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**zoom**



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## Honored to Have Four DGs From Our Club:

**Jones Pharr (1962-1963)**

**James Stump (1996-1997)**

**Joe Morris (2006-2007)**

**Kevin Kendrick (2024-2025)**



**CREATE HOPE**  
in the WORLD

Happy New Year and welcome to our newsletter!

Please note that there will not be a newsletter next week as Kevin and I will be at International Assembly. Please keep this information handy for next week's meeting also.



## Check Presentation



Kevin presented a check to Second Harvest Food Bank from Rotarian Jay Patel of the Asian American Hotel Owners Association.



## Upcoming Speakers

- January 5: Biking Through Africa with Mary Beall Adler
- January 12: Buffalo Soldiers with Ronald Harrill
- January 19: From ANSWER Scholar to PhD with Katie Jensen
- January 26: The National Registry of Exonerations with Ken Otterbourg



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## Your 2023-2024 Board

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Director Howard Castleman

Director Kelly Cates

Director David Hodgkins

Director Bob Teague

Impact Chair Choice Gray

Impact Treasurer Allison Burkett

Impact Secretary Dawn Peterson

## Birthdays

9 Dawn Peterson

14 Angie Rikard

16 Romy Cawood

## Club Anniversaries

Riley Hilsman (1 yr)

Dewey Jenkins (5 yrs honorary)

Ed King (43 yrs)

Angie Rikard (8 yrs)

Shannon Tucker (8 yrs)

## Giving

Click on yellow links to give online.  
If writing a check, please make it to  
"Dilworth Charities" with a note to  
which fund you are giving to.

[Dilworth Charities](#)

[Foundation Giving](#) - including Polio Plus

[CART Fund](#)

# Queen City Impact Meeting

The Queen City IMPACT Club Planning Meeting will take place at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, Jan. 9. We plan our 3-month schedule for volunteer opportunities and socials during these meetings. They are open to all members. Please join via the Zoom link below:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82592899859?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82592899859?pwd=ZlFhMzE5TkxMdll4ZUJOYlVhYkgzQT09)

[pwd=ZlFhMzE5TkxMdll4ZUJOYlVhYkgzQT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82592899859?pwd=ZlFhMzE5TkxMdll4ZUJOYlVhYkgzQT09)

Meeting ID: 825 9289 9859

Passcode: 768020

## Rotary's Rose Parade Float



Rotary International President Gordon McNally and First Lady Heather McNally rode today on Rotary International's award-winning float as part of the 135th Tournament of Roses Parade winning the Leishman Public Spirit award: Most outstanding floral presentation from a non-commercial participant, Rotary Rose Parade Float Committee CLEAN WATER – THE MUSIC OF LIFE.

Thank you to the [Rotary Rose Parade Float Committee](#) who did such a great job on this year's float!

*Tom Gump, Member of the Membership Growth Committee, RI*



[Watch video of the Southern California Business Report interview with Rotary President Gordon McNally.](#)

[Watch a clip of the float.](#)



## Mary Beal Adler



## Biking Through Africa

Mary Beal Adler has been a small business owner for 25 years. Her main goal is to live an inspired life with an open heart, mind, and soul, expressed through honesty, unconditional love, and joy, by daily writing and action, in an easy and relaxed manner, in a healthy and positive way, in its own perfect time, for the highest good of all. This is the base upon which her professional experience, goals, and businesses are growing.

Mary is a creativity coach. She coaches visionaries, entrepreneurs, artists, and athletes who want to tap into their authenticity and move forward in their areas of expertise and interest. She leads people to achieve results beyond their imagination.

She helps clients make and sustain meaning by investigating and solving issues that arise from choosing to be creative. She listens, cheerleads, educates, responds, and helps people produce deeper work and adapt better to the realities of their creative work.

In 2023, Mary rode in the [Tour d'Afrique](#), a 6,850-mile ride down the length of the continent of Africa to raise money for women-led bike businesses in Tanzania – businesses that accelerate the hard work of rural entrepreneurs to provide for their families. We will hear about Mary's pledge to raise \$100,000 for [globalbike](#).

[globalbike](#) is a US-based non-profit organization that equips and trains women in rural Tanzania to run self-sustaining bike businesses that meet the transportation needs of their communities and propel women into sustainable careers. These programs make bicycles affordable and accessible for individuals of all income levels while creating economic security for the women's groups who own and run them.

Women who usually earn between \$54–58 per month via small business projects reported 25-57% increases in monthly income when they used a bike to transport goods instead of walking or paying for transportation. Women cut transportation time by up to 65% when they use our bikes instead of walking on foot and carrying goods by hand.

\*taken from Mary's website: <https://marybealladler.com/>

## Also This Week: A Short Update

### Dale R. Folwell State Treasurer



### Short Update on North Carolina Finances

Dale R. Folwell, CPA was elected for his first term as State Treasurer of North Carolina in 2016. He was reelected in 2020 and is currently serving his second term responsible for 240 billion dollars which is nearly 8 times larger than the state budget. As the keeper of the public purse, Treasurer Folwell is responsible for the more than \$115 billion state pension fund that provides retirement benefits for more than 950,000 teachers, law enforcement officers and other public workers. Under Folwell's leadership the pension plan was rated among the top five best-funded in the country and won accolades for proactive management, efficiency and funding discipline and was recently ranked as the most efficient public plan in north America. In 2021, the state's coveted AAA bond rating was reaffirmed by every major rating agency, making North Carolina one of only 13 states in the country to hold that distinction. Treasurer Folwell also oversees the State Health Plan, which provides medical and pharmaceutical benefits to more than 450,000 current and retired public employees and is the largest purchaser of health care in North Carolina.

Folwell was first elected to public office as a member of the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Board of Education. He brought his problem-solving skills to the North Carolina General Assembly in 2004, where he served four terms in the House of Representatives including one term as Speaker Pro Tempore. In 2013, Folwell was named Assistant Secretary of Commerce and led a successful effort to pay off \$2.7 billion in federal unemployment debt and build a \$1 billion surplus in just 30 months. Treasurer Folwell began his career as a blue collar worker and became a Certified Public Accountant and investment advisor after attending Winston-Salem State University and earning Bachelor's and Master's degrees in accounting from UNC-Greensboro. Married for over 30 years, he and his wife Synthia have three children and live in Winston-Salem.



# Next Week's Speaker

## Ronald Harrill



[Ronald Harrill](#) is a historian, author, and lecturer on the history of Africa and the African people. He is the author of three books, three plays, and over two hundred poems.

He has written an international award-winning book, "Makeda: Queen of Sheba". His latest historical-based book, "Children of Genesis -The Black Nations in the Old Testament" continues to gain popularity. His books are published under his company, R. Harrill Enterprises, Inc.

He has traveled to West Africa, North Africa, and Israel for study and research.

He currently serves on the Board of Directors for Cleveland County United Way and Community Math Academy, Inc. He has previously served as a board member and chairperson of The Cleveland County Arts Council located in Shelby, NC.

A graduate of North Carolina A&T State University, he worked in banking for 33 years for the former Wachovia Bank (now Wells Fargo Bank) in Charlotte, NC before retiring.

He is also a graduate of the BAI School for Banking at the University of Wisconsin in Madison.

He is married to Denise Harrill and they reside in Shelby, North Carolina. They are proud parents of three sons.

## Buffalo Soldiers



*The Buffalo Soldiers were a U.S. Legendary Black Cavalry Troops from the Old West Days. They overcame many obstacles- yet they were proud soldiers. Several won the U S Congressional Medal of Honor.*

We had a wonderful turnout at NC MedAssist on 12/27/2023, especially given the timing of the year! We had to cancel our regularly scheduled opportunity on Tuesday since they were closed for Christmas. But we asked if we could substitute today instead and I'm glad we did!

Many thanks to Howard Castleman, Darrell Bonapart, and Charlotte Queen City Impact Club member Allison Burkett for volunteering today! The bonus for me was that my friend and neighbor, Alexander Fultz, was there today too, and did a phenomenal job!!

We sorted about 14 boxes of donated medication and then reboxed and packaged at least eight boxes of short-dated laxatives. What a great way to put a bow in this year of service for the Charlotte Dilworth Rotary Club!

Happy New Year!!!









## Member News



Queen City Impact  
Member Riley  
Hilsman and partner  
Jen's new addition!  
Elle's "Gotcha Date"  
is 12/22/2023!





# Partner News



Since March 2020, MeckMIN ([Mecklenburg's Metropolitan Interfaith Network](#)) has been convening regular Zoom meetings for faith, community and nonprofit leaders. These meetings allow diverse leaders to share information and resources to foster a robust, coordinated, and effective response to the needs of our community, especially our most vulnerable neighbors. We meet every other Thursday at 11 a.m. We usually get about 50-60 people and typically an additional 100 or so read the minutes.

We will meet next on January 4 at 11 a.m., and we hope you'll join us.

LeDayne McLeese Polaski is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/492741341?pwd=ZElJVG8vTjVZdy92MUUwWmx0cmRIUT09>

Meeting ID: 492 741 341

Passcode: 294028

## OUR FOUNDATION

Polio Cases as of 1-3-24

Afghanistan - Most recent WPV case 9-4-23

Pakistan - Most recent WPV case 10-24-23

	As of 1/3/24	Total	Total	Total	Total
	2023 (2022)	2022	2021	2020	2019
<b>WPV</b> (Wild Poliovirus)	<b>12 (30)</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>176</b>
<b>WPV - Afghanistan</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>WPV - Pakistan</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>147</b>
<b>WPV - Malawi</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>WPV - Mozambique</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>cVDPV</b> (circulating Vaccine Derived Poliovirus)	<b>447 (581)</b>	<b>724</b>	<b>698</b>	<b>1,115</b>	<b>378</b>

**Rotary**  #RotaryShares #RotaryZones3334 #ElevateRotary  
Zones 33/34

# Know Rotary!



## 7680 ROTARY 101

Wednesday, January 10, 2024 7 pm

Thursday, April 11, 2024, 7 pm

### New to Rotary or want to know more? This is for you!

Join us for "Rotary 101" a virtual tour of Rotary and Rotarians that will inspire you to engage even more in the Rotary community. Rotary 101 is offered each quarter specifically designed for new members. Here are the dates for this informative session.

Register in DACdb or use the QR code or link below:

<https://www.dacdb.com/index.html?EventID=77687343>



Questions: Contact Marcia Scheideman ([mscheideman.ms@gmail.com](mailto:mscheideman.ms@gmail.com))  
or Lorena Prince ([garzalster@gmail.com](mailto:garzalster@gmail.com))



# Opportunities to Serve

## Ongoing Projects



2nd and 4th Tuesdays 9:00 - 12:00

1/9, 1/23, 2/13, 2/27, 3/12, 3/26, 4/9, 4/23, 5/14, 5/28, 6/11, 6/25, 7/9, 7/23



Quarterly Saturdays 8:30 - 10:00

2/17, 5/18



1st and 3rd Thursdays 10:30 - 12:30

1/18, 2/1, 2/15, 3/7, 3/21, 4/4, 4/18, 5/2, 5/16, 6/6, 6/20

**SIGN UP**



## Meck South Opportunity to Serve - Rise Against Hunger

Meck South's January service project will once again collaborate with Rise Against Hunger packaging meals for those facing food insecurities. This is always a heartwarming yet fun project in which other clubs are always invited to join us. Should anyone have questions please contact [Jill Bastian](#).

Wishing you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a new year filled with blessings:

Friday, January 12: [Rise Against Hunger](#) meal packaging event at the Hyatt House.

Volunteer times:

- 6:00 a.m. - 7:30 a.m. (unload the truck, set up tables with equipment and products)
- 7:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. (meal packaging)
- 10:00 - 10:30 (package equipment, load truck, and cleanup)

Volunteers should register for this event via the Rise Against Hunger link:

**SIGN UP**



YOU CHOOSE

# i will serve

YOU CHOOSE

**MARTIN**  
**LUTHER KING JR.**  
★ ★ ★ DAY ★ ★ ★



day of service  
day of peace

**Rotary**   
District 7680

january 12-15

**During Martin Luther King Jr's birthday weekend  
(Friday, Jan 12 through Monday, Jan 15, 2024):**

- 1. Find a service activity that you and others in your club can become involved in.**
- 2. Take a picture of yourself doing that project.**
- 3. Email picture to Jenny Kendrick for the District newsletter – the more pictures, the more IMPACT.**

volunteer at a soup kitchen  
(community service)



write a letter to a soldier  
(international service)



work with a team from your  
job on a service project  
(vocational service)



send a note to a youth-  
exchange student (New  
Generations service)



prepare an invocation or  
moment of inspiration for an  
upcoming meeting (club service)





# Opportunities to Serve



In association with individual acts of service you may be considering, the DEI Committee wanted to make you aware of two group opportunities that we have identified through our association with Harris Teeter Grocery stores.

These opportunities are:

Second Harvest Food Bank Charlotte  
Packing and Inspecting Food  
Jan 17, 2024: 12:50 pm - 4 pm



Habitat for Humanity Build Project  
Jan 20, 2024: 8am - 4 pm -  
Must stay whole time for build



If you're interested in participating in either of these projects, [please use the Sign Up Genius link](#) which follows!

**SIGN UP**





# Join MecMIN and JustServe to prepare and pack shoes at **SAMARITAN'S FEET**

January 20, 2024  
9 am - 12 pm

4808 Chesapeake Drive, Charlotte,  
North Carolina, United States, 28216

#### Volunteer Responsibilities

Samaritan's Feet volunteers 8 years+ may be asked to sort shoes by style, lefts, rights, and size, or they may be asked to pair shoes together by like-grouping. These tasks are essential for helping our team prepare shoes for shipment locally, nationally, and internationally.



**ALL SPACES  
FULL**

For more info and to  
sign up, [click here.](#)



[WWW.SAMARITANSFEET.ORG](http://WWW.SAMARITANSFEET.ORG)





# COMMUNICATION COUNTS 5K

**Our Contact Information**  
Charlotte Speech and Hearing Center  
741 Kenilworth Avenue, Suite 100  
Charlotte, NC 28204  
704-523-8027  
<http://charlottespeechhearing.com>



If it is your New Year's resolution, to give back, run a 5k, or get in shape during 2024, we have the perfect place to start! CSHC will be hosting our [5th annual Communication Counts 5k and Kids Dash](#) on **Saturday, March 23rd, 2024!**

This event will raise critical funds that provide access to superior speech-language and hearing services that empower and transform lives to anyone in need in our community.

Start the new year off right by registering or donating today!

[Register](#)

[Donate](#)



# Opportunities to Serve

January 9: [NC MedAssist](#)

January 12-15: A Day of Service: A Day of Peace: Celebrate Martin Luther King by spending time in service and documenting it on social media.

January 12: [Rise Against Hunger with Meck South](#)

January 17: [Second Harvest Food Bank in conjunction with Harris Teeter](#)

January 18: [Diaper Bank](#)

January 20: [Habitat for Humanity in conjunction with Harris Teeter](#)

January 20: Join MeckMIN and JustServe to pack shoes at Samaritan's Feet (All spots full)

January 23: [NC MedAssist](#)

February 1: [Diaper Bank](#)

February 13: [NC MedAssist](#)

February 15: [Diaper Bank](#)

February 27: [NC MedAssist](#)

March 7: [Diaper Bank](#)

March 21: [Diaper Bank](#)

March 23: [Communication Counts, Charlotte Speech and Hearing](#)

## Upcoming Club and District Events

January 4, 11:00 am: MeckMIN Zoom meeting

January 10: Rotary 101

January 18, 11:00 am: MeckMIN Zoom meeting

April 11: Rotary 101

April 19-21: District Conference, Francis Marion Hotel, Charleston, SC