



President's Notes

Fellow Rotarians,

We have had another excellent week at your Rotary Club! It has been “many hands-on-deck” on service projects, behind-the-scenes initiatives to make your next social exciting and interesting, continued work on projects both here and abroad, and an excellent program by Brian Hamilton on creating entrepreneurship opportunities and helping people find a path to opportunity. [Click here for two handouts from Brian.](#)

On the Service project front: We participated in two projects this week. One of these was creating brown bag lunches for the hardworking people working at Bojangles Arena to get our most vulnerable vaccinated. Check out photographs in this newsletter. We made 45 brown bag lunches! Captaining this effort was Kevin Kendrick, along with Jenny, John and Gloria Barringer, Rosemary Hill, Kay May, Romy Cawood-Rawley and myself. Thank you all for your efforts on behalf of the club!

We also sorted food at the Convention Center. Twelve volunteers, including Jerry and Claire Coughter (President of Charlotte Rotary), guests Dennis Reitz and Allyssa Beasley, Darrell Bonapart, and Kip and Mike Backlund, and our own Ed King, David Hodgkins, Dave Miller, Joy Rucker, and Kevin Kendrick.

[See photos of both service projects here.](#)

Rotary is of the moment: Making the world a better place is on many peoples' minds lately. Over the next few months, I would like to ask each of you to invite one person to our Rotary meetings. It is easy to support the idea of growing our club but it is another to put that idea into action. Here are a few ideas to help you get started:

I suggest making a list of 10 people you know, then think about who would enjoy service, fellowship and/or building business connections. Select one or two people on this list and invite them to a meeting. Second, in your everyday conversations, listen for when people talk about wanting to “do something” to make the world better. Knowing where to start can feel abstract to many people. That can be a great moment to talk about Rotary and invite them to a meeting.

I think the way we talk about Rotary is important too. Many people have heard of Rotary but don't know what it is or have an antiquated idea of Rotary. Bring them up to date! Emphasize our flexibility and openness to new projects. Let them know that we have men and women across age groups. Let them know we are an agile organization that welcomes innovation and experience. Tell them that we are working on the issues of this very moment: climate, peace, world health, hunger.

Virtual Social Valentine's Day: We will meet for a Valentine's Day virtual social 14 February. Time TBD. Look out for more information. Focus will be our “Fifth Rotary value.” It will be fun!!

RI President-Elect Announces 2021-22 Presidential Theme

Incoming RI President Shekhar Mehta urged members to become more involved in service projects, saying that caring for and serving others is the best way to live because it changes not only other people's lives, but also our own.

Mehta, a member of the Rotary Club of Calcutta-Mahanagar, West Bengal, India, revealed the 2021-22 presidential theme, Serve to Change Lives, to incoming district governors on 1 February during the RI Assembly. The assembly, a yearly training event for district governors-elect, was originally set to take place in Orlando, Florida, but was held virtually because of the COVID-19 pandemic... [more](#)



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES



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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](#)

2/05 My Experience in the FBI with Kevin Kendrick

[2/12 No Meeting Presidents' Day Weekend](#)

2/17 Board Meeting

People of Action

2/9 NC MedAssist

2/18 Second Harvest Food Bank

2/20 Adopt a Street Clean Up

2/23 NC MedAssist

[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

Secretary: Jenny Kendrick

Club Director: Rosemary Hill

Club Director: David Hodgkins

Club Director: Bob Teague



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This Week's Speaker

My Experience in the FBI by Kevin Kendrick



Kevin has worked in both the public and private sectors, amassing different yet valuable experiences in each. From 1976 until 1981, Kevin worked in the public sector for two police departments, those being Wayne State University and the Detroit, Michigan Police Department.

In 1981, he joined the Federal Bureau of Investigation and spent the next 25 years in the FBI working in virtually every area of investigative responsibility including two tours of duty at FBI Headquarters. Kevin served at almost every level in the Bureau as well, beginning as an investigator for seven years and then continuing into increasingly complex management roles. He served

as a Deputy Assistant Director in the Personnel Division from 2003-2004 before accepting the position of Special Agent in Charge (SAC) for the state of North Carolina from 2004-2006.

He retired from the Bureau in May of 2006 to accept the newly created position of Vice President of Global Security for the Dow Corning Corporation in Midland, Michigan. In this private sector role, Kevin was responsible for the provision of security for all Dow Corning assets globally, encompassing some 35 countries, including people, places, and proprietary information.

He participated in leadership roles with several industry organizations including the State Department's Overseas Security Advisory Council and the International Security Management Association, both with a mission of determining and evaluating risk conditions for companies with a large international footprint. He retired from Dow Corning in April 2017, after eleven years and moved to Pineville, where he enjoys being a Rotarian, his volunteer work, and spending time with his wife, grandchildren, and dogs.

Member Congrats

Joy Rucker is in the 100% Club at First Citizens for hitting all her goals for January. She is now the Branch Manager for the Park Road branch. Congratulations, Joy!



"Years ago, anthropologist Margaret Mead was asked by a student what she considered to be the first sign of civilization in a culture. The student expected Mead to talk about fishhooks or clay pots or grinding stones.

But no. Mead said that the first sign of civilization in an ancient culture was a femur (thighbone) that had been broken and then healed. Mead explained that in the animal kingdom, if you break your leg, you die. You cannot run from danger, get to the river for a drink or hunt for food. You are meat for prowling beasts. No animal survives a broken leg long enough for the bone to heal.

A broken femur that has healed is evidence that someone has taken time to stay with the one who fell, has bound up the wound, has carried the person to safety and has tended the person through recovery. Helping someone else through difficulty is where civilization starts, Mead said."

We are at our best when we serve others. Be civilized.



FEBRUARY

Birthdays

04 Rhet Turner
12 Jay Patel

Partner Birthdays

07 Chris Webb (Amarja)

Anniversaries

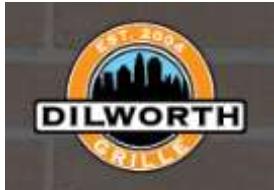
Rhet Turner—25 years
Dave Miller—41 years
John Barringer—32 years
Kelly Cates—4 years

CART
COINS FOR ALZHEIMER'S RESEARCH TRUST
A Project of the Rotary Clubs of North America

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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2020 Salvation Army Collection Report

Dave Miller

Thanks to everyone who volunteered this past year to ring bells for the Salvation Army. This was an outstanding year as evidenced by the amount of money that we were able to collect. As you can see from the Certificate of Appreciation, we collected \$4,895 in 2020. In 2019 we collected a total \$3,421 dollars and we collected at two locations which were Harris Teeter and Blackhawk Hardware. This past year we only collected at Blackhawk Hardware and collected \$1,474 more than the prior year. This is an indication of how generous people were knowing that the need was much greater due to the impact of the coronavirus.

Sarah Gamble, the coordinator for this project for the Salvation Army, wrote the following:

"Wow! Charlotte Dilworth South End Rotary knocked it out of the park this year. I know this year has been difficult for many, but please know how much we appreciate and value the support that your club has provided over the past decade/years."

Thanks again to all who participated:

Kevin Kendrick
Ed King
Dave & Karen Miller
Alan Loeser
David Hodgkins

Howard Castleman
Charles Seaman
Amarja Webb
Angie Rikard
Eric Law

Kelly Cates
Sean Fenerty
Bob Teague
Jim & Patsy Stump
Tim O'Connell

Dana Connell
Joy Rucker

This was our 46th consecutive year for being involved in this project and we look forward to year 47 this year. Remember this as we ask for sign-ups later in the year.

Certificate of Appreciation



Presented to
Charlotte Dilworth South End Rotary Club

Total Donations

\$4,895.40

In recognition of your tremendous support with The Salvation Army 2020 Christmas Kettle Campaign.

Park Road Books Community Challenge

Read Beyond Your Comfort Zone: Community Challenge and Book Club

The Challenge: We are challenging our community to step out of their reading comfort zones and read a new genre or type of book you may not naturally pick up.

Each month, we will curate selections that fit the challenge, and we will feature them in our newsletter, in-store, and on [social media](#). We would love for you to share with us and tag us via our social media what you are reading for the challenge! This months challenge is to read a book written by a person of color.
#PRBreadingchallenge

January Book that won an award in 2020	February Written by a person of color	March Set in a foreign country	April Short Story Collection
May Something before 1921	June LGBTQ+ novel	July Graphic novel	August Translated novel or memoir
September An Essay Collection	October Spooky	Reading Challenge	
November Judged by its cover	December Wild Card!	Book Club	
Peacebuilding and Conflict Prevention Month			TAKE ACTION: Get involved, Join Rotary

FEBRUARY

"Peace is not the absence of conflict but the presence of creative alternatives for responding to conflict – alternatives to passive or aggressive responses, alternatives to violence."
Dorothy Thompson



PEACEBUILDING AND CONFLICT PREVENTION MONTH

Rotary

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.

Rotary



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](#).

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Registration opens at 10 a.m. Tuesday for some BIG shade trees

Registration for our first citywide tree giveaway is set to open at 10 a.m. Tuesday morning (Feb. 2). All the trees are canopy builders, so this event is for you folks with a lot of room. The details:

When: Pickup is Saturday, Feb. 13. Registration opens Feb. 2 at 10 a.m.

Where: TreesCharlotte HQ, 701 Tuckaseegee Road.

The trees: A mix of 3-, 5- and 7-gallons ranging in height from 4 to 12 feet. Species to include maples, pines, birches, hornbeams, oaks, poplars, blackgums, sycamores and hickories. Every tree comes with a bag of mulch.

Cost: Free! (But a \$10/tree donation is appreciated.)

Covid safety: This event will be a drive-thru format, where you will stay in your car until it's time to load your mulch and your trees.

Make Some Shade Registration



TreesCharlotte is hiring for a new Executive Director

While we hate to see our current ED Chuck retire (a well-deserved retirement, btw), we are excited about the next stage for TreesCharlotte. Our next Executive Director will be charged with guiding the non-profit as it grows its impact. If you or somebody you know might be the right candidate, [you can learn more here!](#)



By the end of this planting season, TreesCharlotte and its volunteers will have planted/distributed more than 40,000 trees since our first season in 2013. Nice work!

DONATE TO TREESCHARLOTTE

[Unsubscribe](#) or [Manage Your Preferences](#)

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

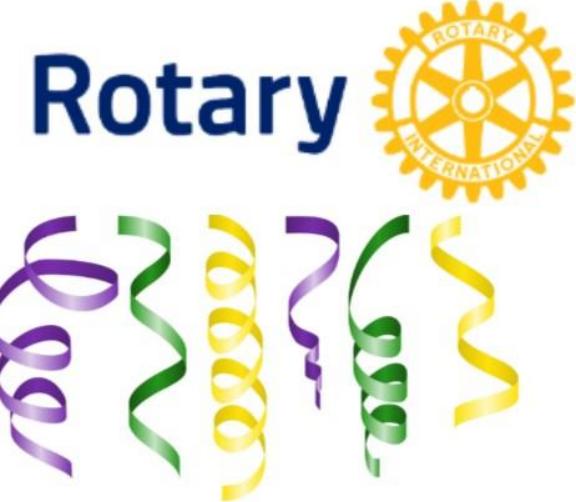
PLEASE CONSIDER DONATING YOUR CHALLENGE PURCHASES TO THE QUEEN'S CUPBOARD



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Queen City





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