

# The Dilworthian

October 18, 2019



Charlotte Dilworth South End Rotary Club celebrating 71 years of service.

We meet Fridays at 11:30 am at the Dilworth Neighborhood Grille Morehead Room 911 E Morehead (formal meeting starts at 11:50 am)

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Dear Dilworthian Readers.

**Notes from our President** 

I want to thank Joy Rucker for running last week's meeting. I hated missing it but I also wanted to meet our Interact Club at iMeck Academy and have a few minutes to speak to them. I'm so glad I had an opportunity to do this because this group of ten students is interested and motivated. I explained to them a few facts about Rotary and our relationship as their host club and talked about our areas of focus as well. Since one of the reasons we are engaging in this activity is to afford these students volunteer opportunities, we explored some of the causes they were passionate about. I learned that they are concerned about animals, working with people who have physical ability challenges, and those who suffer the stigma of mental illness. We spoke about a food audit for iMeck as well and the students were excited to help in any effort aimed at protecting the environment. We're putting together a curriculum for the iMeck Interact as well and Jourdan Rodrique, a featured speaker here from a few weeks ago, is one role model who has agreed to speak to these kids.

We held our monthly Board meeting today and received an excellent overview and proposal from Rotary Foundation Chair Bob Teague. Foundation Month is recognized in November and Bob will be sharing additional information with our Club throughout the month. I'm happy to announce as well that Past District Governors Bob and Ineke Wilson will be presenting to the Club on November 8<sup>th</sup> on the topic of the Rotary Foundation.

In other noteworthy Board news, we formally approved the sponsorship of the Interact Club at iMeck and approved a proposal that will allow us to bring in up to two Rotarians on sponsored memberships for one year. The sponsorship will cover first year expenses only, not including meals. This will give us the opportunity to target individuals we would like to have in the Club to broaden our understanding of the Dilworth South End area and further our own capabilities.

I want to give you all a heads-up too, on an event your Fundraising Committee is working on. It is a fundraising event that we hope will become a "signature event" for our Club next year and in the future. In a nutshell, we're planning a picnic at Latta Park with the idea being to raise funds for Dilworth Charities and a partner organization. Many thanks to all those on our Fundraising Committee who are working hard to make this a reality.

"We live in a world in which we need to share responsibility. It's easy to say 'It's not my child, not my community, not my world, not my problem.' "

Then there are those who see the need and respond. I consider those people my heroes.

> Fred Rogers - lived his life like a Rotarian

#### Club Officers

President: Kevin Kendrick President Elect: Ranjit Rawlley President Nominee: Kelly Cates Treasurer: Joy Rucker Secretary: Jenny Kendrick Immediate Past President: Kay May Club Director: Pete Heuberger Club Director: Rosemary Hill Club Director: David Hodgkins Club Director: Ret Turner



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# This Week's Meeting

Megan Gude, Director of Historic South End, Center City Partners



Megan is a community builder, blending experience in urban planning, facilitation, advocacy and engagement to strengthen the places and connections that unite us.

As the Director of South End with Charlotte Center City Partners, Megan manages programs to activate public and private spaces, enhance public infrastructure, promote the neighborhood's best attributes, and connect people and businesses. Working in South End is all about building connections and opportunities for collaboration in a time of rapid change.

Megan has been part of the Charlotte Center City Partners team

since 2012, working on planning initiatives and neighborhood development before becoming Director of South End.

Before moving to Charlotte, Megan worked as a facilitator with the Institute for Environmental Negotiation in Virginia, working with community groups to build consensus around challenging issues like community health, racial equity, and economic revitalization in rural areas. She spent three years coordinating a diverse coalition of international human rights groups with the Rights and Resources Initiative in Washington, D.C.

She serves on the Board of Directors for the Community Building Initiative and is a fellow in the International Downtown Association's Emerging Leader program.

Megan holds a Master of Urban & Environmental Planning degree from the University of Virginia, and a degree from the Walsh School of Foreign Service at Georgetown University.

# **Last Week's Meeting**

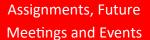
Dale Mullennix was the Executive Director of the Urban Ministry Center. His team's goal was to



tackle the issue of chronic homelessness. Many homeless people who were given the opportunity to get clean, have their health issues taken care of, and potentially given jobs would eventually end up back on the streets. His team realized that the main thing people needed was to have a home. They obtained an apartment complex where they moved in homeless people and gave them access within the building to get the help they needed, whether it was health care, addictions, job training, mental health care, life training. They found that the previously homeless people were staying in their homes and getting the help they needed. Dale realized that there are three things we need to know in order to help others:

- 1. Every person wants to be loved, known, and feel safe.
- 2. Data makes a lot of people trust you. You can do the work, but if you can't prove the outcome, you are less likely to get assistance.
- 3. Anybody can make life-long change by identifying their passion and sharing it. We need to do the work and tell the story.

Data makes people believe; stories make people care.



#### **Programs Duties**

Check-In Table: Pete Heuberger 50/50 Raffle: Bob Teague Meal Check-In: Jenny Kendrick Invocation/Pledge: Charlie Seaman

Humor Moment: Kevin Kendrick Speaker Introduction: Kevin Kendrick

Financial: Tom Philson, Angie

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Service Project Sign Up List **Bell Ringing Sign Up** 

**October Matching CART** Gus Psomadakis, Ranjit Rawlley, Ernie Rider

(matches monthly donations up to \$50—make check payable to CART and give or mail to Joy at PO Box 30473, Charlotte NC 28230)

### **Meetings/Speakers**

18: Megan Gude, Center City **Partners** 

25: Jim Sasser, North Carolina Why We Are the Way We Are

11/1: DG Trotter's Official Visit

24: World Polio Day

#### **CELEBRATIONS**

#### **Birthdays**

**01** Ranjit Rawlley 12 Jim Stump 17 Frank Kiker 22 Bob Lyons 26 Ed King

**28 Neil Howell** 

### **Anniversaries**

Harding Shin—71 years Eric Law—1 year



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## A Look Back / A Look Forward

By Kevin Kendrick

Singing in Rotary has a long and storied tradition and that's one of the reasons we returned to some basic singing this year with more emphasis on music in general. In addition to our weekly "Smile" song which we like to have fun with, we are fortunate to have members like Angie Rikard, Romy Cawood, and Kelly Cates who really know their way around tunes! We plan on branching out in our musical ventures too so please, stay "tuned"!

We all know as well, that the Charlotte Dilworth South End Rotary Club has a rich history. But did you know that one of our members had an incredible musical background that brought much recognition to Rotary? Harvey Lewis Woodruff was that Dilworth Rotarian. A member of our club for 36 years, Harvey was a gifted writer, teacher and music director.

Harvey Woodruff was born in Berlin, Connecticut on St. Patrick's Day in 1912. He had two brothers, Franklin and Willis, and all are pictured below left, in a photograph from 1916.

Harvey was very gifted musically and became accomplished with the violin as evidenced in the picture below center, from 1934. He would remain in the Berlin area for a few years more, helping his parents celebrate their 37<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in 1942. (Below right.)







Harvey married for the first time on December 21, 1948, in Princeton, New Jersey. His wife, Betty Frances Rupp, was from Alton, Illinois, and was likely living and working in the New York area at that time. He had been attending New York University where he received his Bachelor of Science degree and later, the Columbia Teachers College where he attained a Master of Arts degree. Harvey was working as musical director for a Princeton, New Jersey, high school while continuing to study at Westminster Choir College. In 1949, Harvey began teaching at Rollins College in Winter Park, Florida, where he was named Director of the Musical Conservatory. Harvey and Betty would finally move to Charlotte to take up residence here in 1952 when he was offered the



Marion at Coker College, 1934

Minister of Music position at Myers Park Baptist Church. Harvey and Betty had two children, but unfortunately, Betty passed on October 16, 1953, after giving birth to their second child at Charlotte Memorial Hospital. She was given a new, untested anesthesia medication and likely suffered cardiac arrest due to an allergic reaction to this new drug.

With two small children and trying to make ends meet in what was still a new town, Harvey knew that they all would need someone to complete their family. That woman would be Marion Davis of Greenville, South Carolina. And so it was on January 23, 1955 that Marion and Harvey wed at Myers Park Baptist Church. They took a train to New York in a snowstorm to celebrate their marriage and they would remain married until Harvey's passing some 40 years later.

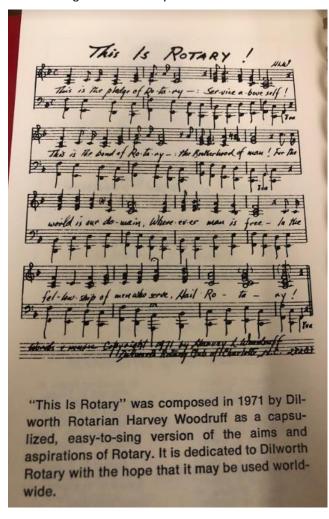


Marion and Harvey Marriage, 1955

In 1956, Harvey decided he wasn't busy enough with two children, a new bride and his duties at Myers Park Baptist Church. He had been working with the choral ensemble at Charlotte College and when that group reorganized in 1956, Harvey was named Choral Director and a part-time faculty member of the College. In part, due to the work of Dilworth Rotarian W.A. Kennedy, the Charlotte College Chorus which had been on Elizabeth, was moved to the campus of what we now know as the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. He taught voice and music appreciation in this new role. It must be noted as well that Harvey departed Myers Park Baptist Church and began directing choirs at the Memorial Methodist Church and the Grace Memorial United Methodist Church.

Harvey joined the Dilworth Rotary Club in 1959 or 1960. With the help of the Dilworth Club and some others, Harvey founded Wildacres Music Camp in Little Switzerland, North Carolina, in 1970. He directed this camp for the next 18 years, affording over 600 gifted high school students an opportunity to perfect their skills. During this same time period, he took 90 singers on a ten-city tour beginning in Romania.

There is no question but that his life revolved around music. He played a major role in the Charlotte Music Club, the oldest music club in Charlotte, but involved himself with numerous musical projects and choirs over the years, often volunteering his time and talent. And during that entire time, he never forgot about Rotary. Harvey penned a song we don't sing as often as we should today but it is a song all about Rotary:



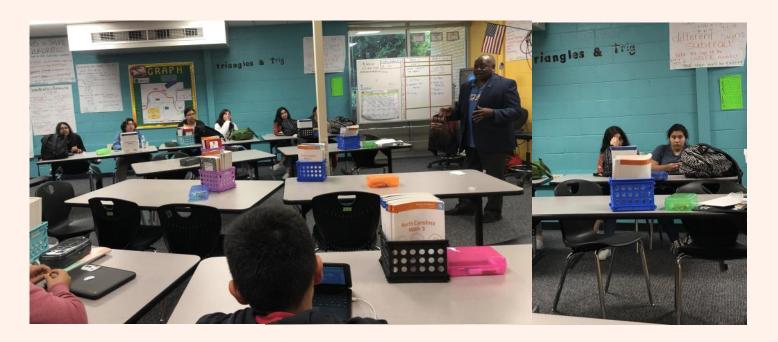


When Harvey passed away in 1995, his obituary informed all that Harvey had received numerous honors and awards for his work over the years including recognition from the National Association of Teachers of Singing, the Charlotte Music Club, the Charlotte Community Concert Association and Rotary. He received a 36-year pin from the Dilworth Rotary Club and was a life member of Metropolitan Music Ministries.

Now here's something you MIGHT not know. Harvey afforded voice lessons to a lot of people over the years including some very famous ones. One of those was actor Anthony Perkins of "Psycho" fame. Another was Fred Rogers of "Mister Rogers" fame. As we look back at great moments in the history of the Club, we thought it would be appropriate to "look ahead" to Halloween and the scary moments from films like "Psycho" and more importantly, to the November 22<sup>nd</sup> release of the new "Mr. Rogers" movie starring Tom Hanks.

Thank you, Mr. Woodruff.





L-R: Josseline (Treasurer), Natalia, Eli (Social Media), Jacklien (President), Guadalupe (Vice President), Giselle (behind the pole and in the picture next to it); not shown Kimberly (Secretary)

## **New Members**



Jasen (Jay) Berube, Member since 08/07/2019 Owner, Roadmap Realty Group



Lynna Moen, Member since 08/16/2019 Moen Legal Counsel



Charles (Charlie) Seaman, Member since 09/06/2019 Lead Acquisitions Person/ Managing Member, Three Oaks Management LLC



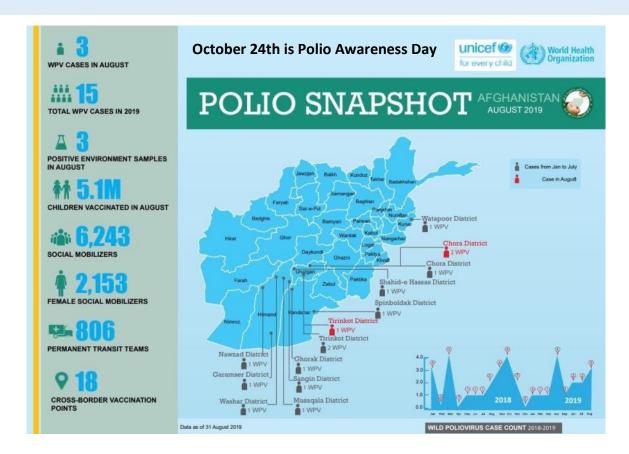
Emma Hale, Member since 09/20/2019 Location Leader, Hankins & Whittington Funeral Service

# **New Member Application**

We have a new member application in our Secure Files in DACdb. Sean Fenerty has applied for membership. Please take a few minutes to review his application. If there are no objections, Sean will be initiated on Friday, October 25.

# **Membership Matters**

If you are interested in becoming a member or referring someone for membership, please e-mail <u>dilworthrotary@gmail.com</u> for membership options. You can also download the <u>membership brochure</u>. To apply for membership, please <u>click here</u>.



# October 2019

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6	7 Alumni Reconnect  World Habitat Day	8	Bingo, Levine Children's Hospital, 2:45 pm - 3:00 pm World Post Day	World Mental Health Day	Dale Mullenix, My Life International Day of the Girl Child	Jim Stump  World Migratory Bird Day
International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction	14	15 International Day of Rural Women	11:30 am - 12:30 am Board Meeting, First Citizens Bank, Board Room 6501 Morrison Blvd World Food Day	Frank Kiker International Day for the Eradication of Poverty	18 Megan Gude, Center City Partners	19 Self Defense Class  World Polio Day Celebration Hosted by Tom & Paula Smith
20	21	Bob Lyons	23	24 World Polio Day  United Nations Day  World Development Information Day	Jim Sasser, North Carolina Why We Are the Way We Are	26 <u>Disarmament Week</u> Ed King
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