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# **Black History Month**

Per The History Channel, Black History Month is an annual celebration of achievements by African Americans and a time for recognizing their central role in U.S. history. Also known as African American History Month, the event grew out of "Negro History Week," the brainchild of noted historian Carter G. Woodson and other prominent African Americans. Since 1976, every U.S. president has officially designated the month of February as Black History Month. Other countries around the world, including Canada and the United Kingdom, also devote a month to celebrating Black history.

Click on Carter G. Woodson's image below to learn more.



## **Upcoming Speakers**

February 9: Black History Month with Ronald Harrill February 16: Anxiety and Mental Health with Dr. Mary Berge February 23: <u>Mind Body Baby</u> with Cynthia Wood **WEAR YOUR ROTARY ATTIRE TO CELEBRATE ROTARY'S** 119TH ANNIVERSARY!!

March 1: USO with Julie Milani

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## Your 2023-2024 Board

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## **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 & Charlotte Speech and Hearing 5K



Chair Choice Gray is putting together a team (Rotary Runners) for our Partner Charlotte Speech and Hearing Center's *Communication Counts 5K Run* on Saturday, March 23 (see flyer in this newsletter). Anyone is welcomed to sign up. (She advises that Impact members who opt out of running/walking will be charged \$35! So be sure to sign up below!)

If you don't want to run, you can still help by donating to this wonderful cause!



## Valentine Macaroons for Sale by Covenant



Covenant's chef Johnny Gomillion is selling Valentine Macaroons!

If you would like to order, <u>please use the form available at this</u> <u>link</u>.

#### Deadline for ordering is February 9. A Count of 4 is \$8.

Pick up from the Fellowship Hall kitchen February 13 from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm February 14 from 10:00 am - 6:00 pm

## **This Week's Speaker**

## **Ronald Harrill**



## Black History Month

<u>Ronald Harrill</u> 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. Dilworth Community Association in collaboration with Charlotte Dilworth South End Rotary Club presents

DIEWORTH JUBILEE

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# SATURDAY, MAY 18, 2024 12:00 PM - 5 PM LATTA PARK, DILWORTH

Beer & Wine Tents, Burgers & Hot Dogs, Sodas Food Trucks Music, Pet Parade, Bounce House



## **Last Week's Meeting**

We had a fantastic meeting last week where we celebrated two veteran club members, Tom Philson and Hugh Lewis, receive their Paul Harris Fellow+5 designations, representing their ongoing support of the Rotary Foundation which allows us to engage in meaningful service projects around the world!

We also heard Queen City Impact Club member Lorena Garza Prince speak about one of her many passions in life, the Phoenix Montessori School. Lorena shared with us how Montessori differs from traditional teaching and how the lives of their students are impacted daily!!

And I have to add that it was great seeing Taylor Houston from Promising Pages!







# **Last Week's Meeting**











## **ZOOMformation Meetings**

If you have ever wanted to know about the important work Rotary is doing beyond the four walls of your club, I would heartily encourage you to dial into a monthly ZOOMformation meeting. These meetings are hosted by our Zone Director Jeremy Hurst and are typically held on the first Monday of every month, beginning at about 1:00 pm ET. Some of our most cutting-edge projects are shared with attendees and at the conclusion of the presentations, breakout rooms are set up for anyone with questions.

This past Monday, I had the opportunity to participate with three other District Governor Elects from Zones 33 and 34 and to reflect on our experiences at International Assembly, the mandatory training program established by Rotary International for all District Governors. As I shared on the ZOOMformation call, this was without question, the best Rotary event I've ever attended. We were specifically asked to share several pictures which inspired us and I'm sharing mine below with the "why".



- At the beginning of the Assembly, we had the opportunity to hear from Herbert Jim, Chief of Culture for the Seminole Nation. He shared with us the significance of the land we were on. It was a perfect way to demonstrate the messages of inclusivity and belonging that we would hear from PE Stephanie, Rotary International DEI Chair Valerie Wafer, and others.
- This picture inspired me to commit to ensuring our clubs and our districts create a sense of belonging to all.
- This picture resonated with me because this is the future of Rotary. Partnerships are vitally important.
- This is is actually a zoomed in picture of Rafael Peralta of the United Nations, Mark Maloney, Rotary Foundation Chair, and President Elect Stephanie, introducing a new partnership.
- We have a longstanding relationship with the United Nations, going all the way back to 1945; this newest partnership, specifically with the United Nations Environment Program (Community Action for Fresh Water), supports our newest area of focus, the Environment.

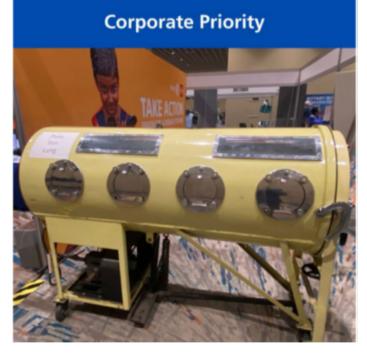


## **ZOOMformation Meetings**



- For me, this is the beginning of the Rotary we know today.
- It's a reminder of what we are capable of doing in the most dire of circumstances and how with data and science, we really are capable of making lasting change in the world.
- It's a reminder that because of the work in the eradication of polio, we've been able to cause medical surveillance capabilities in places throughout the world that have led to the identification and control of other lifethreatening diseases.
- It's a reminder that we keep our word and we do what we say we will do.

- This picture is very special to me as the gentleman on the left is my classmate, Kerim Muradi of D2430 in Turkey.
- In the fall of 2022, our District 7680 embarked on a Friendship Exchange led by Bob and Ineke Wilson, with Rotarians in D2430. We sent a group there, they sent a group here.
- And then a little less than one year ago, our Districts became forever intertwined. Devastating earthquakes killed over 100,000 people throughout Turkey, but because of that existing relationship, we were able to quickly marshal our clubs to support a global grant for District 2430 with 26 Rotary Clubs in District 7680 contributing 10,000 USD.



## **Rotary Heros**

You don't have to wear a cape to be a hero in your life. No matter who you are or what you do, there are opportunities to be heroic all around you. You just have to know how to think and act like a hero so that when the opportunity arises, you'll be able to come through and save the day.

So be the change you want to see.

A true hero isn't all talk. They are constantly thinking about how they can take action and help. You may be inspired to be a hero for a certain cause or issue, or you may try to be a hero to someone in need.

Maybe stick up for a friend, classmate, or someone you work with who you feel is being treated unfairly. Maybe buy a meal for the homeless person everyone keeps walking by? Notice someone who is less fortunate and give them a helping hand.

In Rotary we promote the good, so being a hero is not just about working to put down the bad things in life like poverty, inequality, and oppression, it is also about working to promote and advance the good things in life like charity, kindness, gratitude and love.

Speaking out against injustice is important, but speaking out in favour of peace is just as valuable.

We need heroes now more than ever!

@rotarianevanburrell



## **Diaper Bank - February 1**

I'm so tardy posting this but life has been hectic the past few days. Wanted to give a huge shoutout to my wonderful neighbors who showed up in force at the Diaper Bank of North Carolina to wrap a number of donated diapers and pads! And, friend Colleen Rose Jones was there as well! Many thanks to Alex Fultz for being there and Cathy Jarrach Gallo, Lisa Amburgey, Amy Banick, and Andrea Reno! It feels good when you do good at Charlotte Dilworth Rotary!!







We are the nonprofit arm of Charlotte Dilworth South End Rotary Club. As a registered 501(c)(3), contributions are tax-deductible.

Contact us at: PO Box 30473, Charlotte, NC 28230

Click her to Donate

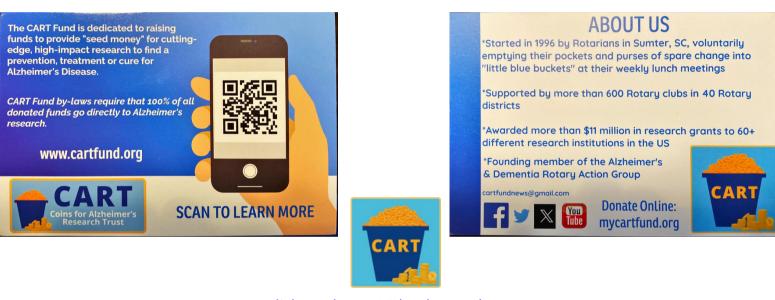


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Ways to Give





#### Click on the CART bucket to donate



The Rotary Foundation transforms your gifts into service projects that change lives both close to home and around the world. Since it was founded more than 100 years ago, the Foundation has spent more than \$4 billion on life-changing, sustainable projects. With your help, we can make lives better in your community and around the world.

Our mission: The Rotary Foundation helps Rotary members to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace by improving health, providing quality education, improving the environment, and alleviating poverty.

What impact can one donation have?

For as little as 60 cents, a child can be protected from polio.

\$50 can provide clean water to help fight waterborne illness.

\$500 can launch an antibullying campaign and create a safe environment for children.

Donate



*Relief in place of despair, acceptance in place of rejection, and empowerment in place of hopelessness.* 



Thank you for being a <u>Relative</u> to young people experiencing crisis.

## The Relatives has an urgent need for lunches and dinners at the Youth Crisis Center and the On Ramp Resource Center.

Homemade, store-bought, or Uber Eats - you can make a tremendous difference by providing a meal for our youth!

Please use the button below or <u>click here to register as a volunteer</u> and provide a meal for the young people at The Relatives.



## **Opportunities to Serve**

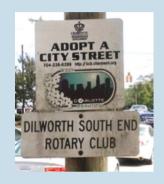
#### **Ongoing Projects**



**DIAPER BANK** of North Carolina

1st and 3rd Thursdays 10:30 - 12:30 2/15, 3/7, 3/21, 4/4, 4/18, 5/2, 5/16, 6/6, 6/20

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

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



Tuesday, February 13, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm: <u>NC MedAssist</u>

Thursday, February 15, 10:30 am - 12:30 pm: Diaper Bank

Saturday, February 17, 8:30 am - 10:00 am: Adopt-a-Street Street Cleaning

Saturday, February 24, 10:30 am - 12:30 pm: Diaper Bank Queen City Impact

Tuesday, February 27, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm: NC MedAssist

Thursday, March 7, 10:30 am - 12:30 pm: Diaper Bank

**Friday, March 8, 9:00 am - 12: pm**: South Meck Second Harvest Food Bank 10-12 volunteers needed to inspect, sort, and pack donated products to be distributed to SHFB partner agencies, including homeless shelters, emergency pantries and soup kitchens. Volunteers are expected to stay the full three hours. <u>https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0B4EAEA623A0F85-47300208-second#/</u>

Thursday, March 21, 10:30 am-12:30 pm: Diaper Bank

Saturday, March 23: Communication Counts, Charlotte Speech and Hearing

Saturday, May 11, 3:00 pm - 7:00 pm: Karen Dale Foundation's Caribbean Lime (to be determinedS)

Saturday, May 18, 8:30 am - 10:00 am: Adopt-a-Street Street Cleaning



This is the information Judy La Pietra, Stan Greenspon Holocaust and Social Justice Education Center, mentioned when she spoke on December 8. <u>Click here or on the image below for more information</u>.



#### Seeing Auschwitz Exhibit

Seeing Auschwitz is the world's first touring photographic exhibit that provides us with the opportunity to bear witness to this history at a local level.

The Stan Greenspon Holocaust and Social Justice Education Center at Queens University is proud to host this world-renowned exhibit on its North American debut in Charlotte.

Tickets: Will go on sale on December 14th

School groups: Please email cunninghamk@queens.edu to schedule your field trips.

#### Location & Time:

Visual and Performing Arts Center (VAPA) in Uptown Charlotte

10:00 AM - 7:00 PM

Click Here to RSVP



## **Partner News - Promising Pages**





# Novels & Nightcaps

A Book Fair for Grown-Ups

## **Event Highlights**

- Curated book collections from indie bookstores
- Literacy-Themed Cocktails & Mocktails
- Mix & Mingle Readers' Lounge
- "Shhh, I'm Reading" Silent Auction
- Book Genre Photo Booths
- Grown-Up Read-A-Louds
- Bookfair Swag and Bookish Merch

### **Event Details**

Thursday, February 29th 2024 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm

**The Union at Station West** 919 Berryhill Road Charlotte, NC 28208

Please note: this event is for ages 21+

Don't wait, claim your tickets before they sell out!





This February, text your book club, grab your bookish friends, and haul the "booktroverts" out of the house because it's time for Novels & Nightcaps: A Book Fair for Grown-Ups. We're celebrating our love of books and the childhood book fairs that fueled those literary flames. Peruse curated book collections from your favorite indie bookstores as you sip literary-inspired cocktails (and mocktails). Explore the lit-themed gift shop for bookish accessories, art, clothing, and unique gifts for every bibliophile. Did we mention the old-school book fair swag that will be on hand? It will be worth leaving the house for, we promise. Event proceeds will benefit Promising Pages, the Charlotte Area Book Bank.

# Partner News - Charlotte Speech and Hearing & The Karen Dale Foundation





Charlotte Speech and Hearing Center has moved our Charlotte Clinic to a new location- 817 E. Morehead St., Ste. 100, Charlotte, NC 28202.

At our new location, the entire first floor will be dedicated to CSHC's clinical space, with easy access for our patients and ample parking.

Our team is very excited about this move and the opportunity for growth! We look forward to serving you at our new location soon.



Our Contact Information Charlotte Speech and Hearing Center 817 E. Morehead St, Ste 100 Charlotte, NC 28202 704-523-8027 <u>http://charlottespeechhearing.com</u>





COMUNICATION COUNTS 5K

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



5TH ANNUAL

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 <u>5th annual</u> <u>Communication Counts 5k and Kids Dash</u> 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!





Fundraiser to support the Karen Dale Foundation's Education & Literacy Programs.

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SAVE THE DATE!

SATURDAY MAY 11th, 2024 3PM - 7PM

Enjoy Delicious Caribbean Food

Play Dominoes, Card Games, Cornhole, & More

Feel the Island Energy from Caribbean Music

More details to come!



## **Partner News - ANSWER Scholarships**



Grab your best Gal Pals and join us for this year's Pause, Reset, Brunch. ANSWER is excited to sponsor this amazing event again in 2024. One of this year's speakers is an ANSWER Alum, LaToya Hill.

LaToya is a native of Eastern North Carolina and a Sports Management graduate. She transitioned from an employee to a successful entrepreneur in the past seven years. Proud owner of Hill'n Hands Massage, a premier therapy company in Charlotte, she specializes in sports-related modalities and holistic recovery practices. As the force behind TOYA (Take On Your Aspirations), she bridges the gap for young athletes and offers free massages to pregnant teens. LaToya launched Hill'n University in 2023, a mentorship program promoting unity among massage therapists. Inspired by her life experiences, she empowers veterans through breathwork. LaToya, driven by her passion, aims to educate Charlotte on wellness through massage. Engaging with her promise's enlightenment and inspiration.

We can't wait to see you on March 9th!

## **Partner News - Mecklenburg Ministries**





Since March 2020, MeckMIN (<u>Mecklenburg's Metropolitan Interfaith</u> <u>Network</u>) 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 February 1 at 11 a.m., and we hope you'll join us.

<u>Read January 18</u> <u>Newsletter</u> Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/492741341? pwd=ZEIJVG8vTjVZdy92MUUwWmx0cmRIUT09 Meeting ID: 492 741 341 Passcode: 294028

The February 29 meeting will focus on organizations working to prevent youth violence and/or to help young people who've been impacted by violence as victims or perpetrators

## **Partner News - WASH Rotary Action Group**

UNICEF will be holding a webinar on February 14, 2024 to share about emergency response and ongoing crisis response. The Safeguarding Every Child webinar will include an update on work in Haiti and be translated into several languages including French. During the webinar our team of experts will also assess the urgencies of children caught in global emergencies – widely publicized and lesser-known-from the State of Palestine to Türkiye, Syria, Sudan and Ukraine.

The following is the link to the webinar. Webinar playback will be provided afterward.

Wednesday, February 14 - 11:00 am Arabic, French, German, and Spanish live interpretation ZOOM Registration links – registration is required to join: <u>https://unicef.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\_zxlOrs1LR1y6j1JJ1MZ6Fg</u>

# **Go Rotary! District Conference, Charleston, SC**

#### When: April 19-21, 2024

Registration opens Friday, April 19, at 2:00 pm The conference ends on Sunday, April 21, at 11:00 am **Where: Francis Marion Hotel, Charleston, SC** 

Register early as a finite number of rooms have been reserved for this lower price.

Join us at the Rotary District 7680 Conference for inspiration, collaboration, and a deepened commitment to service.

Engage with dynamic speakers, exchange ideas, and celebrate collective achievements.

- Anyone registered and hotel booked by February 21 will be entered into a drawing for an upgrade to a suite for the weekend valued at \$400
- Prizes, Raffles, and Auctions... oh my! One-of-a-kind custom furniture will be raffled and auctioned with proceeds benefiting Rotary



• Entertainment provided by Jessi Little, an actor and singer who has performed with various professional theatres across the country as well as various sports venues, including Fenway Park

This event is a hub for amplifying the impact of service projects through collaboration within our Rotary district network and celebrating the HOPE we Created in the World this year.

See Charleston again, for the very first time, and don't miss this indispensable experience with a vibrant community of change-makers. Go Rotary!

#### Register on DACdb at this link

Registration will open at 2:00 pm on Friday, April 19, 2024, followed by our welcome reception/cash bar at 6:00 pm and awards dinner at 7:00 pm. The conference will conclude by 11:00 am on Sunday.

# Registering for the hotel is separate from the DacDb Conference Registration. Use the following link to secure your hotel accommodations:

Hotel Link: <u>https://reservations.travelclick.com/76320?groupID=3858102</u> Online Code: ROTARY24 - **Hotel Registration ends March 29, 2024 (NO Exceptions, Hotel policy)** 

If you have questions, please contact District Secretary Wally Olson at <u>bikerwoe@icloud.com</u> or Text/Call at 240-446-8411

## **Upcoming Events**

February 9 - April 15: Seeing Auschwitz

February 14, 11:00 am: UNICEF Webinar

February 23: World Rotary Day - Rotary's 119th Anniversary

March 9: Pause, Reset, Brunch: Reclaiming Your Crown - ANSWER Scholarships

March 23: Communication Counts 5K for Charlotte Speech and Hearing

April 11: Rotary 101

April 16: NC MedAssist Luncheon

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

May 11: Karen Dale Foundation's Caribbean Lime

May 17: Latta Park Picnic and Garden Dedication

May 18: Dilworth's Jubilee collaboration with Dilworth Neighborhood Association (formerly Party in the Park)

May 25-29 Rotary International Convention

July 18-21 Seminar for Tomorrow's Leaders



