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Rotary Dilworth Charities



November 24, 2023

We Meet at **Covenant Presbyterian Church 1000 East Morehead** (Fellowship Hall, Room 205)



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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)**



NO MEETING THIS WEEK! **HAPPY THANKSGIVING!**

This past week was very busy for our club. We had The Diaper Bank on Thursday, the Salvation Army Kettle Kickoff and wreath pick up on Friday, Street Cleaning on Saturday, the Rotary Foundation Banquet on Saturday evening, and Independence House on Tuesday. And on top of all of that, we received Krispy Kreme's check for \$179.41 for our Polio fundraising efforts! Thank you to everyone involved in these events!



Congratulations to 2023-24 Assistant Governor Area 8 and Past President of the Rotary Club of Charlotte Jerry Coughter.

Jerry has been selected as the District Governor Nominee Designate. Jerry will serve as the Governor of District 7680 during the Rotary year 2026-2027. (See his bio on page 4.)

Congratulations, Jerry! We will be behind you every step of the way!!

Upcoming Speakers Sponsored b

November 24: Thanksgiving Holiday

December 1: Annual Best Books for Holiday Gifts with Sally Brewster of Park Road Books

Please help us fill our speaker calendar!

We need a team for Friday meetings to help us run the meetings efficiently. Please sign up and help us ensure our meetings are well run and fun.



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November Birthdays

2 Tina Mckinney

3 Kate Richards

6 Charlie Seaman

11 Barbara Horstmann

29 Allison Burkett

Club Anniversaries

Rosemary Hill (33 yrs) Jay Patel (3 yrs)

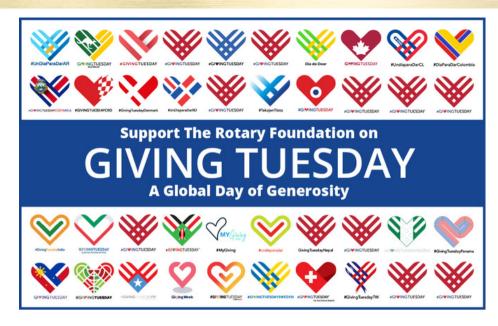
Giving

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

<u>Foundation Giving</u> - including Polio Plus

November is Rotary Foundation Month



We need your help, as Rotary leaders, to raise funds and awareness for The Rotary Foundation this Giving Tuesday, 28 November.

This global day of generosity is an opportunity for all members to make a big impact, with a gift of any size that supports projects you're passionate about.

Here's how to get ready for Giving Tuesday:

- Watch our Giving Tuesday video.
- <u>Donate</u> to <u>Annual Fund-SHARE</u> on Giving Tuesday to support district and global grants.
- Share our Giving Tuesday graphics on Facebook or LinkedIn.

The Foundation will recognize the top three clubs in fundraising, donor participation, and online giving. Find out which clubs were recognized last year and set a giving goal for your club this year. Just be sure the gifts are made on 28 November!

Thank you for your leadership and support. As we approach this day of giving, remind other members that every contribution, no matter the size, helps Rotary create positive change in the world.

We know that with your help, Giving Tuesday will be a bigger success than ever.





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RSVP Deadline December 1!

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District Governor Nominee Designate

Jerry Coughter



Jerry Coughter is District 7680's District Governor Nominee-Designate and will serve as District Governor in Rotary Year 2026-27. As a proud member of the Rotary Club of Charlotte, Jerry has served as a Board Member, Membership Chair, Foundation Chair, and as a member of the Program Committee and the International Service Committee, before serving as President in 2020-21. He is a RLI graduate. At the District level, he was co-chair for the Paul Harris Society in 2015-16, and an Assistant Governor from 2022 through 2025. Jerry is a Major Donor, Benefactor, and Bequest Society member, as well a member of the Polio Plus Society and the Paul Harris Society. In 2013, Jerry was part of a group of Charlotte area Rotarians to climb Mt. Kilimanjaro to raise funds and awareness for PolioPlus. Currently, Jerry is a WASH ambassador, advocating for water, sanitation, and hygiene projects. He serves as one of three North American representatives on the International Ambassador committee of the Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene Rotary Action Group (WASH RAG). He is also a member of HANWASH, the Haitian National Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene Initiative, working to bring clean water and sanitation to all 11.5 million citizens of Haiti. Jerry was named Distinguished Rotarian of the Year by his club in 2022-23.

Professionally, Jerry is a Program Director at SSTI, a national nonprofit organization working to help states and regions create a better future through science, technology, innovation, and entrepreneurship. He previously served as the founding Executive Director of the Dubois Center at UNC Charlotte, Assistant Vice President for Economic Development at George Mason University, and Executive Director of the Virginia Research & Technology Advisory Commission and the Governor's Biotechnology Commission.

Jerry holds a BS in Microbiology from Clemson University. He earned an MS in Microbiology & Immunology from Virginia Commonwealth University and an MBA from Shenandoah University. He performed doctoral work in Innovation Policy at the Schar School of Policy and Government at George Mason University.

Jerry and his wife Claire live in Belmont, North Carolina. They are proud parents of two adult daughters, Cate and Mary. They enjoy traveling, hiking, bicycle riding, and flat-water kayaking with their rescue mutt, Beamer.

BELL RINGINGNovember 24, December 2, December 9, and

December16, 2023



Instructions

It's that time of year again! This is our 48th continuous year of ringing bells for the Salvation Army!

We will be ringing bells in 2-hour increments with 2 people per shift. We will be ringing at Black Hawk Hardware and Garden Center, Park Road Shopping Center, 4224 Park Rd, Charlotte on November 25, December 2, December 9, and December 16 in shifts: 10 am - 12 pm, 12 pm - 2 pm, 2 pm - 4 pm, 4 pm - 6 pm

For any questions, please email dilworthrotary@gmail.com or contact Dave Miller. Thank you for being "People of Action!"

10-12 shift: the materials and supplies will be in the entranceway or go to customer service.

4-6 shift: Salvation Army will pick up the kettle at the end of the shift.

If the supplies are not there or the kettle is not picked up by 6, call Sarah Gamble at 980-395-4903.



November 25

10 am - 12 pm: Charlie Seaman, David Hodgkins 12 pm - 2 pm: Dave Miller, Karen Miller 2 pm - 4 pm: Barbara Lewis, Hugh Lewis 4 pm - 6 pm: Jim Stump, Holly Or

December 2

10 am - 12 pm: Kevin Kendrick, Alan Loeser 12 pm - 2 pm: David Hodgkins, Alan Loeser 2 pm - 4 pm: Angie Rikard, Joy Rucker (drinks afterward at Big Ben Pub - all welcome) 4 pm - 6 pm: David Hodgkins, Kelly Cates

December 9 (Nursery area)

10 am - 12 pm: Charlie Seaman, Howard Castleman 12 pm - 2 pm: Bob Teague, Ed King

2 pm - 4 pm: David Hodgkins, Shannon Tucke 4 pm - 6 pm: Holly Or, Darrell Bonapart

December 16

10 am - 12 pm: Alan Loeser, Howard Castleman 12 pm - 2 pm: Charlie Seaman, Bob Teague 2 pm - 4 pm: John Barringer, Gloria Barringer 4 pm - 6 pm: David Miller, Karen Miller

You are responsible for finding your replacement if you can't do your shift.

Last Week's Meeting

A wonderful time at the Salvation Army's kickoff event at Belk's in Pineville. It was great seeing so many Dilworth Rotary members on the occasion and to hear remarks from David Hodgkins, our longtime member who had participated in bellringing for 45 of the 46 years the Salvation Army has done this in Charlotte! And we had two PDGs there in the persons of Karen Shore and our very own Jim Stump!

WATCH VIDEO







Last Week's Meeting

















The Diaper Bank of North Carolina

Kevin Kendrick

We packed numerous boxes of pads, liners, and women's hygiene products. I'm so grateful to my friends and neighbors who showed up to help! And, the manager of the storage facility where our club stores supplies, Morningstar Storage, was there as well as another customer of the storage facility, who just wanted to help because he believes in the concept! Many thanks to Belinda Forty from Morningstar, Shawn Brown, fellow customer, and Cathy Jarrach Gallo, Lisa Amburgey and Amy Banick!













Street Cleaning

A beautiful day for service and so that's exactly what we did! We knew it was going to be a good day when it began by seeing a hawk perched in a tree, either taking in the sights or perusing the menu! Our club participated in our regular cleanup of East Boulevard on this beautiful day. We love all of Rotary's areas of focus and supporting our environment is one of seven!

Participating today were (l-r in the picture):

Me, Howard Castleman, Hugh Lewis, Barbara Lewis, Charles Seaman, and our intrepid leader, David Hodgkins! Thank you all for getting this day off to a wonderful start!









Kevin Kendrick, with pictures from Kevin, Darrell Bonapart, Holly Or, and Tina McKiney

We had a fantastic Rotary District 7680 Foundation Celebration event which featured an amazing art contest involving students from all 14 counties we cover, four international Peace Scholars from our Duke-UNC Peace Center, and inspiring keynote remarks from Rotary International Director Drew Kessler, who shared with us stories of Rotary superheroes and the unforgettable lesson that one person actually CAN make a difference in our world.

The team who put this all together, including Paula Smith, Donna Moffett, Foundation Chair Beth Trotter, and most of all, District Governor Debb Corbett, did a remarkable job with a program that kept everyone engaged.

A huge thank you to members of our club who played significant roles in making tonight a success: Kelly Cates, who sang our National Anthem beautifully, and Darrell Bonapart who arranged for and participated in the presentation of the colors and arranged for our bagpiper.

We heard too, how our grants for local and international projects, are making a positive difference in the lives of so many people around the world.

Wow. It is nights like tonight that remind me of how very special it is to be a Rotarian.

"What an amazing time we had at the Foundation Banquet last night honoring so many people for their generosity to help save and change lives around the world. Our Dilworth Southend Rotary Club showed up to be present. Being a part of Rotary International has truly impacted my life in a powerful way. The phenomenal men and women you meet is priceless." Darrell Bonapart

"I am honored to be a part of an organization that makes a difference Globally! Foundation Celebration 2023." Holly Or

"I'm so honored to be a part of the Rotery District 7680/ Rotery International/Dilworth Impact Club. It was a beautiful event to celebrate all that the organization does. The amount of support this organization provides around the world is nothing short of astounding. Last night was such a learning experience. Just to be in the room with all the club presidents, governors, donors, and volunteers was encouraging for my sister and I. We see the world differently being surrounded by such positive energy and helpful individuals. Thank you for having us." Tina McKinney





























Hospitality House

I am always happy and grateful when I have the opportunity to work alongside other Rotarians in a service project. Those moments are made ten times more meaningful when those Rotarians are part of your club and when you're engaged in an activity that will help people in need around the Holidays.

On Tuesday evening, our Impact Club joined together at the Hospitality House of Charlotte, a non-profit providing lodging for families of individuals being treated at Charlotte-area hospitals. We learned that people from every state in the USA have been provided access to these invaluable services, and 41 other countries from around the world, including Mongolia.

The Queen City Impact Club showed up in force tonight to prepare meals for the temporary residents here and to fold some linens. Coming a couple of days before Thanksgiving, provided every single one of us with an opportunity for grateful reflection of all that is good in life and for the opportunity to serve others.

A huge thank you to Choice Gray, Lorena Prince, Allison Burkett, Maha Gingrich and husband Scott, Holly Or and son Devin, Dawn Peterson, Riley Hilsman, Taylor Furlong and his mom and dad, and a friend of Lorena's!!

Many thanks to Katelyn at Hospitality House and all the staff!

Hope everyone has a wonderful and peaceful Thanksgiving!



Hospitality House

















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New Members - Queen City Impact Club



Dr. Temeka Brantley, LEADCITY YOUTH

Dr. T. Brantley is a native of Ohio and began her career as a young entrepreneur by founding and managing a coffeehouse. Having achieved success at such a young age, Dr. T realized her true passion lay in enabling others to do the same. She has spent a decade working in education, and non-profits, serving in various leadership roles, helping organizations and individuals fulfill their goals.

Transitioning from the role of College Professor, Dr. T co-founded the non-profit LEADCITY YOUTH, where she currently serves as the Executive Director. Dr. T. Brantley's passion is demonstrated through the organization's in-school program, where she empowers students to make a social impact by teaching them leadership, entrepreneurship, and project management. Dedicated to being the change she wants to see, Dr. T serves in the community, on local non-profit boards, and on other initiatives as a Rotarian to make an impact. She is happily married with an amazing son, who motivates her daily!



Zak James, DMD, Afton Endodontics

Dr. Zak James grew up in Florence, SC. He graduated summa cum laude from Clemson University Honors College and received his DMD from the Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston, where he graduated top-5 in his class and earned Omicron Kappa Upsilon honors. He then moved to Boston where he completed a General Practice Residency at the Harvard School of Dental Medicine. As a National Health Service Corps scholar, Dr. James returned to the Carolinas to provide care to underserved patient populations. Working as a general dentist in Federally Qualified Health Centers, first in Myrtle Beach and later Gastonia, he observed firsthand the overwhelming need for endodontic care in preserving natural dentition, and decided to pursue specialty training. He moved to Texas, earning his certificate in endodontics from the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio.

He is currently board-eligible and working toward his diplomate status with the American Board of Endodontics. While at San Antonio, Dr. James was appointed to the Foundation for Endodontics Resident

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expert Advisory Council (REACH). He continues to actively seek opportunities for innovative domestic access-to-care partnerships because he believes that everyone deserves the opportunity to save their natural teeth.

Dr. James is thrilled to return home to the Carolinas. In his free time, he's an avid reader, enjoys hiking and backpacking, listening to live music, and watching college football – Go Tigers!



Tina McKinney

I am a board member and Public Relations Director of the Cambodian Association of North Carolina, a teacher and a real estate agent. I have been teaching in early childhood for almost 10 years now and love working with young children. I'm currently working full time and going to school full time as well. I'm working on my bachelor in Psychology. I love volunteering with various nonprofit organizations when I can fit it into my schedule.

I believe we must always keep our hearts and minds open to assisting those in need. When I finish with school, I hope to have more time to volunteer with other nonprofit partners. I'm thrilled to be able to be a part of the Dilworth South End Rotary Club/Queen City Impact Club. I look forward to working with everyone.



Holly Or

- Corporate Finances 20+ Telecom, Healthcare on more
- Active member of National Society of Leadership Success (NSLS)
- Realtor 2006
- Life Insurance Producer 2017
- Client First Service | Inclusion-Helping All People Forever
- Program Director Heath Improvements for Cambodian Association of North Caroline (CANC)
- 2022 Community advocate and volunteer
- 24 Years of Marriage with 2 boys
- Refugee from Cambodia 1985

Upcoming Club and District Events & Flyers by Date

December 8 (6 pm) Dilworth/Impact Winter Party

December 9 (3 pm and 7 pm shows): District Social: Need a Little Christmas (see flyer)

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.

February 23-24: Weekend of Service - plan a local project or actively and share the Rotary experience.

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

