



President's Notes

Fellow Rotarians,

Last week we had a delightful virtual social. Topics included the most interesting member we have had in our Rotary Club. The most interesting program. The most interesting international trip. We also played name that tune and Angie Rikard, Jim Stump, and Amarja Webb were extremely hard to "stump." A number of those responded with stories of our very own Frank Kiker. One of our upcoming socials may have to be a roast of Frank since he is too interesting to be left alone.

We are very grateful that a number of our members are partially or fully vaccinated. As the number of members who are vaccinated continues to climb, we will revisit our meeting in person. Given the case load in Mecklenburg County, we will continue to meet on Zoom for the month of March. We will keep you updated on our next social.

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

Coming up Adopt a Street: This Saturday, February 20, there are six spots for this project, and all 6 spots are spoken for almost immediately.

On February 18, we had 10 slots at Second Harvest Food Bank. Again all spots spoken for, and we ended up with 13 of our own and 7 extras who just showed up to work!

Thank you Toni Sussman and her father, Jerry Coughter (President Charlotte Rotary), Kate Richards, David Hodgkins, Joy Rucker, Bryan Cochran and Rebecca Harris (Charlotte South), Gary Stout, Darrell Bonapart and June Rogers (Meck South) all of you are playing an important role in helping prevent hunger in our communities. Our Rotary clubs and volunteers who have joined this effort at the convention center have facilitated almost 80,000 meals for families who have been impacted by the pandemic. Thank you all who have volunteered. 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 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. And send any photos you might have to Jenny.

Growing Rotary Groups in Rotary are forming clubs with limited missions: be it the environment, reducing hunger, increasing literacy. Dilworth Rotary would love to sponsor a satellite club. If you know of a group that could be under the umbrella of Rotary, let me know and our Board can discuss it.

Seminar for Tomorrows Leaders. We are looking for high schoolers who would be interested in developing their leadership skills. Please share any names of potential applicants for the SFTL with either me or Jenny. Information about the program can be accessed here: (<http://www.rotary7680.org/sftl.php>)

This Week's Speaker

Bringing Shakespeare to Life with Mary Todd



Mary Allan Todd was born in Rockingham, went to school at UNCG, and did her graduate work in English from Duke. She spent a year teaching in England. She has travelled widely. She has an identical twin sister. Both sisters love poetry. Mary taught English at Country Day for 35 years. The English award at Country Day is named for Mary. Mary is passionate about the English language and her personal favorite is Shakespeare.



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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](#)

2/19 Bringing Shakespeare to Life with Mary Todd

2/23 Rotary's 116th Birthday

2/26 UNCC Center with Jerald Coughter

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

3/12 Victor Chen, CEO of GoPeaks.org

People of Action

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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District Dates for Your Calendar

MID-YEAR ASSEMBLY Saturday morning, February 27, 8:30 until 10:45 It will feature about 20 District leaders discussing some of the many ways to be involved with Rotary. You'll get to choose 3 breakout rooms based on what piques your interest. It will go fast, and like most virtual events this year, it's free!! Please sign up here: <https://www.dacdb.com/index.cfm?EventID=77519399>

FEB 18 2:00-3:15 CALL WITH NC DHHS senior staff, for all NC Rotarians The second NC DHHS Vaccine Plan webinar call organized by the NC six Rotary Districts. Please join us by [CLICKING HERE](#) to register. You will receive a confirmation email with a link to join.

SATURDAY, APRIL 24 OUR VIRTUAL DISTRICT CONFERENCE

SATURDAY MORNING - roughly 8:30 until about noon. Will end with a Memorial Service

SATURDAY NIGHT - starts with fun hour at 5:00, and the evening events start at 6:00.

- ⇒ We have some great speakers lined up. It will be educational, inspirational, and fun.
- ⇒ There will be a virtual RLI Friday and Saturday afternoons from 1:30 to 4:30.
- ⇒ More to come soon, but **please put it on your calendar now!**



The Rotary International (RI) Convention scheduled for 12-16 Jun 2021 in Taipei, Taiwan, will now be a virtual event in response to the ongoing threat of COVID-19.

We are sorry that we will not see you in Taipei this year, but this decision, made by the Rotary Board of Directors, is necessary to protect the health of everyone involved. We will share more details about the 2021 RI Virtual Convention soon.

Here's what you need to know now:

Convention, pre-convention, and ticket refunds: RI will automatically cancel and refund all existing registrations. This includes purchases made for Rotaract, Youth Exchange, and Intercountry Committees pre-convention events, and ticketed meal events.

We kindly ask that you NOT contact RI Registration to inquire about registration, ticket, or housing cancellations as they work diligently to inform all attendees and process cancellations and refunds. Those who had already canceled prior to today will receive a refund of the \$50 processing fee.

Host organization Committee (HOC) ticketed event registrations: The HOC event ticket fees will be refunded by the Taipei HOC. For more information, please visit rotarytaipei2021.org.

Hotel rooms: No action is required from those attendees who made accommodations secured within Rotary's official housing block. Maritz, formerly Experient and Rotary's official housing partner, will contact those who currently have rooms secured with the cancellation details. Others who have secured group room blocks and made a full or partial payment will receive a follow-up communication and instructions on receiving a refund.

[More information will be posting here when it becomes available.](#)



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



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:

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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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January 15, 2021

Mr. Kevin Kendrick
The Rotary Club of Charlotte Dilworth Southend
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Dear Mr. Kendrick,

During this season of gratitude, I want to take this opportunity to thank you for supporting scholarships at UNC Charlotte. I hope you find joy in knowing the profound impact you have on our 49er students.

Scholarships provide much more than financial assistance; in many cases, they serve as a powerful source of motivation while reminding recipients of the many people who believe in them and their potential.

Take a moment to enjoy the warm sentiments enclosed to hear first-hand how you are making a difference in the lives of Niners.

With Pride,

Stacie G. Young, '98
Director of Donor Relations

PS: If you have any questions, please reach out to me at 704-687-7203 or sgyoung@uncc.edu.



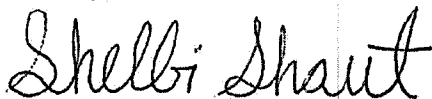
Dear Mr. Kendrick,

I am writing this letter to thank you for donating to the Rotary Club of Charlotte Dilworth South End Woodford A. Kennedy Scholarship at UNC Charlotte. I am originally from upstate New York, but I have lived in North Carolina since I was three. I currently reside in Gastonia, NC, and commute to UNC Charlotte. My parents moved us to North Carolina in hopes of giving me access to opportunities my hometown did not offer. Moving from a small town up north to the suburbs of the South gave me access to those same opportunities my parents were seeking when we moved. I decided to pursue a degree at UNC Charlotte due to its location in the city, the diversity of the campus, and all of the opportunities that it offers for academic, career, and personal growth.

At UNC Charlotte, I am completing my major in Criminal Justice and a minor in Legal Studies. I chose this field of study because I enjoy helping others and giving back to my community. The criminal justice system is of paramount importance in not only the U.S. but all over the world. While the execution may vary from country to country, the importance of the justice system remains the same. My goal is to combine my passions for law, justice, and youth by pursuing my dream career of being a Juvenile Court Counselor. I am currently involved with an on-campus ministry called Campus Outreach, a Panhellenic sorority, and a member of the Special Olympics NC. All of these organizations have motivated me when I needed it most, allowed an outlet for my passion for service, and provided the opportunity for me to do the same for others.

During my last year at UNC Charlotte, I plan on accomplishing even more than I already have. I am currently in the Criminal Justice Honors Program, and I will be completing my honors capstone this year, researching how music affects juvenile offenders. This will allow me to contribute to and diversify the dialogue surrounding the juvenile justice system. I am looking forward to producing meaningful work that I hope has an impact on my future career and the work of others. Due to the current coronavirus pandemic and being a part of the at-risk population, finding safe work has been difficult. I pay for my schooling, among other things, and this scholarship has taken a huge burden off of my shoulders. With the donation that you have made to this scholarship, I am now able to pursue all of my goals while remaining safe. Thank you again for all that you have done, and I am beyond grateful to have been selected as a recipient.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Shelbi Shaut". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first name "Shelbi" and last name "Shaut" clearly legible.

Shelbi Quinlynn Shaut
UNC Charlotte, class of 2021

Second Harvest February 18 2021





CMS Is Hiring Summer Tutors

We need amazing people to tutor 700 CMS kids through this summer, and they can get paid to do it through this application to the new North Carolina Education Corps (NCEC)!

- ⇒ Tutoring kids with HELPS Fluency tutoring, virtually
- ⇒ Paid as a contractor through CMS
- ⇒ April-July/Aug 2021, at least
- ⇒ 20-25 hours per week
- ⇒ High school English equivalency or higher

...APPLICATIONS ARE DUE FEB 20th!!!

Request: Please share this opportunity to encourage people in your networks - neighbors, people who love working with kids, current tutors, college kids in your life, and more!

[Click here for a 1 min video of CMS leader Brian Kingsley explaining the plan to tutor kids through the summer.](#) [Here is also a link to the NCEC website, for direct application.](#)



CART Newsletter



We would be remiss if we didn't take this opportunity during February to say how much we LOVE you... Our donors, researchers, volunteers, board members, advocates, friends, Rotary Clubs, Rotary districts,

Rotary zones... everyone! You are all so important to us!

We thank you for continuing to support us during such a difficult year, and we are excited to share these updates and announcements in this monthly newsletter and on our social media accounts... [more](#)

Rail Trail Lights

From SouthEnd newsletter

Lighting up the Rail Trail between February 19—March 7!

[I Heart Rail Trail: Lights](#) is back and bigger this year. Stroll down the Rail Trail and celebrate local art with these never-before-seen outdoor interactive light installations. Take the perfect photo, support your local restaurants and shops, and do it all again the next day! I Heart Rail Trail is here to shed light during these cold winter months. The installation footprint will span from 1100 South to Atherton Mill. Check here for more information and for a map of the installation locations. See you there! See below for a list of artwork/artists:

- ⇒ **Light Beans by Luvly Moon:** 1100 South Urban Residences Plaza—1100 South Boulevard
- ⇒ **COVID Confessionals by Studio Dickey:** Dimensional Plaza - 1515 S Tryon
- ⇒ **Seating ReArrangements by Ellie Richards:** Dilworth Artisan Station Plaza—118 E Kingston Ave
- ⇒ **Threads by Kit Kube:** Charlotte Urban Design Center Plaza—1507 Camden Rd
- ⇒ **Lover's Lighthouse by Sharon Dowell and Christopher Holston:** 1616 Coop—1616 Camden Rd
- ⇒ **Fairy Ring by Meredith Connelly:** On the grassy area in front of Atherton Mill—2102 South Blvd



"In Rotary, 23 February is our anniversary, and February is also the month when we focus on promoting peace....We have lasted 116 years because of our strong ethics, our passion for Service Above Self, and our unique approach to problem-solving. One of our greatest strengths is how we reach across our communities and national, ethnic, religious, and political divisions to unite people of all backgrounds and to help others. This month, let's celebrate our history and the many ways that Rotary Opens Opportunities to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace, our ultimate mission."

Holger Knaack, President, Rotary International



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.](#)

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



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:

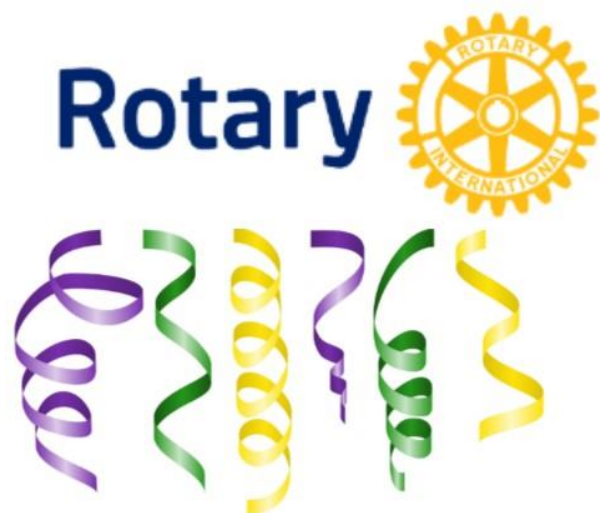
- \$100 - Bookworm (recognition in our promotional materials)
- \$250 - Librarian (Bookworm + name/logo in newsletter)
- \$500 - Reading Champion (Librarian + name/logo on bookmarks)

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

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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