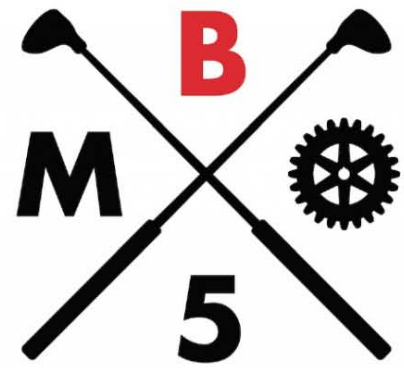


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Club of Mecklenburg- County South, Charlotte, NC



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Welcome Anniela Carracedo, aka Anni

By Julie W. Nee on Wednesday, July 28, 2021



Anniela Carracedo, aka Anni, was born in Venezuela in 2001, at the beginning of one of the

worst humanitarian crises in the Western Hemisphere. Despite the difficult situation, Anni was

fortunate enough to grow up surrounded by inspiring people and organizations aimed at solving

complex problems, help the communities get stronger and build a culture of peace. Her family is

actively involved in the Centro Comunitario de Caracas (Caracas community center) , a safe

place for community groups to join forces and promote the spread of initiatives that empower and bring citizens together.

Throughout her 5 years of high school, Anni participated in the "Model of United Nations" , attending more than 20 conferences, the majority of which aimed at simulating the functioning of the UN committees for Peace, Human Rights, and humanitarian issues. Thanks to the experience gained and her hard-working spirit, in 2019 Anniela was elected as General Secretary of the ninth edition of the Model of United Nations in her high school (SRMUN 2019).

Thanks to the environment she grew up in and to the experience in the Model of the UN, Anniela discovered her passion: diplomacy and peacebuilding.

Following her passion, Anni was the first to participate in a local music festival, called Festival Intercolegial de Gaitas y Artes (FIGA), and through volunteering, helped transform the festival into a peace project that helped and encouraged young individuals to step away from the violent situations they find themselves in due to the precarious conditions of Venezuela.

In 2018, Anni joined Interact Club Valencia, a Rotary International youth program, where she served as club secretary until she became a Rotary Youth Exchange Student in 2019-2020, representing Venezuela in Mississippi, USA.

During her exchange, Anni was able to join the Interact community service committee at Hancock High School: she immediately got to work and organized a collection drive for shoes, socks, and hats to be sent to Colombia, in support of the Rotary initiative Hope for Venezuelan Refugees, a humanitarian project created to help alleviate hunger affecting thousands of vulnerable venezuelans facing the second largest refugee crisis in the world after Syria.

Once the pandemic started she remained in the US to complete her exchange year. During this period of time, she challenged both her Venezuelan Interact club and American Interact club to

Club Meeting

Mecklenburg County-South
Meets at Home2Suites,
Piper Glen
5110 Piper Station Dr
Charlotte, NC 28277
Time: Friday at 07:15 AM

Speakers

July 30, 2021
[Anniela Carracedo](#) ,
[College bound](#)
[Rotaractor Venezuela/](#)
[United States](#)
The Interact
quarantine project

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remain active in serving the community.

Following the wish to remain active, she founded Rotary Interactive Quarantine, a network to connect Interact and youth exchange students from more than 80 different countries to exchange project ideas, build lasting friendships, and open opportunities for international projects.

Anni served as District Interact Representative in 2020-21, and became a Rotarian in the same year. She got nominated honorary member of the Rotary Club of Bay St Louis, which also chose her as Rotarian of the Year.

Looking at the future, in 2021-22 Anni will be serving as Executive Chair of Rotary Interactive Quarantine, Alumni member of Rotary International's inaugural Interact Advisory Council 2021-22, as well as Chair of the District 6840 Interact Committee.

Her devotion to diplomacy and peacebuilding is clear in everything she does. She hopes to become, in the future, a diplomat and help make the world a safer and better place.

She is thrilled to be a member of the World Beyond War Youth Network and serve as its External Relations Chair.

SFTL was AMAZING and our club SHOWED UP!

By Julie W. Nee on Wednesday, July 28, 2021



We had an incredible turnout of Meck-South-ers at SFTL (Seminar for Tomorrow's Leaders) last weekend. Our amazing volunteer team spent 4 days at Gardner-Webb sleeping in dorms, enjoying the dining hall, but most importantly, pouring into, connecting with and making a difference for the ~60 teenagers who were there. I think we are all just now recovering but it was SO WORTH IT seeing these kids grow, learn and SHINE! Way to go Meck-South: Debb, Julie, June, Linda, and Winifred!

Get Ready for BMOF 2021!

By Julie W. Nee on Wednesday, July 21, 2021

BMOF is back!

Mark your calendars for "the most ridiculously awesome golf event" on **October 11** and get ready to get involved. Details will be shared very



[Kelly Gaines](#)
Sergeant-at-Arms



[Rodney J. Holtzmuller](#)
Assistant Governor-Mecklenburg County South

Events

No Events found

Birthdays

Marcus Dunn
August 1st

Wedding Anniversaries

Wil E. Brooks
July 28th

Years of Service

Nancy L Roberts
08-02-2019
2 Years



soon and we will need all hands on deck for committee work AND day of event!

First order of business is getting sponsors. If you know any businesses in your network that would like to be a sponsor for BMOF, we would love to have them. Here is a link with more information.

https://www.planmygolfevent.com/cgi/page.cgi?_id=371970

Also, let's get a committee together to discuss silent auction--need to get ahead of this with many staff changes at BFK. Thank you!

MECK SOUTH PROJECTS with SPECIFIC DATES

By Jill Bastian on Wednesday, June 16, 2021

Updated Service Opportunities

Pineville Elementary

If you're interested in volunteering to construct the garden boxes for Pineville Elementary we'd love to have you! (Rodney, Steve, Wil, Ken and Zach Myers, Bryan, Wally, Larry, Jon, Frank, Jay and myself have signed up to volunteer.) This will be a wonderful opportunity to participate as a club in a hands-on project which will benefit over 700 students year after year. The garden boxes will be constructed this **Friday, July 30 from 4:00-7:00 p.m. Pineville Elementary is located at 204 Lowry Street. If you are interested in volunteering please send me an email or text (407) 920-5028.**

Beds for Kids

Volunteer along with their staff on Saturday mornings from 9am to 12pm (cleaning furniture, moving and staging furniture, organizing and packing bed linens). To reserve a spot contact: [\(980\) 422-1192](tel:9804221192)

REMINDER: Grand re-opening August 14, 9a-12n at NEW location--4200 Barringer Drive.

Join Us For Our OnLine Rotary Meeting or In Person Now

All members & visitors are welcome to attend our meeting, and we're happy to have you.

Option 1 - In person

Starting Friday, April 9, 2021, after 13 months of not meeting in person, we have made arrangements with Home 2 Suites by Hilton at 5110 Piper Station Drive, (across from Stonecrest) to meet there from 7:15 AM to 8:30 AM.

Home 2 Suites offers us lots of space, and you now have two options, zoom and in person.

Coffee, tea and donuts will be available, however feel free to bring your own breakfast. This is a Starbucks in Stonecrest plus many other options for you.

Option 2 - ZOOM (link is below)

Agenda

7:20-7:30 AM Log On

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87203658759>

Fellowship until 7:35

7:35 AM will be Announcements & Comments

8:00 AM - Our program is found on the right side of this bulletin

8:30 AM - Meeting adjourned

2020/2021 Positions

- Past President: Daniel Fogarty/Jon Hall
- President: Jon Hall
- President Elect: June Rogers
- Pres Nominee: James Pagano

- Secretary: Sandra Cika
- Treasurer: Bryan Cochran
- Sargent at Arms: Kelly Gaines
- Directors (4)
 - Dr Temeka Brantley 20/21 & 21/22
 - Zach Jett 20/21 & 21/22
 - Linda Rakvic 21/22 & 22/23
 - Adam Snelling 21/22 & 22/23
- Membership: James Pagano
- Community Service: Jill Bastian
- Social: TBD
- Programs: Steve Strand
- Bulletin: Julie Nee

