



March 24, 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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## CLUB NEWS

**District Update from Zoom Meeting:** This past Friday, March 20, 2020 your District Governor Beth Trotter, along with Directors David Stovall, Stephanie Urchick and Director-elect Peter Kyle gave a zoom presentation on the State of District 7680 and Rotary International topics, including our Strategic Direction. We had 85 Rotarians join us on this call, and we also recorded it for all those who did not have a chance to join us.

Here is the link to the Zoom call, which has been uploaded to YouTube  
<https://youtu.be/jujNNR9iLs8>

Highlighted Points;

- 1) It's important to stay CONNECTED with fellow Rotarians. There are many options for participating in virtual meetings.
- 2) District website has information about dealing with Coronavirus.  
<http://rotary7680.org/coronavirus-updates.php>
- 3) The well-being of all Rotarians is a high priority.
- 4) Rotary continues to be a leader in providing humanitarian service. District 7680 website will be updated with a form for posting community needs and sharing projects.

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

The **Environmental committee**, chaired by [Kasey Lankes](#), with members [Al Allison](#), [Will Barnhardt](#), [Kim Brattain](#), [Noelle Culler](#), [Bruce Darden](#), [Bob Freeman](#), [George Gabel](#), [Van Hall](#), [Chuck Howard](#), and [Jerry Walters](#) have awarded club and District Grant funding to the below:



**\$2000 – 100 Gardens/Myers Park High School Aquaponics Program:** Our vision is to inspire a new way of thinking for young people in the greater Charlotte region and eventually beyond...a necessary step to ensure the sustainability of the human species and the planet we depend on. Aquaponics inspires a new way of thinking about learning through hands-on activities, about food through students growing their own and engaging in eating healthy food and about the environment as students manage this ecosystem of fish, plants and bacteria, and can begin to understand how humans impact our environments.

By building 100 Gardens (100 local schools with aquaponics programming) we can impact tens of thousands of students and create a city full of smarter, healthier and more compassionate humans...a catalyst of change for the world to follow. (Photo: Sam Fleming, 100 Gardens)

**\$3500 – Trout in the Classroom:** Trout in the Classroom (TIC) is an environmental education program in which students in grades k – 12:



- raise trout from eggs to fry
- monitor tank water quality
- engage in stream habitat study
- learn to appreciate water resources
- begin to embrace a conservation ethic
- develop an understanding of ecosystems

The Rocky River Chapter of Trout Unlimited (RRTU) in Charlotte currently partners with 22 area schools to provide the TIC experience. The prerequisites for establishing a program are: a supportive principal, a teacher who is committed to caring for the trout tank and using it as a resource for educating students and a volunteer from RRTU who is directly involved in making the effort a success. There is a one-time fee of \$500 to start the program. All other costs are covered by RRTU.

The RRTU volunteer is responsible for setting up the tank in August, delivering the trout eggs to the school in September and working with the teacher to provide optimal water quality for the fish. Students learn how to perform the tests for pH, ammonia, nitrites and nitrates. They maintain a log that describes the results of those tests and the condition of the trout on a daily basis. The teachers tailor the program to fit their curricular needs; therefore, each program is unique. There are interdisciplinary applications in science, biology, genetics, chemistry, mathematics, and fine arts. In May interested students from each school go on a field trip to either South Mountains State Park or Stone Mountain State Park to release their trout and gain first hand knowledge about what it takes for fish to survive in the wild.

The long-term goal of the TIC Program is to educate an increasingly urbanized population of youth about water quality and coldwater conservation and to reconnect them to the systems of streams, rivers and watersheds that sustain them.



**\$3500 – Clean Air Carolina:** The Hands-on Science Lending Library provides CMS educators air quality tools to foster an appreciation for STEM education, citizen science, and the environment. These tools offer both teachers and students the opportunity to utilize low-cost, palm-sized air quality instruments that measure hyperlocal concentrations of harmful microscopic particles in the air, known as particulate matter, as well as humidity and temperature. The AirBeam monitor and AirCasting Android App (which depicts AirBeam measurements mapped and graphed in real-time) are brand new resources for the public and provide teachers with niche equipment for novel STEM lessons that increase student exposure to STEM careers and understanding of environmental threats.

[Jim Hintz](#) reports on the situation in Alto Cayma Peru: [Report No. 3 from Alto Cayma 22 Mar 20.pdf](#) and has made an appeal to sponsors in the United States to consider additional support during this unprecedented time. [Emergency Relief for Alto Cayma 23 Mar 20.pdf](#). Donations may be sent to Advent Peru Mission Support, with Relief Fund on the memo line, and mail it to Susan Hartsell, 2900 South Devon St, Charlotte, NC. 28213

Ridgely and [John Phillips](#) welcome the birth of their first grandchild, John Grimes Beasley born March 11<sup>th</sup>. Parents Winston and Trevor Beasley are doing well.

[Herb Harriss](#) pitched an idea to [Robert Freeman](#) that goes like this: what about doing a pick up lunch here at SMS Catering for Rotarians on one of our Tuesday meetings (maybe in a couple weeks after there is better understanding). We can make a to-go plate and take to their car. They can leave or the people can eat at

their car like an old drive in. They can talk back and forth while staying far away. STAY TUNED to see if/how/when this plays out.

**Supporting the Fairfield Inn:** Note of thanks to Charlotte Rotary from General Manager Bill Moore:

Sandy,

Thank you for sending me a copy of the Reporter each week ..... but especially this week.

Your description of my reaction was mild. I have been in the business for about 40 years, and I have had many emotional highs and lows. But from an emotional standpoint, I am sure I have never been more touched by such a pure act of compassion as I was by this incredible act. Yes, I did cry. Several times. And I cried again when I had the opportunity to pass Rotary's generosity on to the associates that serve Rotary each week. They were stunned, and moved incredibly by this act. I really don't think it sunk in at first. As are thousands of others, they were facing the prospect of zero income for the next few weeks ..... at least. Rotary's generous decision gave them a lifeline ..... and more importantly it gave them hope.

And on a personal level..... it gave me hope.

Thank you again.

Bill Moore  
General Manager



### 2020 MPHS STUDENT HUNGER DRIVE

.....continuing with urgency. **MPHS Interact Club** members have devoted hours to ensuring our annual student hunger drive was set for success this year. Thank you to all club members for their time, ideas and results. Thus far we are closing in on \$6000.00(not reflected online) of our goal of \$14,000.00. \$1.00 equals 7 pounds of food. While we have collected both monetary and can donations at Myers Park High we now are shifting to online donations only. The CANS are trapped on school property and will be unable to reach their distribution point until COVID 19 restrictions end.

With this said, as important as any other requests you are receiving for help, this one will also support our local community and make an immediate impact on individuals both in and outside of the Myers Park Community.

Second Harvest Food Bank is working with our 800+ partner agencies in 24 counties, including our local school systems, to assess how to best be of service at this time. Working to support several groups through their efforts include families of children whose school meals will be missing during times of school closures, seniors who are being asked to remain safely at home, and individuals being affected by business closures and cancellations. In many cases these are hourly workers and any reduction in hours causes a tremendous burden.

Second Harvest is in desperate need of volunteers during our weekday shifts Tuesday thru Friday 9-12 or 1-4 pm. (Ages 17 and older) Thursday evenings 6-8 pm, Saturday 9-12 or 1-3 pm (ages 13 and older, 13-16 must

be with a parent). If you are interested in volunteering, and are healthy and without any cold/flu symptoms, please visit <https://www.secondharvestmetrolina.org/give-time/volunteer> for availability.

The greatest need currently is for funds to purchase healthy shelf stable items to be used in food boxes. The box will include a 7 day nutritionally balanced food box. These boxes will help feed families whose children are missing school meals, seniors being asked to stay safely in their homes, those in need of food who are quarantined, and employees in our community being impacted by decreasing work hours.

Within the next 30 days, Second Harvest Food Bank will be packing tens of thousands of these food boxes and you can help: \$25 will help provide a seven day nutritionally balanced food box; \$13 will help with a food box that will include 12-13 healthy staple items; \$7 will help provide an additional backpack for children missing school meals.

Donate online now at <https://p2p.onecause.com/shmetrolina/myers-park>

## MEMBERSHIP

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

## CELEBRATIONS

### **BIRTHDAYS** (04/02/2020 – 04/07/2020)

04/04 Kevin Loux  
04/06 Frank Mueller  
04/07 David Anderson

### **WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES** (04/02/2020 – 04/07/2020)

04/02 Natasha and LJ Stambuk  
04/04 Debbie and Bill Constangy  
04/06 Barbara and Graham Wilson  
04/07 Vicki and Pete Brunnick

### **ROTARY ANNIVERSARIES** (04/02/2020 – 04/07/2020)

02 years – Brian Carn  
18 years – Warren Kean  
19 years – Bryan Adams