



President's Notes

Fellow Rotarians,

Today is a new beginning as a new administration takes the reins in Washington D.C. It will be tough sledding for our leadership given the challenges facing our country and world today. The virus is projected to be on track to kill 100,000 more people in the next month. Vaccination rollout has had a disappointing start. Unemployment is at an all time high, and the pain and suffering wrought by the pandemic is impacting everyone.

Fortunately, as Rotarians, we do what we have always done: work in service of the causes of health, education, the environment, and peace. These projects are our signature. But with our mindset of Service above Self, we are also well positioned to engage the small, everyday choices that impact for good. For example, when it comes to promoting peace, we can be respectful listeners and tolerant in conversation. To promote health, we can wear our masks, get vaccinated, get tested, and self-isolate responsibly as needed. We can help each other to remain informed about health-related resources and keep tabs on those who may be more isolated or lonely.

I feel optimistic about 2021. The new year brings hope for a vaccination for all our members, and I am already hearing of appointments for a number of us. As more and more people are vaccinated, we approach herd immunity and the road to economic repair with all the positive benefits for so many in our country and the world. I also look forward to our meeting in person once again!

Meetings: Last week, we heard from an inspiring member of our community, Mr. Jarod Brown. Jarod told us about his seven-year odyssey across the U.S. starting at the age of 17 in a built-out pickup truck during which time he learned trades in exchange for a living. After a successful career restoring and repairing rare and high-end automobiles, he opted not to retire but to instead begin another career as a high school shop instructor where he also teaches life skills and mentors young men. Check out the video of his talk, which was a real gem. Frank Kiker aptly pointed out that "Jarod is a Rotarian without a membership—so far!"

At our Rotary meeting tomorrow, we will have a remarkable speaker, Dr. Teji Khurana, a world-renown scientist and researcher at the University of Pennsylvania, who took lab mice up to 27,500 feet (a few hundred feet below the summit of Everest) to study hypoxia. Dr. Khurana completed his Ph.D. at Harvard University and is also a medical doctor qualified as an orthopedic surgeon. Dr. Khurana is also an avid adventurer, cyclist, fisherman, rock climber, and glider.

Please continue to invite your friends, family, neighbors, associates, and coworkers to attend our meetings. The wonderful lineup of speakers will assure that not only will they learn something, but they will get to see the great work being done in our community and around the world by Rotary. People are hungry to serve their fellow men and inviting people to our meetings opens this door of opportunity.

New Website



We have a new website! Check it out here: www.dilworthrotary.org. We still have a little work to do on it, but it is live and can be shared. If you have any suggestions or corrections, please send to dilworthrotary@gmail.com.



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We meet the first three Fridays of the month via Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4511745271>
Meeting ID: 451 174 5271

We will have in-person social meetings on the fourth Friday when permitted.

Meeting Schedule

[Click here for our Google calendar](#)

1/22—The State of Science Research in the U.S. with Dr. Tejvir S. Khurana
1/29—Entrepreneurship in America by Brian Hamilton
2/5—Second Harvest Food Bank by David L. Brown

[For YouTube videos of past meetings click here.](#)

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This Week's Speaker

The State of Science Research in the United States Today with Dr. Tejvir S. Khurana



Prof. Tejvir S. Khurana is a Professor at the Department of Physiology & Pennsylvania Muscle Institute, Perelman School of Medicine, University of Pennsylvania. Prof. Khurana obtained his medical degree at Delhi University and did his medical training in India, Denmark and Kenya. He obtained his PhD at Harvard University with Prof. Louis M. Kunkel.

The Khurana Lab. has made a number of ground-breaking discoveries in muscle biology including molecular mechanisms of utrophin regulation and development of novel therapeutic strategies for muscle diseases. His work has been funded by foundations including the Dutch Parent Project (Netherlands), Association Francaise contre les Myopathies (France), Muscular Dystrophy Association (USA) as well as federal organizations including the Danish Medical Research Council (SSVF) and the National Institutes of Health (NIH). His honors include membership of the American Society of Clinical Investigation (ASCI) and The Presidential Early Career Award for Scientists and Engineers (PECASE) award from the OSTP, The White House. He is the founder of MyoArete LLC, an early-stage biotech startup based at Upenn., developing innovative therapies for Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy.

Bag Lunches for COVID Workers

Kevin Kendrick

We need one more Person of Action to make 10 sandwiches for the health care workers and volunteers at Bojangles to be delivered on February 2. Sandwiches need to be ready on February 1. I will pick them up from your home. President Ranjit is providing the desserts and fruit, so you just need to make sandwiches and provide a bag of chips for each lunch.

This opportunity comes to us through our relationship with FORCLT, a faith-based partnership of religious institutions and partner agencies, in identifying ways in which we might be able to provide assistance to our frontline healthcare workers.



Sedgefield Middle School

Jenny Kendrick

Although attendance has been very good at Sedgefield Middle School overall—95% of the students are attending regularly—there are a small number of students who have missed more than 30 days of the 90-day school year so far. To encourage attendance, Principal Miracle and staff are holding an Attendance Raffle.

Targeted students who have no more than two unexcused absences during February will be placed in a raffle to win one of three prizes:

- First Prize: a Huffy mountain bike (\$154.99) and Schwinn helmet (\$25.99)
- Second Prize: a Fire 7 Tablet (\$49.99)
- Third Prize: Midola Headphones (\$19.99)



The school hopes to conduct this same raffle two more times before the school year ends. This is where we come in. They are in need of donations of these items. [They have supplied an Amazon gift list so the items can be sent straight to the school.](#) If you would prefer to send a check or gift card, you can make the check out to Sedgefield Middle School. Include "Attendance Raffle" in the note section. Mail checks to Wendy Johnson-Willis, MSW, Sedgefield Middle School, 2700 Dorchester Place, Charlotte NC 28209.



JANUARY

Birthdays

01 Barbara Horstmann
08 Howard Castleman
24 Michael Deeb
26 Amarja Webb

Partner Birthdays

17 Patty Britton (Alan Loeser)

Anniversaries

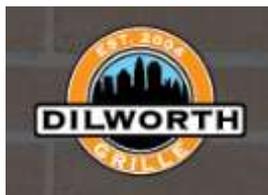
Howard Castleman—30 years
Romy Cawood—3 years



To access the on-line contribution portal for *Coins for the Alzheimer's Research Trust (CART) Fund*, go to www.mycartfund.org

1. Log in and use your DACdb login credentials.
2. Use MAKE A CONTRIBUTION to make future contributions.
3. Contact any of these District CART Co-Chairs if you have any questions:
Anna Davis, annadavis@bellsouth.net
AG Linda Rakvic, lindalee3751@gmail.com
AG Matt Cooksey, alexhabitat@aol.com

Checks for CART should be made payable to the *CART Fund* and mailed to Post Office Box 1196, Mooresville, NC 28115.



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Mrs. Miracle & the Attendance Team

Presents:

February Attendance Incentive

If you are present for the entire month of February
(with no more than 2 unexcused absences), you are eligible to



Raffle drawings will occur for each grade level.

Drawings will be held on February 26, 2021

School Success starts with Attendance



1st place



2nd place



3rd place

Volunteer Impact Reports

As you all know, a good deal of our volunteer efforts are spent at the Second Harvest Food Bank and NC MedAssist. We do this because these two nonprofit organizations serve clients throughout the metropolitan Charlotte area and beyond. We also believe it is a fundamental right for all people to have access to food and health care support. We wanted to provide you with a snapshot of year-end reports for both organizations, which help to reflect the difference that we are making as Rotarians. We should note that we have spent the past eight months volunteering at both of these amazing organizations.

Second Harvest Food Bank of Metrolina

The Food Bank's most recent fiscal year ended on June 30, 2020. Keep in mind that these statistics do not reflect the full impact of COVID in our area since it stops on June 30. The chart below shows their performance in several key categories for the 2019-2020 year. (17 years was used because that when current CEO Kay Carter took over leadership for Second Harvest.)

Goal	Performance in 2019-2020	% Increase Over Last 17 Years
Pounds Distributed	70,241,518	811%
Refrigerated Pounds	41,785,598	451%
Volunteer Hours	289,122	913%

NC MedAssist

January 2020—November 2020

18,941 patients received free prescription medication
194,725 prescriptions dispensed across North Carolina
39,642 people have received free over-the-counter medicine for their families

"Best" Video, Photo, and Essay in the 2020 Interact Awards



Interact clubs around the world shared their best projects and leadership development activities in the 2020 Interact Awards. This year, the Interact Awards expanded to include videos, photos, and essays.

In the video category, congratulations to the Interact Club of Prativa Pokhara Fishtail for receiving the "Best Video" award. [Watch their inspirational video and follow the Interact Facebook page to also see the three runners-up in the video category, and the finalists in the photo and essay categories.](#)

Predicting Environmental Trends for 2021

Gemma Alexander, [Earth911](#), Jan 4, 2021



For the past couple of years, Earth911 has made predictions about the biggest environmental trends in the New Year. Some of our predictions have been accurate. Beyond Meat stocks are up more than 80% over last year, while electric vehicle sales increased 95%. But as you might expect, each year, the unexpected has led to some predictions falling short of the mark. The pandemic stalled planned new recycling capacity in the U.S. while simultaneously fueling demand for single-use plastic.

So as we enter a new year with the pandemic still raging and a new presidential administration on the horizon, what's in store for the environment in 2021? [We predict five environmental trends.](#)



L-R: Charlie Seaman, Dave Miller, Karen Miller, Kevin Kendrick, June Rogers, Tim O'Connell





Second Harvest January 20, 2021



L-R: Mike Backlund, Dave Miller, Jerry and Claire Coughter, Kevin Kendrick, June Rogers, Amarja Webb, Joy Rucker, Dennis Reitz
Not Pictured: Kip Backlund







Please join us for

THE FOUNDYS

District 7680 Rotary Foundation Celebration



Peter Kyle



Hadley Perry Pacheco

The
Rotary
Foundation



Via Zoom

Saturday January 30th, 6:00-8:00pm

If you're tired of Zoom calls too, this is the perfect event for you! Okay but seriously, we promise this will be a fun evening!

6:00-6:30pm - Virtual Mingling

6:30-8:00pm - The Foundys

- What's Your Why?
- Follow The Money
- Who Stepped Up?

Featuring:

Keynote Speaker: RI Director, Peter Kyle

Emcee: Hadley Perry Pacheco

Register here:

<http://bit.ly/DACdbLogin>

- Login → district tab → calendar → find the event → click "register now"

Zoom link:

<http://bit.ly/2021FoundysZoom>

Donate here:

<https://raise.rotary.org/district7680/fundraiser1>

There are an estimated **60,000** children in Meck Co. that have few, if any, **books** in their homes and almost **48,000** children who live with **food insecurity**. A Parent shouldn't have to choose between nourishing their child's body and nourishing their child's brain.

Let's help them do both.

Feed the Body, Feed the Mind



Rotary

Charlotte Dilworth South End



PROMISING PAGES

Charlotte Dilworth South End Rotary and Promising Pages are joining forces to donate book pantries to organizations supplying meals to local families and throughout food insecure areas of our city. You can be part of nourishing the most vulnerable members of our community by donating to help us supply books, bookshelves, and bookmarks to food pantries.

Corporate donations:

- \$100 - Bookworm (recognition in our promotional materials)
- \$250 - Librarian (Bookworm + name/logo in newsletter)
- \$500 - Reading Champion (Librarian + name/logo on bookmarks)

Individual donations above \$50 will be recognized by name listed in newsletter

For more information, contact: Promising Pages at info@promising-pages.org or Charlotte Dilworth South End Rotary Club at dilworthrotary@gmail.com

Please make checks payable to Dilworth Charities and in the note section, add Feed the Body, Feed the Mind. Mail to CDSERC, PO Box 30473, Charlotte NC 28230*

*Dilworth Charities is a 501(c)(3)

Infinite Possibilities: Series 2

Diversity, Equity & Inclusion

Presented by Rotary District 6960

Darryl Keys, Governor, District 6960 and Cyndi Doragh, Chair, Infinite Possibilities

We hope your New Year is off to a great start! We have some exciting news to kick off 2021. District 6960 is launching **Infinite Possibilities Series 2: Diversity, Equity & Inclusion** with our first webinar taking place on January 29.

We had an outstanding response to **Series 1: Women in Rotary**, engaging thousands of Rotarians from around the world! Diversity, Equity & Inclusion promises to be just as amazing.

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:

January 29, 2021, 1 pm: Infinite Possibilities—Strength in Diversity [Register here.](#)

February 26, 2021, 1 pm: Infinite Possibilities—Embracing our Differences hosted by Rotary International Director Stephanie Urchick, with featured speakers Past RI President Barry Rassin and Rotarian Brian Rusch of District 5150 in California. [Register here.](#)

March 26, 2021, 1 pm: Infinite Possibilities—Investing in Equity hosted by District 6960 Governor Darryl Keys with featured speaker Xavier Ramey, fellow Rotarian from Chicago. [Register here.](#)

April 30, 2021, 1 pm: Infinite Possibilities—Celebrate Diversity with special guest speakers Rotary International President Holger Knack, Rotary International Director Peter Kyle and Anna Ekack. [Register here.](#)

We look forward to seeing you there.



Mission: Rotary Works is an initiative provided for Rotarians and Rotaractors within Zones 33 & 34 experiencing career transition. This initiative is comprised of three distinct programs, providing education, networking, and/or financial resources for participants, providing mentorship opportunities for personal and professional development.

The Project: The first Rotary Works program to launch will be our Career Development Professional Series, which will be offered via Zoom. Each month, [beginning December 9](#) at noon, with an overview of our Series, we will collaborate with business professionals in career development, exchanging ideas and having conversations with experts in their field. These “mentors” will provide information and inspiration for those in attendance seeking opportunities of self-exploration, self-improvement and ultimately seeking employment or entrepreneurial prospects.

Coming in the spring, Zones 33 and 34 will provide a “Job Board,” where you will be able to search for employment opportunities, post open positions, request a mentor, become a mentor, and find valuable and relevant career transition resources.

Finally, we are establishing an Impact Fund designed to assist Rotarians and Rotaractors in Zones 33 and 34, who may have experienced financial stress an opportunity to apply for a one-time grant of \$500.

The potential to help those in need is a top priority for us. More information on these programs will be available soon on the [Rotary Works website.](#)



VIRTUAL BINGO

IN SUPPORT OF

THE QUEEN'S
CUPBOARD



JANUARY 26TH

6:30-7:30PM VIA ZOOM

Email thequeenscupboardclt@gmail.com to RSVP and receive Zoom link.

100% OF PROCEEDS

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Kits provide supplies for two people and include: toilet paper, bath soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, lotion and deodorant.

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