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Home Club of District Governor Beth Trotter 2019-2020

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Welcome (via zoom from Tanzania) Yesaya Mwashala!!



Yesaya Mwashala is the son of chief Gwaza Mwashala Mshepete. He was born in a rural village in Tanzania. At the age of five, his time was spent doing domestic work, such as looking after big herds of animals, fetching, water, and farm work. Waking every day between 4 to 5 AM he would take the animals to find food, as well as find his own food! He would return around 6 PM, milk the cows, eat dinner and go to sleep.

This was his routine every day. At the time he knew nothing about the world outside his village. When he was sponsored to go to school, his eyes were open! At first, it was culture shock, but he soon found himself enjoying, not only the learning, but the new foods, timetables, clothing, etc.

Since those beginning days, Yesaya has attended university and worked in the travel industry. He has a heart of gold and does all he can to give back to the people of his country. As the Director of Operations for Tanzacare, Yesaya is happy because Tanzacare is positively affecting lives of children in rural areas. It melts my heart more than words can express!

Join us this Friday as our Meck South member Kelly Gaines and Yesaya talk about the amazing things Tanzacare has done to improve the lives of children in rural Tanzania.

Tanzacare, a 501c3 founded in 2014, is dedicated to expanding access to education in rural Tanzania.

Club Meeting

Mecklenburg County-South
Meets at Hyatt House Charlotte,
Rea Farms (9930 Sandy Rock
Place)
9930 Sandy Rock Place
Charlotte, NC 28277
Time: Friday at 07:15 AM

Speakers

May 03, 2024

[Kelly Gaines - Tanzacare](#)

May 17, 2024

[Sarah Sue Hardinger, President
of Mecklenburg Historical
Association](#)

The Mecklenburg Declaration of
Independence

May 31, 2024

[BMOF](#)

BMOF 2024 Kickoff
Presentation

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May is Youth Services Month



Christopher Bona induction last week



Last week Christopher Bona was inducted into Meck South and is officially a member of our club. If you have not had a chance to get to know him, especially if you missed his presentation last week, please reach out and welcome him. Chris did a great job last week sharing his background and what brought him to Charlotte in January of this year (yes, he is VERY new to our area). Chris, we all look forward to helping you get to know our club and community in the months and years ahead.



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Events

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Birthdays

Michael C. Twer
May 2nd

Wedding Anniversaries

Steven Neal
May 5th

Years of Service

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Upcoming Service Projects in May and June

By Jill Bastian



Friday, May 10th Service Project - A Roof Above Lunch bag assembly @ Hyatt House Hotel

On Friday, May 10th we will make 200 sandwiches and lunches for the guests of A Roof Above. This is ALWAYS a fun and rewarding morning as we assemble sandwiches and fill the bags with all of the lunch items. It's a family-friendly event and a great time to invite a guest to join us for fun and service to others.

Friday, June 14th Service Project- Center of Hope @ Hyatt House Hotel

On Friday June 14th we will organize and pack toiletry bags for the children at Center of Hope. There are currently 58 families and 292 residents; half of them children. The Salvation Army Center of Hope in Charlotte, N.C. provides emergency shelter and rapid re-housing to individual women and families with children. An institution in the community for more than 100 years, the Center of Hope embraces a philosophy of accepting people regardless of their needs.

LET'S GO TO A KNIGHTS GAME - a Rotary Social Event on June 18th you do not want to miss!!

Invoices for Dues have been sent to everyone

This week Todd Green sent out quarterly dues invoices to all club members. IF you happen to owe more than the amount shown (which can and does happen all too often) please abide by the 4 way test tenet "Is it the Truth" and pay what you owe.

Since Bryan has been hospitalized and unable to conduct treasurer duties, we had a gap in transitioning the dues collection efforts. Please pay the quarterly dues and any past dues owed to Todd Greene as soon as you can. Thank you!!

It's Time for Some FUN--upcoming Social Events

By Jonathan Todd Greene on Wednesday, April 24, 2024



May

Socials:

The usual Fun Friday will be held on May 10th at Duckworths in Rea Farms, 530-730pm

In addition, the next big social in May will be Saturday, May 18th from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Veronet Vineyards & Winery, located at 1549 Ike Brooks Drive in Kings Mountain, NC 28086. This will be a family-friendly event, but children are expected to be on their best behavior. We will be sitting outside, so where appropriate dress, and bring sunscreen. Geneva and I (Todd) have been to this place half a dozen times, and they do a great job. There will be a food truck there, and they also sell Charcuterie boards.

Please let Todd know if you plan on attending, and how many will be in your party. Thanks!

Join Us For Our Rotary Meeting - Online or In Person

All members & visitors are welcome - we're happy to have you!



Option 1 - In person

We meet at Hyatt House Rea Farms (9930 Sandy Rock Place, Charlotte, NC) from 7:15 AM to 8:30 AM.

A breakfast buffet is available for \$12, or you may also bring your own breakfast.

Option 2 - ZOOM (link is below)

Agenda

7:20-7:30 AM Log On

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85754400627?pwd=NHQ2SjRkSkRKZEKzazE5bVQrZWJ1UT09>

Meeting ID: 857 5440 0627

Passcode: 974042

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Fellowship until 7:35

7:35 AM - Announcements & Comments

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

8:30 AM - Meeting adjourned

Holiday Schedule for 2023/2024

We will not be meeting on these dates:

- March 29th (Easter)
- May 24th (Memorial Day)
- July 5th (Independence Day)