

Rotary



Club of Charlotte Providence

The Weekly Rundown



Join us **Thursday April 8th** 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

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Apr 8 - RJR Story of Merger - Gene Hoots, Author "Going Down Tobacco Road"

GENE HOOTS worked for R. J. Reynolds in Winston-Salem for 21 years where he saw its empire grow and then be destroyed by ♦Barbarians♦ in 1989 in the biggest leveraged buyout in history. Gene is a native North Carolinian who lives in Charlotte today but often travels to Montana and Europe.



For years, he says he felt there was an untold story that needed to be shared, given RJR Tobacco ♦s long history in becoming the world ♦s largest tobacco manufacturer and the local blue-collar millionaires it produced. The documentary ♦Barbarians At The Gate♦ in 1989 told some of the story, but he felt no one had covered it from the beginning in 1875 until the present especially focusing on the impact on the RJR people and communities. He threw in a bit of the history of tobacco in America since 1611, all to create an interesting read.

CPR Meetings Upcoming Presentations

Apr 15 - Economic Development - Tracy Dodson, Ass't City Manager

Tracy Finch Dodson has been an Assistant City Manager for the City of Charlotte since May 2018 and was Director of Economic Development, including Intergovernmental Relations, Innovation & Technology, and Aviation departments.

Tracy has more than 20 years experience in real estate. She was a member of the North Carolina Board of Transportation from 2015 to 2018. Tracy earned a bachelor's degree in architecture and psychology from the UNC Charlotte. She later attended Harvard University, earning a Masters of Design Studies in Real Estate and Urban Development.



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

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



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).

Allison is an alumnus of Howard University, in Washington, DC, where she graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Electrical Engineering and a Master's Degree in Business Administration with a concentration in Finance.

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 leadership programs.



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

May 13 - David Kennedy - Real Estate Trends

May 20 - Club Assembly

CPR Challenge for The Queen's Cupboard - Update



THE QUEEN'S CUPBOARD

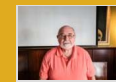
Charlotte Providence Rotary members accepted the \$10 challenge to purchase one-month's supply for 1 person of non-food essential items such as toilet paper (individually wrapped), toothpaste, toothbrush, bar soap, shampoo, deodorant, and lotion. These items are not covered by federal nutrition programs,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



Alan Turner Jr.
Sergeant-at-Arms



Scott Purcell
Club Service Chair

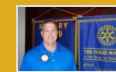


Christine E. Smith
Interact Chair



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





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 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



Save the Date! 4/10 for the 18th Annual Duke-UNC Rotary Peace Center Spring Conference



Please save the date for our 18th annual Duke-UNC Rotary Peace Center's Spring Conference! It will take place virtually over Zoom during two sessions

Saturday, 10 April, from 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM EDT, and from 1:30 - 3:00 PM EDT

Please join us for both sessions to hear from graduating [Class 18 Rotary Peace Fellows](#) about their visions for and work in service of peace and resilience as we build together a post-COVID-19 world. Registration will open in early March, and we will send lots more information directly to you then.

Rotary Works

If you're retired or not in the job market, perhaps you can forward this to someone who is. Rotary Works webinars are open to both Rotarians and non-Rotarians. **Non-Rotarians can register at: www.Rotary.Works** The upcoming

sessions are packed with ideas, strategies and tips & tricks that will be helpful to anyone at any point in their career path.

Our first two Career Development webinars have received rave reviews. Those recordings are posted at: www.Rotary.Works

AND, if you're able, you can help financially, as well: [Support the Impact Fund](#)

Upcoming sessions are open for Registration. The Zoom link will be exactly the same, but we would appreciate you registering for the upcoming sessions (**all at 1:00 pm EST/EDT, 2nd Wednesdays**).

Rotary Works: So You Want to be Your Own Boss? - April 14, 2021

You'll receive Zoom credentials in your Confirmation. We hope to see you online for each session of this multi-month series.

Stephanie Urchick
Rotary International Director 2019-21

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!

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** for **Infinite Possibilities - Diversity, Equity & Inclusion**

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>



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District 7680
Serving North Carolina and the World

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

Upcoming Rotary District Special Events

On Saturday, April 10th, 2021, two special events which will showcase various aspects of Rotary♦s work for peace, unfortunately overlapping one another. Both will be fascinating events.

1. The virtual **18th Annual Duke-UNC Rotary Peace Center Conference**, where the 2021 graduating Rotary Peace Fellows will discuss their respective peacebuilding and development research under the theme "**Peace and Resilience: Building Together a Post-Covid-19 World.** ♦ Pre-recorded presentations about the Peace Fellows♦ research and project will be available Tuesday, April 6th. You may wish to preview these pre-recorded presentations to plan your participation in the respective discussions facilitated by Peace Fellows between 9:00 and 11:30 and between 1:30 and 3:00 pm EDT on April 10th. To register, download the program and learn more, please use <https://rotarypeacecenternc.org/annual-conference/spring-2021-conference/>. Upon registration, you will receive an email containing the Zoom details you can use for the April 10th roundtables based on your choice of pre-viewed presentations. Peace and Conflict Resolution is one of The Rotary Foundation♦s Seven Area of Focus, and the Peace Centers around the world are a key part of this initiative.
1. **The virtual 75 years History of Action between Rotary and the United Nations** which will be hosted by Rotary Districts in New York City, Geneva, Rome, Nairobi, and Addis Ababa. This second April 10th event will celebrate Rotary♦s successful collaboration with the United Nations and highlight peacebuilding and development service projects these two international organizations have undertaken based on their shared values and United Nations♦ sustainable development goals. This event will run from 10:00 to 1:00. Register at <https://www.75yearsofaction.live/rsvp> and click <https://www.75yearsofaction.live/main> to learn more.

For more information about these two events, you can also contact Yves-Renee Jennings in our District, at yrjennings@gmail.com.

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.

Rotary 

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



They hope to have an action plan by July.

