Notes from our President

Dear Dilworthian Readers,

As we approach the beginning of the Phase I portion on the road to some semblance of normalcy, I want to take a minute to remind everyone that we are still under a stay-at-home order from the Governor’s office. While it’s true that access to certain activities is beginning, it does not mean that we can let our guard down relative to the stay-at-home order and the necessity of social distancing and frequent handwashing. Please check out the link within the newsletter here to gain a better understanding of the differences between where we are now and the beginning of Phase I at 5:00 pm on May 8th.

Our Club had a wonderful service opportunity this week as a result of our partnership with CharMeck Responds, a coalition consisting of private sector businesses, non-profits, religious institutions and civic-minded individuals in addressing COVID-19 needs. A group of us met at the Charlotte Convention Center and participated in a hands-on assembly-line project where nutritionally balanced food boxes were packaged up and loaded on pallets by Air National Guard crews...

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Phase 1 of North Carolina’s Reopen Plan Starts Friday. Here’s What That Means to You.
The News &Observer

Governor Roy Cooper provided more details Tuesday on the first phase of his three-phase plan to reopen North Carolina amid the COVID-19 pandemic... more (see page 6 for a chart)

This Week’s Speaker

Jennifer Vannette, Historian, Votes for Women and the Politics of Spectacle

Jennifer Vannette is an independent historian who offers a variety of presentations, classes, and workshops to the public. She earned her doctorate from Central Michigan University and focuses on U.S. History with an emphasis on human and civil rights. Her current projects include research on the 1967 Saginaw Riot and the recently opened women’s exhibit for the Midland Center for the Arts, 20/20 Vision: Seeing HerStory.

Jennifer also writes history articles for public-facing media including the Midland Daily News, AHA Today (the blog of the American Historical Association), Medium, and the Washington Post. She lives in Midland, Michigan, with her family.
Virtual Rotary International Convention

Mark your calendars for Jun 20-26 for an exciting opportunity to gather online with the family of Rotary for our first online convention. Now More Than Ever, Rotary Connects the World: The 2020 Rotary Virtual Convention will join you with Rotary participants around the world during a time of unprecedented challenges.

Together, we’ll still experience the spirit of Rotary, be inspired by innovation, celebrate our resilience, and explore how clubs are addressing COVID-19. Experience Rotary in action during our Flag Ceremony, witness the power of connection during our general sessions, learn new ways to engage with Rotary during our breakout session, find inspiration from our global speakers, and much more.

How the Fight Against Polio Was Won

CBS Sunday Morning, May 3 2020

Sorrow, fear, hospitals overwhelmed, closures—all due to the deadly coronavirus. And all hallmarks of another deadly and mysterious virus that terrified Americans, starting at the turn of the 20th century: Polio... more

Embracing the Chaotic Side of Zoom

The New Yorker, Naomi Fry, April 20 2020—submitted by Frank Kiker

Three years ago, the political analyst and South Korea expert Robert Kelly was giving a live interview on the BBC, via video-conference, from his home office in Busan, when his two young children barged into the room. The pair—a jauntily assertive, glasses-wearing preschooler and a baby who skittered in, as if propelled by a mysterious force, on a wheeled walker—were pursued and eventually apprehended by their frantic mother, who, on her hands and knees, hustled the saboteurs out and pulled the office door shut. The video quickly went viral, but I had forgotten about it until recently, when the videoconferencing service Zoom, and the circumstances under which I and many others had begun to use it, reminded me of Kelly’s thin smile and his wife’s desperately grappling arms... more

How Can We Help?

We are constantly looking at ways to help during this time of crisis such as working at food banks, delivering food, tutoring children online, sharing pertinent information online for those in need, etc. If you are aware of ways that we can help or information that needs to be distributed, please let us know at dilworthrotary@gmail.com or call us at 704-457-2029.

Here’s how you can help:
See CharMeck Responds Coalition on the next page.
(Click here for past lists.)

Assignments, Future Meetings and Events

MAY IS YOUTH SERVICES

Matching CART
Howard Castleman, Kelly Cates, Bob Teague
(matches monthly donations up to $50—make check payable to CART and give or mail to Joy at PO Box 30473, Charlotte NC 28230)

Meeting Schedule
08: Jennifer Vannette, Historian, Votes for Women and the Politics of Spectacle
15: Shawna Pagano, MSW, Pat’s Place
22: TBA
29: Yasmine George, Teaching Styles & Why Prescribed Method Doesn’t Work

Other Dates
May 16: NewGen Presentation and Graduation

Bi-Weekly District Zoom Calls—
The same meeting will be held twice every other week (at 7:30 am on Wed and 5:30 pm on Thu). Log into your DACdb account, Click on District, Click on Calendar, Scroll to Date, Click on “All Rotarian Conversation”.

Weekly Zone 33-34 Zoom Calls—
The same meeting will be held twice weekly (Mon at noon and Fri at 7:30 am) Click on the above link and follow directions. If you can’t attend the meeting, you can view it at the this link.

MAY CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays
09 Shannon Tucker
10 Dewey Jenkins
30 Gus Psomadakis

Anniversaries
David Hodgkins—46 yrs
Jim Stump—35 yrs
Ernie Rider—23 yrs
Gus Psomadakis—14 yrs
Joy Rucker—13 yrs
Pat Morgan—3 yrs

Charlotte Speech and Hearing
HELPs
Purple Promise Foundation
Samaritan House

Dilworth Neighborhood Grille
911 E Morehead, Charlotte NC 28204
704-377-3808
dng@neighborhoodgrille.com
http://www.dilworthgrille.com/
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Sister Cities
Submitted by David Hodgkins
Located on the corner of 6th and North Tryon Street near the library.

Jim Whittington-City Council Member in Charlotte, past member of the Dilworth (Charlotte Dilworth South End) Rotary Club, Distinguished Rotarian 1994 is on this plaque. This also underscores our club’s long standing support of Alto Cayma which is just outside Arequipa!

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Dilworth Grille
Matt Wohlfarth, Dilworth Grille, was briefly featured on Good Morning America for the efforts they have made to ensure their employees and customers have a place to return to by selling groceries. Click here for the entire segment.

Second Harvest Work Day—May 6, 2020
Ten volunteers showed up to work at the Convention Center uptown to pack food boxes for distribution. The volunteers were Ben Davey, Kevin Kendrick, Ed King, David Hodgkins, Donna Hodgkins. John Luebke, Dana O’Connell, Angie Rikard, and Joy Rucker. They were worked hard, but they got the job done with more than 30 minutes to spare, working with two other groups and filling 30 pallets full of food boxes. Thank you all for your dedication and hard working! Click here to see more photos of the event.
To All Rotarians in Zones 33 & 34

We have an exceptional and extraordinary request of you and all members in our Zones, to join the fight against COVID-19. What if there was a way to help, from the safety of our homes, and make a real difference?

Our Zones are leading in an extraordinary new effort, and your immediate participation is critical to its success. This program has been announced Monday April 6 via a press release (CNN, NYT, and other major coverage), and will be adopted by Rotary Clubs across the nation in the next few days.

The background is this: Three weeks ago, Rotarians in a local club engaged Rotary International to recruit 1 million volunteers in two weeks to sign up with Volunteer Surge, a new program they initiated that allows us to train online, to become a Telehealth Worker, or a Community Health Worker. These volunteers will provide basic assistance, and will reduce suffering and save lives of people, locally and across the nation. How? By helping our health care providers to focus more of their attention where it is most needed.

**TIME IS CRITICAL**

Please [click HERE](https://tgig.org) to learn more and decide how you, your friends, and family can participate. And share this link with others on Facebook, email, and other social media.

Additional Collateral

The world is watching, and we, as Rotarians, **people of action**, are now truly defined by our actions in this crisis.

With appreciation and thanks,

Stephanie Urchick, RI Director 2019-21, and Peter Kyle, RI Director 2021-22
Be part of a lifesaving journey. 
Donate blood.

Rotary Club of Charlotte and the American Red Cross
BLOOD DRIVE @
SMS Catering
(1764 Norland Road)

May 19, 2020
10:00am – 3:00pm

To make an appointment, please go online to redcrossblood.org and enter keyword “UptownRotary”

Celebrate 77 years of the Rotary Club of Charlotte commitment to help meet the need for blood in the community.
All presenting donors will be provided with a free takeout BBQ meal with drink. Purchase additional meals for $10
What’s new in **Phase One**?

On **Friday, May 8 at 5pm**, North Carolina will move into Phase One. The **Stay at Home order** remains in place with some modifications. Here’s what Phase One means for our state:

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