



March 17, 2020

We meet on Tuesday at 12:30 pm at Fairfield Inn & Suites – Charlotte Uptown, 201 South McDowell St, Charlotte NC 28202

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3rd Qtr Jeff Atkinson

4th Qtr Karen Price

Fellow Rotarians,

In over the 100-year history of our club, we are experiencing perhaps our most challenging time in our personal, professional and civic lives. Not knowing the future, we cancelled our meeting this week until our Board of Directors could meet to assess the impact of COVID-19 on our club activities.

We met earlier this week and made several important decisions:

1. We will be cancelling our meetings for the remainder of March and all of April. The current restrictions on gatherings of 10 or more, the need for social distancing and the importance of personal hygiene made this decision the only choice. We are exploring options for virtual meetings and may have updates in the weeks to come. The good news for those that maintain 100% attendance, you will not have to make up these meetings. I know how important this is to you and what role models you are for continuing this personal goal.

2. All service projects will be suspended until restrictions on meeting size are revisited by local, state and federal health authorities.

3. We recognize that the impact of this decision affects the Fairfield Inn where we hold our meetings but more directly impacts the financial security of the service staff that helps our weekly lunch meetings. Since we will miss 3 meetings in March, the board approved donating our luncheon payments to these folks that are least able to weather the impact of closed facilities and loss of income. Phil Volponi presented a \$10,000 check to hotel manager Bill Moore on Wednesday to be shared with each of our servers in the same way we provide holiday bonuses each December. Bill was absolutely stunned, emotional, and beyond grateful for this decision – which confirms this was absolutely the right decision to make. If you want to contribute additional funds to this effort, please communicate your interest to Sandy.

4. Since we will not meet in April, your 2nd quarter invoice will not have meal charges for the month of April. Meal charges for May and June will be on the invoice, as well as dues (to cover District and Rotary International dues) and Foundation pledges.

In making these decisions, the Board worked to apply the Four Way Test to the crisis each of us is facing. I urge you to stay committed to our club and find ways to stay connected. Our newsletter will include birthdays, anniversaries and the active involvement of our members. Take a moment each week to call or drop a message to some of your fellow Rotarians and particularly remember those especially hard hit by the impacts of this pandemic.

Our club is strong, and our members are special people. I look forward to getting back together and sharing how we worked through the challenges we are all facing. Thank you and may God bless you and those close to you.

John Lassiter
President

CLUB NEWS

Two of [Wil Bosbyshell's](#) paintings will be part of the Susan G. Komen virtual event "Laugh for the Cure" that will be held Thursday, March 19.

Rotary International link to covid-19: <http://on.rotary.org/covid-19>

Join Zoom Meeting from your computer, ipad or smart phone: <https://zoom.us/j/510425068>

Friday, March 20, everyone has an opportunity to join in a Zoom meeting with DG Beth Trotter, RI Directors David Stovall, Stephanie Urchick and Director-elect Peter Kyle. The group will offer suggestions on how you can still get together, and most importantly ideas on "Service Above Self," and how we might as a group help our communities. This event is limited to 500 Rotarians.

Topic: State of District 7680 & Rotary International
Time: Mar 20, 2020 12:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

When you connect you'll see the presenters on your screen, and you are muted automatically. In Zoom there is a Chat section where you can type your questions, ideas, or thoughts.

Meeting ID: 510 425 068

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MEMBERSHIP

07/01/2019	276	<i>New Members:</i> Susan Evans
03/17/2020	272	
Net Increase	-4	<i>Resignations:</i> Terence Gordon

CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS (03/26/2020 – 04/01/2020)

03/26 Brian Huber
03/28 Alan Simonini
03/30 David Tobin

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES (03/26/2020 – 04/01/2020)

03/26 Kit & Peirce Ward
03/31 Russell Peck

ROTARY ANNIVERSARIES (03/26/2020 – 04/01/2020)

01 year – Tom Turpin (in this club)
03 years – Carla DuPuy
04 years – George Edmiston (in this club)
17 years – Bill Bradley
29 years – Jesse Hite
40 years – George Rohe