

Rotary



Club of Charlotte Providence

The Weekly Rundown



Join Charlotte Providence Rotary for HYBRID Meeting from Maggiano's!

For those that are comfortable meeting in person, we will meet at Maggiano's for lunch between 12-12:30PM followed by Rotary Club program, ending promptly 1:30PM.

- For those unable to or not ready to meet in person, the meeting will be simulcast via Zoom.



Oct 21 - Dale Folwell - NC State Controller "State of the State"

Treasurer Folwell will discuss his insights into the economy, the vitality of our towns and counties and the businesses that help them to flourish. He will discuss the continuing record-setting growth of the state pension plans, which recently hit an all-time high of \$121.9 billion; the State Health Plan, which serves 750,000 members and has incurred many tens of millions of dollars in unreimbursed COVID costs; or the Unclaimed Property Division, which has been floating new ways to return \$919 million in safekeeping to its rightful owners.

Treasurer Dale R. Folwell, CPA was sworn in as State Treasurer of North Carolina in January 2017. As the keeper of the public purse, Treasurer Folwell is responsible for the state pension

fund and state health plan. In 2021 the state's coveted AAA bond rating was reaffirmed by every major rating agency, making NC one of only 13 states in the country to hold that distinction. Folwell was first elected to public office as a member of the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Board of Education. He brought his problem-solving skills to the NC General Assembly in 2004, serving four terms in the House of Representatives including one term as Speaker Pro Tempore. Treasurer Folwell began his career as a blue-collar worker and became a Certified Public Accountant and investment advisor after earning Bachelor's and Master's degrees in accounting from UNC-Greensboro. Married for more than 30 years, he and his wife Synthia have three children and live in Winston-Salem.

Join us via ZOOM **this Thursday** 12:30-1:30PM.

For security reasons, we will use the "waiting room" to accept everyone into the meeting. Please be patient while you are accepted.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88152292289?pwd=QmdxT3NHb21CSjAzckkTUTlkNHRGUT09>

Meeting ID: 881 5229 2289

Passcode: 197574

MAGGIANO'S
LITTLE ITALY



Club Meeting

Charlotte Providence Meets at Maggiano's Little Italy and Via Zoom - Please use the email below to contact us for the zoom info
4400 Sharon Rd
Charlotte, NC 28211
Time: Thursday at 12:30 PM

Club Leaders



Mary Ellen Shuntich
President



Mark Daniels
President-Elect



Richard J. Pockat
Secretary



Howard B. Fogel
Treasurer



Frances E. Fesmire
Club Director



J. Grason Hudson III
Public Relations Chair



Georgia Oakes
Club Trainer



Alan Turner Jr.
Sergeant-at-Arms



Christine E. Smith
Interact Chair

Ronald Wimberly
Past President





Saturday, Oct. 9, our Club participated in the Rotary sponsored tree planting at Ashley Park Elementary. Together with other Rotary Clubs and students, we planted 75 trees on the school campus. One of the most impactful takeaways was seeing all the students and Interact youth so excited to be there, and learning about tree care on a Saturday! As our Club's upcoming new member, Katherine Clements said, "It was a great day!".

Pictured below: Georgia Oakes, Christy Smith, Katherine Clements



iPast
President



Rodney J.
Holtzmuller
Assistant
Governor -
Mecklenburg
County
South

Birthdays



Frances E.
Fesmire
October
24th



Scott Gsell
November
13th

District Leaders



Nicolino
Iannelli
District
Governor



Kamlesh
(Kam)
Chandan
DG - Elect



Debra L.
Corbett
DG -
Nominee



John
Michael
Walker
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SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES





Club invoices covering Dues, Foundation Contributions, Meals, and Maggianos Room Service Charge have recently been sent to members. Please check for accuracy and let Howie Fogel know if there are any questions. Timely payments would be greatly appreciated so that the Club can meet its financial obligations.

The board recently considered the issue of charging for meals now that we are back to meeting at the restaurant. At this point the club has paid over \$1500 for meals plus use

of the room.

Considering the unusual circumstances, what would be more fair for all?

Historically, active members (we currently have 9) paid for all meals offered in a quarter and paid in advance. Those who had achieved the status of R85 (15 members currently) paid for the number of meals they actually consumed, and invoiced in the quarter after.



This decision was made with all 10 board members voting in the affirmative. So, going forward (at least during pandemic, hybrid meeting, time) we will be following this procedures:

1. We did not invoice active members last quarter for this quarter's hybrid meetings. So, we will be invoicing all members after this quarter (October) for meals eaten at \$17/meal. The actual meal charge is \$17 per person. Additionally, the club currently pays \$50 event fee every time we meet at the restaurant. Since having the event benefits everybody in the club, whether they choose to attend in person or not, we decided that it would be fair to spread that cost among the entire membership.
2. Members who took a meal in the current quarter (July-September) will be charged in October for meals actually eaten at a rate of \$17/person.
3. Every member will be charged a pro-rated amount for the event fee (renting the room). The charge will depend on the number of members (currently 24), the number of times we meet at the restaurant (currently planned to be 11), and the event fee (currently \$50). So, we estimate that charge to be about \$23 per member.
4. Beginning in October, the meal charge of \$17 will be accepted at the door. Alan will be happy to accept your payment.
5. Active members will be relieved of the obligation to pay for meals they do not consume.

Prior week's meetings have been recorded on Zoom and you can find the replays here -->
<https://vimeo.com/user115899696>

CPR Meetings Upcoming Presentations

Oct 28 - Christopher Lawing - Iconic Signs Charlotte History



As founder of the Charlotte Signs Project, native-Charlottean Christopher Lawing has been photographing, documenting, rescuing, and preserving the Queen City's unique signage since 2010. Christopher found his love for photography and its ability to tell stories while in a darkroom photography class at Myers Park High School in 2010. After polishing his skills and graduating from NC State University, in 2017 he self-published his vibrant coffee-table-style book, *Charlotte: The Signs Of The Times*. It is now in its 3rd Printing. He can tell you not only the location of almost every iconic sign in Charlotte past and present - but also the stories behind these landmark businesses. Christopher's work has been exhibited at Levine Museum of the New South, Festival In The Park, Matthews ArtFest, and National Scout Jamborees. His photography has also been published in *The Charlotte Observer*, as well as nationally in *PARADE Magazine*. So join Christopher as he takes us on a colorful tour of Charlotte's most famous signs. In the meantime, learn more about his 'sign story' online at www.cltsignsproject.com and via social media using @cltsignsproject today!

Oct 4 - Derek Whitmire - Big Hearts / Big Family

Oct 11 - Jay Jacob - Trip to Jerusalem

Oct 18 - Club Assembly

Oct 25 - Thanksgiving - NO MEETING

Dec 2 - Ineke Wilson - Christmas Cultures

Dec 7 - CPR Board Meeting

Dec 9 - CPR Holiday Party!! - La maison de Fran Fesmire

Dec 16 - Holiday Program

Dec 25 - Christmas - NO MEETING

Dec 30 - New Years - NO MEETING

March 26, 2022 - Mark your calendars! Oyster Roast!



World Polio Day - October 24, 2021



October 24, 2021, is designated as World Polio Day

As of September 2, they are still reporting two (2) total cases one (1) each in Afghanistan and Pakistan. Rotary through the WHO has received assurances that Polio Eradication efforts will continue to be allowed in Afghanistan by the Taliban.

On Polio support in District 7680, Gastonia is leading the way with \$5,050 followed by Charlotte at \$3,333 and Lake Norman Huntersville at \$1,020 with a District total of \$10,978. A large number of clubs have \$0 support which I

hope will change in the coming months. Let's make sure every club and member give something to Rotary's longstanding program and we reach our goal of \$102,240.

Personally, my wife Paula and I will be hosting a Polio party at our house again October 23, 2021 1840 Tanglebriar CT Matthews NC 28104. All Rotarians and guest are invited. The event has no charge but I ask for registration at DACDB so I can get a head count for food and drink. I only ask that you make a donation of your choosing to the Rotary Foundation Polio Plus online or at the event.

Register NOW for Annual Polio Fundraiser at Tom & Paula Smiths

Yours In Rotary Service

Thomas J Smith

Rotary International District 7680

Governor 2016-2017

Polio Chair 2021-2022

Autobell Fundraiser !



Charlotte Providence Rotary is raising funds to help fund the club and some of our service projects. We will be pre-selling Autobell car wash gift certificates for \$20 each. The gift cards can be used to get just a basic exterior wash (around \$7), leaving \$13 remaining on the card, or a full service car wash (\$19) or any of Autobell's other service options. The gift cards never expire. They make great appreciation gifts to your yard maintenance folks, your hair stylist or barber, your mailman, and lovely stocking stuffers. We will be pre-selling the gift cards from now until November, and delivering them to buyers in mid-November. The gift cards are plastic and will come with a nice gift envelope. For every gift card we sell, the club gets \$10!!

Please join with the club and pre-sell gift cards to friends, family, neighbors, etc. We will also be pre-selling gift cards at the Cotswold Farmers Market through October. If you are willing to sit at the volunteer tent for an hour or so on Saturdays, please come and enjoy the cooler weather and pre-sell Autobell gift cards!

Lastly, the disclaimer: gift cards have no cash value and cannot be redeemed for cash. Lost cards cannot be replaced, and gift cards cannot be combined with any other offer.

CPR Food Drive - 40 Days, 4 Bins, and 400 Cans

The Second Harvest Food & Fund Drive Sept. 15 - Oct. 30 continues, in partnership with the Rotary District 7680 and the Second Harvest Food Bank of Metrolina, which serves our area. Food insecurity is a constant problem but has only increased with the pandemic and rising food prices. To celebrate Second Harvest Food Bank's 40th anniversary, our goals are: 40 days to fill 4 bins with 400 cans of food and raise \$400 online. As of this week, we are at 66% of the funds goal, with \$262 raised and have filled almost 1 Bin! East Meck's Interact Club will be supporting the effort starting this week.

Let's help fight hunger together!

Second Harvest will accept any non-perishables, but no glass. The shopping list below has the most common items most needed. Each time you grocery shop, pick up a couple of cans and bring them to the Club meeting!

There are several locations to drop off food items:

- 3900 Flowerfield Rd. (Georgia's Home- 9am - 5pm, 7 days/wk)
- Cotswold Farmers Market (8am-12pm, Sat. only)
- Maggiano's at Southpark (12:30-1:30pm, Thurs. only)

Contributing funds online is another great way to support the cause. \$1 donated enables Second Harvest to purchase 7 lbs of food to feed our neighbors. Here is the link to the online donation page to learn more or donate:

<https://p2p.onecause.com/shmetrolina40thbirthday/charlotteprovidencerotary>

Please feel free to share the hyperlink on Social Media with friends and neighbors to raise support!

For inquiries, please contact Georgia Oakes or Christy Smith.

Haiti Earthquake Response



Rotary
District 7020



DISTRICT 7020: HAITI EARTHQUAKE DISASTER RECOVERY FUND

In response to the devastation caused by the recent earthquake in Haiti,
District 7020 has set up a Disaster Recovery Fund.

The fund is managed by Rotary's DNA-RAG Rotarian Action Group, a 501(c)3, #47-3860087
in cooperation with District 7020's Disaster Relief Committee

<http://www.dna-rag.com/>

<http://www.7020.org/>



Disaster Network of Assistance
Rotarian Action Group

WAYS TO CONTRIBUTE

By Credit Card or PayPal:

https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted_button_id=ESJ9N2CASADV2

By wire transfer:

Account Name: Disaster Network of Assistance - Rotarian Action Group, Inc. dba "DNA-RAG"

Account #: 12 1682 8928

Swift Code: PNCCUS33

Physical address of Bank: PNC Bank, 9033 Glades Rd, Boca Raton, FL 33433

Contact: PDG Phil Lustig, Vice Chair, Tel: 1 561 212 6554 Email: phil.lustig3@gmail.com

By Check:

Payable to: DNA-RAG

Send to: PDG Phil Lustig, 11015 Via Lucca, Boynton Beach, FL 33437

**Ensure payee instructions entered for: "District 7020 Haiti Earthquake Fund"
and state Donor's Name**

For further information on District 7020 contact:

District 7020 Disaster Chair: Haresh Ramchandani

Email: Rotary7020relief@gmail.com

2022 Rotary International Convention - Houston, TX

JUNE 4th ♦ 8th, 2022

- Click <https://convention.rotary.org/en/houston> for details, and to register. Doing so NLT June 16, 2021, during the current Convention, gets you the cheapest ♦ early bird ♦ Registration fee.
- Here ♦ the link to the promotional video for Houston from incoming RI President Shekar Mehta for your viewing pleasure.



https://cdn2.webdamdb.com/md_INcbAhXjhw81.mp4?1615311666

- IMPORTANT - You will also want to book accommodations NOW for Houston. You don't pay for even one room night until next May, and you can cancel at any time. Booking now is the best opportunity to find a hotel with Rotary pricing within walking distance. <https://registration.experientevent.com/showROT221/>
- If you have never been to a Rotary International Convention in person, it is a GREAT experience, and will give you a true sense of the breadth and depth of Rotary around the world.
- Also, Houston in 2022 is the last Rotary International Convention to be held in the United States until Honolulu in 2027.
- Please feel free to reach out to District Governor Nico Iannelli about the 2022 RI Convention in Houston.

I hope to see you in Houston June 2022!

ROTARY'S DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION STATEMENT

As a global network that strives to build a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change, Rotary values diversity and celebrates the contributions of people of all backgrounds, regardless of their age, ethnicity, race, color, abilities, religion, socioeconomic status, culture, sex, sexual orientation, and gender identity.

Rotary International adopted this statement on DEI in January 2019 and formed a Task Force bringing together experts from across the world to devise a plan that assesses the state of DEI within Rotary and articulates a vision that incorporates differences, needs and priorities with an international approach. They hope to have an action plan by July.

