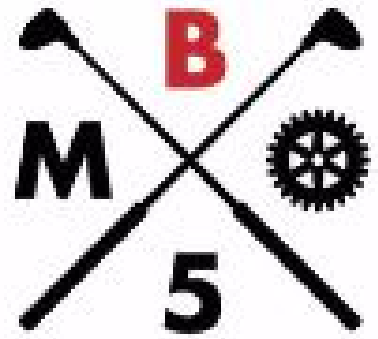


# Rotary

## Club Mecklenburg County South, Charlotte, NC



[www.mecksouthrotary.org](http://www.mecksouthrotary.org)



### Heart of Meck South 2018-2019 Rotary Year - 65K Contributed

Tuesday, April 9, 2019



Rotary year July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019

What brings people out at the crack of dawn on a

rainy, cold March day? The *heartof* Meck South Rotary. ♦Everybody is down to Earth, ♦ Ms. Kelly Gaines explains. ♦I think it ♦s our heart. ♦ Scott Pavish seconds that. ♦We have a vibrant culture. There ♦s something about this club that is easy to sustain because of all the special people in this room. There ♦s great energy. ♦ Indeed. This isn ♦t your Dad ♦s Rotary. There are people from every age group and demographic in Charlotte, laughing and joking around these full tables. After getting settled, a club member took a bucket around and Rotarians put a few bucks in the pot for the opportunity to talk about what they were thankful for on that rainy Friday morning. Fellowship, health, the privilege of sharing a laugh with good friends.



Don ♦t let the ♦few bucks in the pot ♦ fool you. The Meck-South Rotary Club is serious about our commitment to helping our community. How serious? In the first half of the 2018-2019 Rotary

year our group has already raised and donated more than **\$64,000**.

♦We ♦re the second highest giving club in our district. You don ♦t get a lot more focused than that. We ♦ve had great club presidents that have really encouraged the club. Like our golf tournament, ♦ Daniel Fogarty said, ♦that ♦s almost \$50K to Beds for Kids, the YMCA, Starmount Academy of Excellence, the Men ♦s Shelter ♦ and more.

Just the facts ♦

♦ Hundreds of low-income children are warmer this winter. Low-income students at Riverview Elementary School in Fort Mill and at Starmount

#### Club Meeting

Mecklenburg County-South Meets at Another Broken Egg Restaurant  
11324 N. Community House Rd. Charlotte, NC 28277  
Time: Friday at 07:15 AM

#### Speakers

April 26, 2019

Chief Harris  
Chief of Catawba Nation Native Americans

May 03, 2019

Mike Realon  
Olympic High School Robotics Team

May 10, 2019

Diane Morais, President, Consumer & Commercial Banking Products by Ally Bank  
Women in Banking

May 17, 2019

Field Trip to Overture hosted by Kim Davidson, (Member)  
Overture Cotswold

#### Club Leaders



Edward Levoe Tillman  
President



Julie W. Nee  
President-Elect



Lawrence A Kraujalis  
Secretary



Bryan E. Cochran  
Rotary Foundation Chair  
Treasurer



Sandra Darst  
Club Director



Daniel Z Fogarty  
President-Nominee

Academy of Excellence in Charlotte are wearing brand new coats after we raised **\$11,680** and helped distribute the coats as part of our *Operation Warm* campaign.



◆ 1,000 children in our area are safer. Our **\$5,000** donation to The YMCA of Greater Charlotte and the *Safety Around Water* campaign helps teach children to swim at 20 local low-income apartment communities. Pools in these communities rarely have lifeguards and are where children are at greatest risk of drowning.

◆ Hundreds of children now have a bed to call their own. Fundraising fact: Our *BMOF* Golf Tournament proved that you can have a blast and ◆do good◆ at the same time! *Bloody Marys*◆ on *Five* raised **\$46,975** and contributed **\$35,231** towards a



container of bunk beds for *Beds for Kids*, a Charlotte-based foundation that provides beds and essential furniture to needy children

and families and the balance of **\$13,569** to other non-profits in our community. Did you know thousands of children in our area sleep on the floor and don't have their own place to sleep at night? We want to change that.



Club President Edward Tillman says, ◆My goal this year◆ was to be much more focused and intentional in working with our local community.◆ That includes both volunteer hours and giving. ◆I◆ve also focused on even more things that we can do to help the children of Charlotte.◆ Club members regularly tutor at Starmount Elementary to improve reading



Kelly Gaines  
Club Director



Jon C. Hall  
Club Director



Wallace E. Olson Jr.  
Bulletin Editor



Linda Rakvic  
Club Director



June Thoreson-Rogers  
Public Relations Chair



Richard R. Bowden  
Sergeant-at-Arms



William W. Woodruff  
Membership Chair



Marcus Dunn  
iPast President



Linda Rakvic  
Assistant Governor -  
Mecklenburg County  
South

## Events

April 26th  
[Club Meeting](#)

May 3rd  
[Club Meeting](#)

May 10th  
[Club Meeting](#)

May 17th  
[Club Meeting](#)

## Birthdays

Michael C. Twer  
May 2nd

Raychelle Stafford Robinson  
May 4th

Wil E. Brooks  
May 16th

Beth E. Trotter  
May 17th

## Wedding Anniversaries

Edward Levoe Tillman  
April 28th

Sally-Jane Busk  
April 30th



scores, and they bring some school supplies when they come.

Consider this a warm invitation to

come join the fun and fellowship. The Rotary Club of Mecklenburg County-South, welcomes new members. We meet every Friday from 7:15am-8:30am in the Ballantyne area of Charlotte at Another Broken Egg Restaurant at 11324 N. Community House Road. For more information contact [info@mecksouthrotary.org](mailto:info@mecksouthrotary.org) or visit our website at [www.mecksouthrotary.org](http://www.mecksouthrotary.org) (Hopefully, you'll pick a Friday when it's not pouring :)

One last thing we're proud of: Our Rotary Four-Way Test. They're our guiding principals, providing us with a strong, common purpose and direction.

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

## 04-12-2019 Bulletin Info

**Welcome Meck South Members & Guest**

**April is Maternal & Child Health Month**



7:15 am Social time  
 7:35 am Welcome Club President  
 Invocation & Pledge by *Allen Jacobs*

Vistors & Rotary Guests  
 Birthdays & Anniversaries  
 Health & Happiness  
 Announcements

*Today's Program*

*Check listing to your right under Speakers or go to*  
[www.mecksouthrotary.org](http://www.mecksouthrotary.org)

- 8:25 am Is Elvis in the House?  
 8:28 am The 4-Way Test  
 8:30 am Adjourn

Anthony Hunter  
 May 1st  
 Jon C Hall  
 May 14th  
 Alan L. Davidson  
 May 21st  
 Kim Bolt-Davidson  
 May 21st

### Years of Service

T. K. Muse  
 05-20-1997  
 22 Years  
 Wil E. Brooks  
 05-20-1997  
 22 Years  
 William W. Woodruff  
 05-07-2004  
 15 Years  
 Michael L. Knight  
 05-16-2014  
 5 Years  
 Janet M. Newton  
 05-11-2018  
 1 Year

**Photos from our Rotary Night at Carolina Energy arena football.**  
April 13th at Bojangles Coliseum



Todd Greene has signed us up for serving at the Men's shelter every fourth Tuesday of the month. We need to be at 3410 Statesville Avenue Men's Shelter by 5:50p.m. and will promptly finish at 7:00 p.m. There are a maximum of 6 spaces. Bring a baseball hat if you don't want to wear a hairnet. [Mens Shelter Sign Up Link](#)



Next Meck South Board meeting is May 14, 2019, location TBA



**District Events**

**DGE Beth Trotter District Conference is a Cruise, sign up early**

[RotaryDistrictConferenceRegistration-2020](#) Click link to register

Questions, contact Christina Beckmann, Travel Consultant, at [christina@forestlaketravel.com](mailto:christina@forestlaketravel.com)

or Lorena Prince (Rotarian at The Queen City Club) [garzalster@gmail.com](mailto:garzalster@gmail.com)

Click here to see the video from DGE Beth Trotter [2020 Conference Promo Video](#)

Note: Registration is done directly through the travel agent, you'll have to provide payment at time of registration.

