



## President's Notes

Fellow Rotarians,

First my apologies for our 1st hybrid meeting. Even after a dry run, the technological challenges were hard to iron out. The technology committee comprised of Kelly Cates, Jay Berube, and myself have new hardware to make the experience a little more seamless. Frank Kiker organized an excellent program presented by the illustrious Dr. Julian Pleasants on German Submarines off the NC coast. Please [take a look at the video if you weren't able to attend online or in person](#). It was great to see everyone in the room and online. For many it was the first time meeting in person. The new guidelines from the CDC that came out today are further encouragement that we will be in a more normal state shortly.

Please continue to bear with us as we take baby steps with this new hybrid format. For those attending in person tomorrow we have confirmed with Dilworth neighborhood grill that we will be outside in the tent. We will have to deal with some traffic noise but that is a small price to pay for the added level of security we will enjoy being outside. This week, we will hear from Major Todd Mason of the Salvation Army. We have been ringing the bell for Salvation Army for a number of years. It will be treat to hear about the impact of our fundraising.

**Bring a Friend to Rotary:** Remember no meeting on the 21st. Instead we will have our club social at 5:30 pm in Latta Park (or in case of rain, Dilworth Neighborhood Grille). I look forward to welcoming you to our spring social, "Bring a Friend to Rotary." We look forward to hosting many of you and your guests at this event. This is the last one for this Rotary year. You don't want to miss it! As in the past there is no cost to members of Dilworth Rotary and one guest. Menu items will be sent out in the next few days.

**Service Projects:** I am delighted to see the continued high level of activity with our service projects.

- ⇒ [NC MedAssist](#). We had three people signup on May 11. Thank you Lydie Surget, Safeya Carpano and Kevin Kendrick for getting so much done with such a small crew.
- ⇒ [Promising Pages](#) has book bagging and book cleaning opportunities through the end of May. Thank you John and Gloria Barringer for volunteering this week.
- ⇒ Adopt-A-Street is May 15. It gives me great pleasure to note that this project is fully staffed.

**Survey:** You should have received a survey from Dilworth Rotary. Here is your chance to have your voice heard. Thank you to the 11 of you who have completed the survey so far. If the rest of you could get it completed over the weekend, it would be very helpful. [Here is a link to the survey](#).

**Wine Tasting 18 June 2021, 6 pm—9 pm:** We are asking all members to be responsible for two tickets to the event. Either by using them for yourself or selling them. You should have received a flyer for the event. It is also included in this newsletter. Please pass that on to your friends, coworkers and family. The Fundraising and Social Committees are working hard to put this together.

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. 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.



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**We meet Fridays in person at  
Dilworth Neighborhood Grille,  
911 E Morehead, Charlotte and  
via Zoom link:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4511745271>

Meeting ID: 451 174 5271

### Meeting Schedule

[Click here for our Google calendar](#)

05/14 Salvation Army with  
Major Todd Nelson

05/21—**NO MEETING** due to 5  
pm Club Social

05/21 5:30 pm **Bring a Friend to  
Rotary**, 5:30 pm, RSVP  
[jakendrick@outlook.com](mailto:jakendrick@outlook.com)

5/28—**NO MEETING**/Memorial  
Weekend

### People of Action

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

[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  
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## This Week's Speaker

### Salvation Army with Major Todd Mason



See page 3 for bio on Major Todd Mason and his wife Major Wilma Mason.

**NO MEETING**  
**May 21 (social that evening)**  
**or May 28 (Memorial Day Weekend)**

## 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.](#)

## Passing of PDG Kenneth W. Whitney, Rotary Club of North Mecklenburg County (NC), District 7680. Served District 739 in 1991-1992.



"Whit" Whitney a resident of The Pines in Davidson, NC, passed away peacefully with his daughter by his side on Sunday, May 9, 2021, leaving behind a legacy of service to others, a zest for life, and love for his family.

Whit was very dedicated to Rotary International. He attended many Rotary International Conventions and faithfully attended meetings around the world, even while on vacation. In 2010, he was honored for his 50 years of perfect attendance. He served as President of Lancaster Rotary Club, and then as District Governor of South Central PA. He was actively involved in starting two new Rotary Clubs in PA, six Rotary clubs in NC as a member of the North Mecklenburg Rotary Club, and was actively involved in organizing and starting a Rotary Club via the internet in the Ukraine. ([See full obit here.](#))



### MAY

#### Birthdays

09 Shannon Tucker  
10 Dewey Jenkins  
30 Gus Psomadakis

#### Anniversaries

David Hodgkins (47 yrs)  
Jim Stump (36 yrs)  
Joy Rucker (14 yrs)  
Pat Morgan (4 yrs)  
Gus Psomadakis (4 yrs)

### 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](http://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:

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AG Linda Rakvic,  
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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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# MAJORS TODD & WILMA MASON



Majors Mason have been appointed as the Area Commanders for The Salvation Army of Greater Charlotte, effective June 22, 2020.

The role includes overseeing all programs, services and operations for the organization: Center of Hope shelter and housing programs; Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Charlotte; Christmas assistance; emergency disaster response; and more.

Major Todd Mason was born and raised in Louisville, Ky., and has a degree in Business Administration. He is a graduate of Evangeline Booth College in Atlanta, Ga., and has done additional studies at Gordon Conwell Theological Seminary in Charlotte. Major Wilma Mason is a native of Ft. Myers, Fla., and has a degree in Christian

Teaching. She is a graduate of Evangeline Booth College. Both Majors are also graduates of The Salvation Army's International College for Officers in London.

Their ministry and leadership together began as Corps Officers/Pastors at Corps Community Centers in Morehead City, N.C.; Rocky Mount, N.C.; Louisville South, Ky., (which includes a Boys & Girls Club); and in Johnson City, Tenn. These locations included homeless shelters, social service programs, Family Stores, Corps programming and feeding kitchens.

In 2008, the Masons were appointed to Augusta, Ga., Command to oversee operations, along with the fundraising, construction and opening of the Ray & Joan Kroc Corps Community Center (Kroc Center). Following Augusta, they were appointed to Evangeline Booth College and served as part of the faculty. Their most recent appointments were at Southern Territorial Headquarters in Atlanta, where Major Todd Mason served as the Director of Grants and Contracts and Major Wilma Mason supported the Secretary for Personnel.



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In 2014, the NewGen Peacebuilders program launched in Charlotte, NC, with 18 students from three high schools. Rotary District 7680 and local Rotary clubs have provided financial and volunteer support in the first year and each year since.

Alumni have been recognized with awards and scholarships from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, UNC-Charlotte, NC State University, Warren Wilson College, and Stanford. The video case study of the peace project co-led by Sara Holley has inspired young peacebuilders in multiple states and countries.

On May 15, high school students in Mecklenburg, Gaston, Union and Cabarrus counties will complete their NewGen Peacebuilders experience and present peace project results to family, friends, and the public. The number of certified NewGen Peacebuilders from Metro Charlotte will surpass 500 young people.

You are invited to attend: Saturday, May 15, 2021 1:00 pm—3:00 pm. [Please RSVP here.](#)

#### Saturday May 15 2021

1:00 pm—1:30 pm  
Opening Presentation  
Guest Speakers  
Peacebuilder Certificates

1:35 pm—2:45 pm  
Showcase  
Project Presentations  
Audience Interaction  
Q&A

2:45 pm—3:00 pm Closing Remarks

First In-Person Meeting After COVID-19 May 7, 2021





Rotary Clubs are hosting a  
**Rotary River Clean Up**  
at the Lake Wylie River District

Sponsored by Tailrace Marina in Mount Holly  
Proceeds support Catawba Riverkeepers  
and other local non-profits

**Saturday May 15 starting at 9 AM**  
**Kayaks and lunch are provided for \$15**  
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