



Charlotte Rotary Club Leaders:

- President:** John Dykstra III
- President-Elect:** Keisha Howe
- President-Nominee:** Mari Calton
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- Secretary:** Ed Foster
- Assistant Secretary:** Courtney Mead
- Rotary Foundation Chair:** Doug Buck
- Membership Chair:** Mari Calton
- Public Image Chair:** Keisha Howe
- Past President:** Mandy Stewart
- Directors:** Jake Campbell, John Laupp, Joel Fox, Wally Mairs, John Newland, and Harper Wildern
- Assistant Governor:** Gregg Guetschow



*Join us at Beach Market  
on July 24th*

**Greeter:** Brad Wurfel greeted everyone with a smile! Thanks Brad!

**Invocation:** We appreciate that **Kathie Cook** shared a warm prayer, with special thoughts for our speakers, after she led us through the Rotary 4-Way Test.

**Guests:** We had a great crowd of visitors! Many thanks to **Nash Roberts, Adrian Bass, Linda Reetz, Adam Droscha, Kristie Reynolds** and **Trevor Calton** for joining us today.

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**Arts & Culture-** Don Sovey wanted to remind us that this isn't just Arts and Culture with Don, but that **Mary June Garn** is an integral part of this committee. That being said, Mary June played and Don led us in a round of "Happy Birthday" to celebrate Ed Foster's big day. She also accompanied us as we sang a couple of patriotic songs.

**Announcements:** President **John Dykstra III** shared that **Ed Foster** is celebrating his 60<sup>th</sup> Rotary anniversary and **Gregg Guetschow** is celebrating his 16<sup>th</sup>. Thanks for showing us what dedication to the club looks like, fellas!

**Jerry Sommer** reminded us that the fundraiser reverse raffle is 2 weeks away. It's scheduled for Wednesday July 31 and will be Vegas themed. We can't wait to see you all there to join in our biggest fundraiser of the year.

**Annie Williams** introduced us to **Adrian Bass**, who was a very active member of CanDo and helped develop its LEAD program, to train local leaders. She is now helping CharlotteRising as it takes on the oversight of LEAD training. LEAD is made up of 8-1/2 day classes and has a cost of \$345.

**Trevor Calton** thanked the club for sponsoring him to attend RYLA last weekend. He and Kayleigh Williams will be back later with a program about their camp experience.

**50/50- John Newland** sold the tickets for the 50/50 drawing, which brought in \$24. The lucky winner today was **Jake Campbell**.



**Sgt-At-Arms – John Laupp** was on the Barrel for **Tyler Pray** and he wasn't shy about fining a couple of tables of men for not inviting any women to join them. **President John** was fined his Presidential dollar and **Ed Foster** was fined for his birthday. He also collected the winner's tax from **Jake Campbell**.



**Joe Daly** coughed up a happy buck to share that the 10<sup>th</sup> annual Blake Rankin Memorial Golf Outing was last weekend. He noted that over the past 10 years they have raised over \$40k, which goes in Blake's memory toward scholarships for high school basketball and baseball seniors.

**Keisha Howe** gave up a happy dollar to share about the cornhole tournament that will be held this Saturday at 4:00 pm in front of As the Wood Turns.

**Program:** Mandy Stewart introduced us to **Amanda Thompson** of Helping Hands who was also joined by **Joanne Williams** from the University of Olivet, today representing their volunteer work at CROP Hunger walk, which benefits St Vincent DePaul as well as Helping Hands. They shared some fun facts about the 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Crop Walk that will be held October 6<sup>th</sup> at Bennett Park. Registration begins at 1:30 PM and the walk begins at 2:00 PM.

The **Crop Walk** is about thinking and acting locally to help those in need. It was started by Church World Services, post WWII, to help with the influx of immigrants and food shortages. The 41 years of participation here in Charlotte have been supported by many churches and many individuals that dedicate their time and energy. This list includes names so many of us Rotarians were familiar with - many still helping today and many individuals that are no longer with us. The dedication to this event has placed the Charlotte Area Crop Walk 89<sup>th</sup> in the nation, we're the Cream of the Crop! That's quite a feat considering that more than 2,500 walks happen around the country.



The funds raised from the Crop walk help both locally and abroad. One quarter of the funds raised stay local and almost \$450k has been raised over the years. The funds are split to help the needs of St. Vincent DePaul, Helping Hands and the SIREN Shelter. Church World services uses some of the funds to help provide Blankets and Hygiene/Period Packs to the recipients of their organization's services.

As with any event and organization, they can always use help and are particularly interested in young volunteers. Their

Youth Challenge encourages all youth up to the age of 21 to participate and a benefactor has promised to match their fundraising efforts up to \$250/youth.

If you would like to walk, please note that you can also walk at home or join the group at Bennett Park for either a one mile or three mile course.



There are no Zoom recordings from Beach Market. See you in person at the meetings!

**NEW MEMBER PROPOSAL:** The following individual, **Adam Droscha** has been proposed for membership under the classification of Pastor by **Don Sovey**. Members have seven days from the date of this Mirror in which to object to this person **in writing** to the board of directors. If no objections are received, then this person will officially become a member two weeks from the date of this Mirror.



<u>JULY DUTIES</u>	
ATTENDANCE	Ed Foster
GREETER	Brad Wurfel
INVOCATION	Chuck Archer
MIRROR	Mari Calton
ARTS & CULTURE	Don Sovey
SGT-AT-ARMS	Tyler Pray (Barrel) John Newland (50/50) All committee (S & T)

**UPCOMING PROGRAMS & EVENTS:**

- July 24** – **Barbara Fulton & Kalli Dempsey** – ECH and thriving community projects
- July 31** – **Reverse Raffle fundraiser** – **NO LUNCH MEETING**
- Aug 7** – Mandy Stewart – **Neighborhood Walk**
- Aug 14** – **District Governor** visits our club

*Until next time...*

Too legit to quit  
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