

# Rotary



# Club of Charlotte Providence

## The Weekly Rundown



Join us **Thursday April 1st for our next weekly meeting 12:30-1:30PM.** No, seriously, no April Fools!

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

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88152292289?pwd=QmdxT3NHb21CSjAzcklTUTlkNHRGUT09>

Meeting ID: 881 5229 2289

Passcode: 197574

## Apr 1 - John Haney - Life Lessons from the Tip of the Spear

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## CPR Meetings Upcoming Presentations

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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.

### 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 Burkette

### Apr 29 - Jeff Michael - Past & Future of Charlotte

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

### May 13 - David Kennedy - Real Estate Trends

### May 20 - Club Assembly

## Rotary Social

Social!! April 21st

## 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  
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. Esmire  
Club Director



J. Grason Hudson III  
Public Relations Chair



Georgia Oakes  
Club Trainer



Alan Turner Jr.  
Sergeant-at-Arms



Scott Purcell  
Club Service Chair



Christine E. Smith  
Interact Chair

Linda Rakvic  
Assistant Governor-



The weather is warming...join us for social at Olde Mecklenburg Brewery. Starting at about 6PM we'll get together for a little 'socially distanced' in-person gathering around one of the fire pits 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. Feel free to call or text me if you're looking for the group.

April 21st.

OMB  
4150 Yancey Rd.

We hope to see you this evening!

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

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.



## CPR Challenge for The Queen's Cupboard - Saturday March 13th

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** and helped bad the goods for Queens Cupboard. In total, 26 bags were filled and a large box of extra supplies were also donated. Club members also made cash donations online.



Mecklenburg County South

### Birthdays



Harley A. Ellinger Jr.  
April 7th



David T. Erame  
April 20th



Richard S. Felkner  
April 25th

### District Leaders



John Michael Walker  
District Governor



Nicolino Iannelli  
DG - Elect



Kamlesh Chandan  
DG - Nominee



Beth E. Trotter  
iPDG





## 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](http://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](http://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 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*

## 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 Ekback.
- [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



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

**Saturday | April 24, 2021**

### SCHEDULE:

**JOHN SMARGE**  
| RI Director 2010-12

**HADLEY PERRY PACHECO**  
| Emcee

- | **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!**



## Atrium Health - Schedule Your Vaccine

*From Christy Smith who works for Atrium Health*

On Wednesday, Jan. 6, Atrium Health became the first health system in the region to begin providing mass vaccinations to those who are at least 65 years of age, following guidance from the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices.

Thousands have scheduled their appointments with ease through their existing [MyAtriumHealth account](#). Those who don't have a [MyAtriumHealth account](#) can create one or schedule a vaccination appointment by phone at 704-468-8888. Vaccination appointments are required due to current vaccine supply and storage requirements of the Pfizer-manufactured vaccine. Once vaccinated, it is also required for patients to remain on-site to be continually monitored by a medical professional for 15 minutes following their vaccination. This safety measure applies to both drive-thru locations and office visits for teammates who receive their vaccination in one of our facilities.

The best Atrium Health community resource is [AtriumHealth.org/COVID19Vaccine](https://AtriumHealth.org/COVID19Vaccine). Here you will find:

- How to schedule an appointment
- How to get notified when you are eligible

- [Frequently Asked Questions](#)

Another good source is our blog, [AtriumHealth.org/DailyDose](https://atriumhealth.org/DailyDose). Here you will find:

- New updates on Mass Vaccination Events
- Interviews with our experts on everything from safety to pregnancy
- Stories from people who have been vaccinated



# Schedule Your COVID-19 Vaccine in MyAtriumHealth

MyAtriumHealth is the easiest way to schedule your appointment online.  
You don't need to be an Atrium Health patient to have an account.

## Who's eligible for the vaccine?

Updated January 15, 2021

Following state guidelines, we're now offering the COVID-19 vaccine to:

- Everyone ages 65 and older
- Healthcare workers with in-person patient contact
- Long-term care staff and residents

## If you're eligible, follow these steps to schedule your vaccine.

**Step 1:** Log in to or create an account at [My.AtriumHealth.org](https://My.AtriumHealth.org)

**Step 2:** Click on Schedule an Appointment

**Step 3:** Click on **COVID-19 Vaccination**.

**Step 4:** Answer a few quick questions. Then schedule both doses in MyAtriumHealth.

Need help? Go to [AtriumHealth.org/COVID19Vaccine](https://AtriumHealth.org/COVID19Vaccine) for the latest information.

## Not eligible for the vaccine or not sure?

Go to our COVID-19 Vaccine Prescreen Tool  
at [AtriumHealth.org/COVID19Vaccine](https://AtriumHealth.org/COVID19Vaccine).

Answer a few quick questions, and we'll tell you if you're eligible now. If you're not, we'll use the information you provide to contact you when it's your turn.

## ROTARY 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
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