



President's Notes

Fellow Rotarians,

The timely theme of peace and conflict resolution is central to Rotary. Your Rotary Club is happy to present our speaker this week: the talented Patricia Shafer, Executive Director of NewGen Peace Builder. Patricia, along with the Outward Bound Center for Peacebuilding, is a co-implementing partner for Rotary Zones 33 & 34's signature initiative "Youth & Peace in Action: Engaging Young Community Peacebuilders." (YPA) This is the largest local peace building initiative in the history of Rotary International.

Last week we had a remarkably informative program on Mahatma Gandhi by Mr. Ramachandra Guha. Mr. Guha provided us with a remarkable and succinct window into Mahatma Gandhi's life and its impact on the Civil Rights Movement in the United States. The meeting was an unqualified success and we had 50 plus people in attendance. [Here is the link to last week's meeting on Ghandi with Mr. Ramachandra Guha.](#)

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

- ⇒ The next opportunity to volunteer at NC MedAssist is April 27. Slots are still available.
- ⇒ Promising Pages has book cleaning and book bagging opportunities. These are new opportunities, so we have plenty of open slots.
- ⇒ Adopt-A-Street is May 15. All slots are full! These slots always go fast.

Wine Tasting June 2021: The Fundraising and Social Committee is working hard to put together a fundraiser on June 18, 6:00 pm—9:00 pm. We will need help from all our members to make this a success. For a club our size, it's an "all hands on deck" effort. The money raised will go towards our good works here in Charlotte and around the world.

We need help with publicity and marketing of the event; volunteers the day of the event; ticket and raffle ticket sales; and silent auction donations and an auctioneer. Please think about how you would volunteer for this event. Please also think about silent auction items that you might want to contribute. Some items from past auctions include rounds of golf, art work, sports equipment, stays at the beach or mountains in vacation homes, bottles of wine, and signed memorabilia. Service gifts have also been popular, for example, preparing a themed dinner for 6 in the home of the highest bidder.

On the social front, I look forward to welcoming you to our spring social. Please put April 30 on your calendar! "Bring a Friend to Rotary" will be at Latta Park at 5:30 pm. We look forward to hosting many of you and your guests at this event. These are socially distanced mask-wearing events. We will be sending out menus and signups next week. The last event was a lot of fun. You don't want to miss it! As in the past there is no cost to members of Dilworth Rotary and one guest per member.

This Week's Speaker



PATRICIA SHAFER is Senior Fellow for Peace Education at Washington, DC-based Alliance for Peacebuilding; a Rotary Peace Fellow; Rotary Positive Peace Activator; and Executive Director of nonprofit NewGen Peacebuilders. On behalf of NewGen Peacebuilders, Patricia – along with Outward Bound Center for Peacebuilding - is a co-implementing partner for the Rotary Zones 33 & 34 signature initiative "Youth & Peace in Action: Engaging Young Community Peacebuilders." (YPA) This is the largest local peacebuilding initiative in the history of Rotary International. NewGen Peacebuilders was founded in 2014, and has since expanded to provide peace education, training and mentoring for young people in the US, South America, East Africa, Lebanon, and Western Balkans. Patricia was chosen as a Rotary Peace Fellow based on her nonprofit work providing primary and secondary school education to students in South Sudan, Uganda and Rwanda. Later, Patricia was nominated by the government of South Sudan for a UNESCO prize for girls' and women's literacy. Previously, Patricia held senior positions in change management and communications in two global Fortune 100 companies. She holds an MSc in Consulting and Coaching for Change – a joint-venture of Oxford University, UK, and HEC France; an MBA, Northwestern University Kellogg Graduate School of Management; and MA, Journalism from The Ohio State University.



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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](#)

04/23 NewGen Peacebuilders with Patricia Shafer

People of Action

[NC MedAssist](#) 2nd & 4th Tues

More dates added

[Promising Pages](#) Weds & Thurs through May

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

Club Officers

President: Ranjit Rawley
Immediate Past President: Kevin Kendrick
President-Elect: Kelly Cates
President Nominee: Jay Berube
Treasurer: Joy Rucker
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Samaritan House Virtual Luncheon



Samaritan House held its virtual fundraiser luncheon at the same time as our meeting in April. [Here is a link to the luncheon video](#) which includes information about the Katie Beth Caswell, the person who will be taking Brad Goforth's place when he retires later this year.

Join Angie's Walk Team



Charlotte Speech and Hearing Center is hosting its [2nd Communication Counts Walk/Run](#) on **Sunday, May 23, 2021** starting at 1 pm. This year, we are hosting a hybrid event that allows participants to **Walk Your Way**- in-person following current safety guidelines at McAlpine Creek Park or in your own neighborhood.

Please join my Charlotte Speech and Hearing Center Communication Counts Walk Team.

Our Team is called the Seekers because we don't believe it's enough to sit and wait for people to reach out for help. "The Seekers believe in actively searching for opportunities to serve our community by bringing like-minded people together in partnership that generates change."

[To donate or register for Angie's team, click here.](#)

Seminar For Tomorrow's Leaders (SFTL)



Rotary District 7680 is offering this wonderful opportunity to develop leadership skills for high schoolers.

Our club is sponsoring two students to attend this 4-Day Seminar For Tomorrow's Leaders (SFTL) which will be held at Gardner Webb University in Boiling Springs, NC, July 22-25, 2021.

[This District webpage has more information](#), including a brochure to download.

If you know of a high schooler who may be interested, please give them this information and have them [submit the application which can be found here](#).

Please make sure they indicate that they are submitting for a scholarship from the Charlotte Dilworth South End Rotary Club.

Deadline for applications is April 30.



APRIL

Birthdays

01 Taylor Houston
05 Eric Law
24 Bob Teague
26 Lynna Moen

Anniversaries

Taylor Houston (1 year)
Frank Kiker (37 years)

Virtual Happy Dollars

[Click here to donate your Happy Dollars online.](#)



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.

[Click here for March 2021 Newsletter.](#)



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Rotary Opens Opportunities



Registration is open! Don't miss your chance to connect with Rotary members at the [2021 Virtual Convention: Rotary Opens Opportunities](#) which will take place this June 12-16, 2021.

Enjoy a special rate of \$49 through May 7. After that, the registration fee is \$65.

The 2021 Virtual Rotary Convention is open to all Rotary members and participants and include access to the virtual House of Friendship.

Don't forget to visit the [convention event page](#) on Facebook to connect with others and stay up-to-date on event news and program highlights!

[Register today and save!](#)

District Survey

Please take a few minutes to complete [this District survey](#).

Future District Governors and their teams are interested in what you have to say.



Citizen's Arrest?



In her monthly humor column for The Charlotte Ledger, Charlotte club member [Colleen Brannan](#) asks *Do Citizens' Arrests Happen Only on TV?* Don't miss the crime or cringy list.

<https://charlotteledger.substack.com/p/citizens-arrests-are-only-on-tv>

Rotary River Cleanup

Rotary Clubs are hosting a [Rotary River Clean Up](#) at the Lake Wylie River District on May 15 starting at 9 am. Sponsored by Tailrace Marina in Mount Holly, proceeds support Catawba Riverkeepers and other local non-profits. (see separate flyer in this newsletter)

Kayaks and lunch are provided for \$15. Women in Rotary will also have a booth at this event.

Tailrace Marina, 1000 Marina Village Drive Mt Holly, NC 28120 (Located on the opposite side of the river from the USNWC) [Sign up here](#).

Lights Out, Save Birds

Dilworth Express



Every spring and fall, billions of birds migrate through the US, mostly under the cover of darkness. This mass movement of birds must contend with dramatically increasing but still largely unrecognized threat: light pollution.

Light attracts and disorients these migrating birds, confusing and exhausting them as well as making them vulnerable to collisions with buildings, not to mention other urban threats like cats and toxins.

In Uptown Charlotte, volunteers have tallied 74 species of birds that have died from building collisions or exhaustion, including Wood Thrushes, Gray Catbirds, and many warbler species.

Fortunately, the fix is simple. A landmark study conducted by the Field Museum in Chicago showed that by turning the lights off in one building, the number of birds killed dropped by over 80 percent.

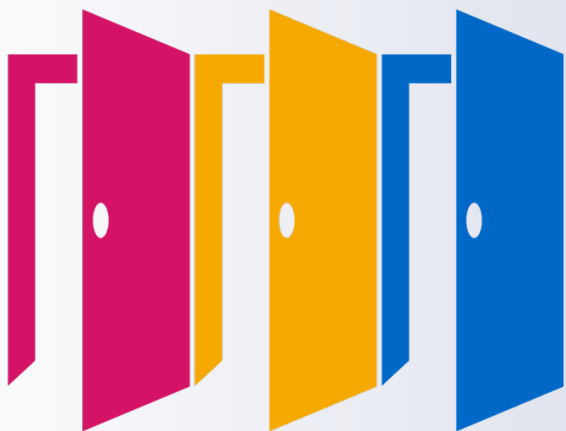
How Can You Help

Help make the skies a little darker during migration seasons.

1. Turn off the lights outside your home, especially upward-facing lights.
2. Close blinds and curtains at home and before leaving your office for the day.
3. If you work in an office building, ask your employer to turn out exterior upward-facing lights, as well as interior office lights from 11 pm to dawn.

Spring migration season runs through May 30, check out the following resources: [local migration forecast](#), [real time maps of the migration](#), and [Lights Out NC](#).

2021 Virtual District Conference



Rotary Opens Opportunities

Come join us in
celebrating, recognizing,
learning and **FUN!**

Saturday | April 24, 2021



JOHN SMARGE

| RI Director 2010-12



HADLEY PERRY PACHECO

| Emcee

SCHEDULE:

| 8:30a - Noon

- Great Speakers, Breakouts, Memorial Service and More...
- <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82388194626>

| 5:00p - 5:45p

- Chocolate and Beverage Pairing, plus prizes
- <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84240450015>

| 6:00p - 8:30p

- Mingle Time, Awards and Recognition, Distinguished Rotarians and a great speaker
- <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84240450015>



PLEASE REGISTER HERE:

- <http://bit.ly/2021DistrictConference>
- **It's Free!**



Summer FULL OF LIFE

Rotary Club Of Charlotte Blood Drive At SMS Catering Services

Main Room
1764 Norland Road
Charlotte, NC 28205

**Monday, May 10th
10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

Please visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: UptownRotary to schedule an appointment.



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