

Rotary



Club of Charlotte Providence

The Weekly Rundown



Join us **Thursday April 22nd for our next weekly meeting 12:30-1:30PM.**

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

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88152292289?pwd=QmdxT3NHb21CSjAzcktTUTlkNHRGUT09>

Meeting ID: 881 5229 2289

Passcode: 197574

Apr 22 - Karen Dale Foundation - Allison Burkett

Some of you may remember when she spoke to our Club several years ago sharing her story about creating the Karen Dale Foundation in memory of her sister Karen. Allison created the Karen Dale Foundation after her sister became ill in Jamaica in 2017 and needed tests and specialists in the hospital there, only to find it was mostly impossible. Allison will share an update with us about the work of the Karen Dale Foundation.



Allison Burkett is a Quality Engineering Manager at Syniti, a global company recognized as a leader in Enterprise Data Management, headquartered in Massachusetts. Allison is passionate about helping people and working with charitable causes that benefit a wide cross section of various communities. As an active Rotarian for over 6 years, Allison was a Charter Member of the Rotary Club of Charlotte End-of-the-Week and held several leadership roles including President, Secretary, and Director of Foundation & Fundraising. She was also recognized twice as Distinguished Rotarian of the Year. Allison is now a Charter Member of the Rotary Club of The Queen City - Charlotte. She is also a graduate of The Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI).

CPR Meetings Upcoming Presentations

Apr 29 - Jeff Michael - Past & Future of Charlotte

For over 50 years, the UNC Charlotte Urban Institute has been an important resource for understanding the Charlotte region. Jeff Michael has served as Director for the past 18 years. Jeff will provide an overview of Charlotte's recent growth and the changes that have accompanied it, while looking ahead to some of the dynamics that are steering Charlotte toward new opportunities and challenges.

Jeff Michael is a planner and attorney by training, his professional experience includes land use, sustainable development and land conservation issues. A Stanly County native, Jeff is often called upon by the news media and policy makers to provide commentary on the economic, environmental and social issues confronting Charlotte and surrounding communities. Jeff earned his Bachelor's, Masters and JD at UNC Chapel Hill. Prior to the Institute, Jeff served as director of the Wildacres Leadership Initiative and the William C. Friday Fellowship for Human Relations, one of North Carolina's premier



Club Meeting

Charlotte Providence Meets at Via Zoom - Please contact Ron Wimberly at 704-589-2798 for more information

Time: Thursday at 12:30 PM

Club Leaders



Ronald Wimberly
Past President
President
President
Webmaster
iPast
President



Mary Ellen Shuntich
President-Elect



Richard J. Pockat
Secretary



Howard B. Fogel
Rotary Foundation Chair
Treasurer



Mark Daniels
Club Director



Frances E. Fesmire
Club Director



J. Grason Hudson III
Public Relations Chair



Georgia Oakes
Club Trainer

leadership programs.

May 6 - Dr. Kate Passaretti - Covid and Vaccine Updates

May 13 - David Kennedy - Real Estate Trends

May 20 - Club Assembly

May 27- TBA

June 3 - Blane Maxwell - Rise Against Hunger (formerly Stop Hunger Now)

Blane is the Charlotte Community Engagement Manager for Rise Against Hunger. He joined the team part-time after a meal packing event in Richmond, Virginia, and relocated to North Carolina in 2018 to further pursue his passion full-time of engaging local donors and volunteers to make the world a better place for all! He will be presenting on the Rise Against Hunger meal packaging experience, the sustainability and community empowerment initiatives, and emergency and disaster relief initiatives. He will also discuss Rise's Covid response, both domestic and abroad, and share about a partnership between Rise Against Hunger and Rotary International helping Venezuelan refugees crossing the Colombian border."



Rotary Social



April 21st

Spring is here!

Join us for social at Olde Mecklenburg Brewery. Starting at about 6PM we'll get together for a little 'socially distanced' in-person gathering outside in the bier garden. So, if you feel comfortable getting out and seeing some Rotary friends, please join us! Food and beverages are available for walk-up service.

April 21st.

OMB
4150 Yancey Rd.

We hope to see you!

Upcoming Rotary District Special Events

Wednesday, April 21 from 5:00 to 5:45 - All-Rotarian Zoom Call - This will be a special presentation about CART, Coins for Alzheimer's Research Trust.

Zoom link for this program is -- <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82398012911>

We will start the meeting with a presentation by Alzheimer's researcher Dr. Ben Bahr from UNC Pembroke, a past CART recipient. And more to follow his talk! As many of you know, CART has been run by volunteer Rotarians the past 25+ years, and has donated \$1,000,000 in each of the past 2 years to truly cutting edge Alzheimer's research. I believe millions will one day benefit from our little blue CART buckets. Please keep adding to them this Rotary year.

Loaves & Fishes Grant

Fellow Rotarians,

Regarding the Loaves & Fishes grant, the full \$6,985 district award was used to purchase over 145,000 ounces of ground turkey, which at 6 ounces per serving equates to over 24,000 servings at an average cost of less than \$0.30 per serving. Is that not amazing??? Wow!!

Special thanks once again to Doyle, Mary and Rich who did much of the initial grant groundwork as well as our



Alan Turner Jr.
Sergeant-at-Arms

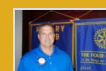


Christine E. Smith
Interact Chair



Linda Rakvic
Assistant Governor - Mecklenburg County South

Birthdays



David T. Frame
April 20th



Richard S. Felkner
April 25th



James Eskridge III
May 3rd

District Leaders



John Michael Walker
District Governor



Nicolino Iannelli
DG - Elect



Kamlesh Chandan
DG - Nominee



Beth E. Trotter
iPDG

comrades-in-arms at **Charlotte Providence** and Meck County-South who helped with the funding. What a great impact this project will have within our community! As an aside, I called Shaw today to commend her personally for spearheading this work at Loaves & Fishes. She relayed that recently almost 50% of the folks requesting food have been children or seniors. Nice.

Best regards,

Dana B. Goldfarb

CPR Challenge for The Queen's Cupboard - Update



Charlotte Providence Rotary members accepted the \$10 challenge to purchase one-month's supply for 1 person of non-food essential items such as toilet paper (individually wrapped), toothpaste, toothbrush, bar soap, shampoo, deodorant, and lotion. These items are not covered by federal nutrition programs, such as EBT.

Members of our club met at Georgia Oakes **Saturday, March 13** to donate and help bag the goods for Queens Cupboard. In total, 26 "Essential Kits" were filled (valued at \$260), all of which were distributed at the Loaves & Fishes pantry at Nations Ford Community Church, serving 26 families...approximately 52 people. Additionally a large box of extra supplies was also donated valued at \$121, plus monetary donations of \$45.

"Please extend our many thanks to your membership."

With gratitude,
Dawn Peterson



District 6960 Infinite Possibilities Series

Since we are meeting virtual these days, we can participate with other Rotary Clubs and Districts!

District 6960 is launching Infinite Possibilities Series 2: Diversity, Equity & Inclusion

This four-part webinar series offers you the opportunity to hear from several very dynamic speakers who will offer vision, encouragement, enthusiasm and motivation to grow your membership. We encourage you to invite not only your fellow Rotarians, but prospective members as well.

[Register NOW](#) for the first session, **Strength in Diversity**, with a very special host, **Valarie Wafer, Rotary International Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Task Force Chair**, who will lead an esteemed group of panelists through discussions on how strength lies in differences, not similarities. Joining Valerie are Joshua Innis, Paul Amoury and Rea Vrandecic.

As we bring major Rotary International speakers to the forefront, we have every confidence you will find each one-hour webinar well worth your time and attention. The following is our series schedule:

- April 30, 2021 ♦ **Celebrate Diversity**, with special guest speakers Rotary International President Holger Knack, Rotary International Director Peter Kyle and Anna Ekb♦ck.
- [Register NOW](#) for **Infinite Possibilities ♦ Celebrate Diversity, 1:00 pm EDT April 30, 2021**

Rotary District 7680 Conference - April 24th

2021 Virtual District Conference



Rotary Opens Opportunities

Come join us in celebrating, recognizing, learning and **FUN!**

Saturday | April 24, 2021



JOHN SMARGE
| RI Director 2010-12



HADLEY PERRY PACHECO
| Emcee

SCHEDULE:

| 8:30a - Noon

- Great Speakers, Breakouts, Memorial Service and More...
- <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82388194626>

| 5:00p - 5:45p

- Chocolate and Beverage Pairing, plus prizes
- <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84240450015>

| 6:00p - 8:30p

- Mingle Time, Awards and Recognition, Distinguished Rotarians and a great speaker
- <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84240450015>



PLEASE REGISTER HERE:

- <http://bit.ly/2021DistrictConference>
- **It's Free!**

Rotary Encourages YOU to get Vaccinated for COVID-19

COVID-19 vaccines are becoming available around the world, and our Rotary Club members have an important role to play.

We ask you to encourage your club and friends to:

- Use Rotary's knowledge of vaccine safety and

efficacy based on our polio eradication experience to support vaccination efforts in your communities.

- As vaccine distribution begins, partner with local organizations or health authorities to offer your club's support with vaccination efforts as required.
- Help combat the powerful, growing force of vaccine resistance and misinformation. Advocacy in our communities is critical ♦ we need to spread the message about the power of vaccines to protect lives.
- Stop the spread of COVID-19 by continuing to engage in projects supporting mask-wearing, distancing, proper hygiene practices, and donations of personal protective equipment ♦ before *and* after vaccination.



Holger Knaack, President of Rotary International

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.

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WE ARE ALL WELCOME



- All ages**
- All sizes**
- All races**
- All abilities**
- All religions**
- All ethnicities**
- All nationalities**
- All sexual orientations**
- All immigration statuses**
- All socio-economic backgrounds**
- All gender expressions & identities**