorant,
lotion, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes,
feminine hygiene products, diapers, laundry
detergent, etc.

TAKE THE TQC CHALLENGE AND
HOST A MEETING TO DISCUSS
YOUR EXPERIENCE

PLEASE CONSIDER DONATING
YOUR CHALLENGE PURCHASES TO
THE QUEEN'S CUPBOARD



Club Of The
Queen City



There are an estimated **60,000** children in Meck Co. that have few, if any, **books** in their homes and almost **48,000** children who live with **food insecurity**. A Parent shouldn't have to choose between nourishing their child's body and nourishing their child's brain.

Let's help them do both.

Feed the Body, Feed the Mind



Rotary

Charlotte Dilworth South End



Charlotte Dilworth South End Rotary and Promising Pages are joining forces to donate book pantries to organizations supplying meals to local families and throughout food insecure areas of our city. You can be part of nourishing the most vulnerable members of our community by donating to help us supply books, bookshelves, and bookmarks to food pantries.

Corporate donations:

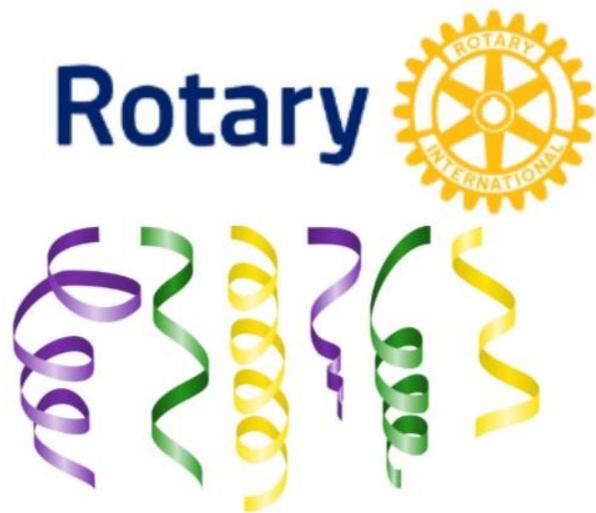
- \$100 - Bookworm (recognition in our promotional materials)
- \$250 - Librarian (Bookworm + name/logo in newsletter)
- \$500 - Reading Champion (Librarian + name/logo on bookmarks)

Individual donations above \$50 will be recognized by name listed in newsletter

For more information, contact: Promising Pages at info@promising-pages.org or Charlotte Dilworth South End Rotary Club at dilworthrotary@gmail.com

Please make checks payable to Dilworth Charities and in the note section, add Feed the Body, Feed the Mind. Mail to CDSERC, PO Box 30473, Charlotte NC 28230*

*Dilworth Charities is a 501(c)(3)



Gastonia Evening Rotary
PRESENTS



Mardi Gras Trivia Night & Raffle

When: Saturday, February 27, 2021 at 7:30 pm EST

Where: On Zoom from the comfort of your own home!

How: Use our [reservation form](#) to claim admission for your virtual table of up to 10 people. Make a donation through our [PayPal](#) link and you will receive log in instructions for this event in Zoom.

Try Your Luck at our popular raffle:

Grand prize: 3 night stay at The Ashworth in Ocean Drive Beach, SC between 09/28/2021 thru 03/27/2022, based on availability. 4 BR, 3 Ba Ocean Front in the heart of OD (\$700+ value)



2nd prize: \$150 Visa Gift Card for Dinner at a Local Restaurant

3rd & 4th prize: Gift Card to Total Wine Company

Additional Prizes: Cases of Assorted beers

Tickets: \$10 each or 3 for \$25

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TO PURCHASE TICKETS OR FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT:
www.gastoniaeveningrotary.org

FELLOWSHIP

They can relate

Rotary's genealogy detectives share family stories and tales from the hunt

THE DIGITAL revolution has had many unexpected consequences, including a boom in interest in genealogy. People are building online family trees and using genetic testing services to discover their origins. It's a great time for the Fellowship of Rotarian Genealogists, founded in 2016.

"Genealogy used to be about building charts with people's names and dates," says Bill Harvey, a member of the Rotary Club of Omaha, Nebraska, and president of the fellowship. "Now, we can focus on the stories of our ancestors instead of spending time twirling microfilm of census records."

Members of the fellowship, ranging from complete beginners to professional genealogists, exchange resources and research tips. While most members come from North America, interest in genealogy is global; the group's membership includes 161 Rotarians from 12 countries including Australia, Brazil, Germany, and Nigeria.

"Genealogy makes you realize that the decisions you make and the things that happen to you today are going to affect the lives of people hundreds of years from now," says Harvey.

Susan Beety, a member of the Rotary Club of Menomonie, Wisconsin, who co-founded the fellowship, sees a connection between Rotary values and genealogical research. "Rotary and genealogy show us that no matter how different we think we are, we are more alike than we are different."

—JOSEPH DERR

CONNECTING KIN

I found a great-aunt that nobody knew about. She had immigrated to Canada in 1912. Eventually I met with some second and third cousins in Ottawa while attending the Rotary Convention in Montreal in 2010. Rotary brought me face to face with cousins I probably would never have met in person.
— Lawrence Tristram, Rotary Club of Alton, England

The Brothers family left the United States on the *Ariel*, a ship bound for Nova Scotia, at the end of the Revolutionary War. I have been on two genealogy trips to Canada and have joined with cousins from both Canada and the U.S. for in-person research.
— Alfred Brothers Jr., Rotary Club of Anthony Wayne (Fort Wayne), Indiana

On our way to the Rotary International Convention in Toronto in 2018, a Rotarian friend told me he had been looking for his birth father's family for 40 years. In less than a year, with DNA testing and some research, we arranged a family reunion. Seeing my friend and his sister embrace for the first time was my most rewarding genealogical experience.
— Bill Harvey

I recently helped my wife become a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution so our grandchildren would have some bragging rights when their class talked about the Revolution.
— Jim High, Rotary Club of New Hartford, New York

FAMOUS FOREBEARS

► **My wife's ancestors included** six passengers on the *Mayflower*, including John Howland, the guy who fell off the boat! Fortunately for us and for history, John managed to grab a rope and was pulled back aboard. — Bill Harvey

► **Perhaps my most famous** relative is the Powhatan princess Pocahontas; I am

a 13th-generation direct descendant. I have researched further back and have several records of relatives coming from England and France; one of those was a gatekeeper for Henry VIII.
— Melissa Webb Earnest, Rotary Club of Princeton, Kentucky

► **Discovering that I share** a remote DNA connection with Czar Nicholas II was intriguing,

although my ancestry is rather mundane compared with my husband's connections to Alfred the Great.
— Beverly Nield, Rotary Club of Lynn Haven, Florida

► **Growing up in New England,** I had no idea that I was directly descended from one of the victims of the Salem witch trials, Susannah North Martin. This discovery, later in life, led me

to become a member of the Associated Daughters of Early American Witches, a lineage society for direct descendants of persons who were accused of witchcraft.
— Rainie Bishop Jueschke, Rotary Club of Rockdale County, Georgia

Learn more and join the fellowship at rotariangenealogists.org.

HERITAGE HUNTERS

► **I love the hunt:** finding the family stories. I feel like I get to visit a distant relative and have a brief glimpse of who they were.
— Susan Beety

► **Finding my fourth** great-grandfather Thomas Hazard's pension application for service in the Revolutionary War in the Massachusetts Archives with his original signature brought history alive for me.
— Alfred Brothers

► **Most of my family** were farmers, restaurant owners, and bootleggers. One of the chores for the children was to scoop the foam off the vats hidden in the basement.
— Sue Weber, Rotary Club of Annapolis, Maryland

► **Genealogy answers** many questions as to why things are as they are, and were as they were.
— Gordon Seyffert, Rotary Club of Downtown Los Angeles, California

► **After five years** of intensive research, I found proof of my distant cousin who went to Australia in 1849 or 1850, from our family's ancestral home in the Harz mountains.
— Dirk Weissleder, chairman, Deutsche Arbeitsgemeinschaft genealogischer Verbände (DAGV), an umbrella organization of German genealogical societies