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CLUB NEWS

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

COVID-19 RESPONSE FUND: Nearly \$3 million has been awarded to 14 local nonprofits in the first round of grants from the *COVID-19 Response Fund*. To date, more than \$11 million has been raised for the fund from corporations, foundations, individuals and local government. Thanks to [Edwin Peacock](#) and [Dena Diorio](#) for their involvement and leadership with this community effort.

To contribute to the COVID-19 Response Fund, visit HelpCharMeck.org. Corporations and foundations that wish to make a donation may contact either Catherine Warfield, Senior Vice President of Philanthropic Advancement at FFTC, at 704.973.4515 or cwarfield@fftc.org; or Clint Hill, Chief Development Officer at United Way of Central Carolinas, at 704.371.6359 or chill@uwcentralcarolinas.org.

BETTER BUSINESS BUREAU SCAN ALERT: Thanks to [Tom Bartholomy](#) for the following information. The BBB is warning that scammers are coming out of the woodwork to exploit the coronavirus crisis to steal money and/or confidential information from consumers and businesses. They include:

- Phony treatments and cures that could be dangerous. The FDA, FTC, and DOJ have landed on companies and websites marketing them.
- Bogus offers for government grants and stimulus payments promoted through phone calls, emails, text messages and social media. The crooks say an upfront fee is required to get the money.
- Fraudulent websites selling face masks, home testing kits, and even vaccines. There are no approved home testing kits or vaccines.
- Calls to businesses purportedly from government unemployment offices asking for confidential information about employees.
- Phishing emails with dangerous links and attachments.
- Investment scams.

The BBB offers these tips to avoid becoming the victim of a coronavirus scam:

- Be skeptical of miracle cures and consult with a healthcare professional before using any product.
- Check out any seller with the BBB and look for reviews on Google.
- The government will not ask you to pay a fee or provide your SSN or credit card or bank account number to get a stimulus payment. Grants usually flow through non-profits rather than directly to consumers.
- Don't click on links or attachments in emails, text messages, or social media messages unless you're sure they're legitimate. Don't assume they are because they appear to come from a friend.
- Thoroughly research any investment opportunity and the seller.

2020 MPHS STUDENT HUNGER DRIVE: 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>

Jim Hintz Alto Cayma Peru: [Report No. 4 from Alto Cayma 29 Mar 20.pdf](#)

Floyd Davis had back surgery on the 13th and will be recuperating at home over the next several weeks.

Fred Brown fell down a flight of stairs and had knee surgery to repair torn ligaments that attached quadriceps to his kneecap. He will wear a full leg brace for two months and will be using a walker.

Bill Constangy reports that son Billy has been named Chief of Staff for U. S. Representative Richard Hudson (NC-08).

Conversations with Ralston Pound, Martin Waters, Catherine Browning, Ed Kizer: Ralston is doing well, staying in and spending time on his computer. Martin has "laid out of work" the last two weeks. He's spent one week with daughter Robin and this week with son Marty. Hoping to head up to his mountain home soon. Catherine says the Cypress Club is taking great care of them – emails their grocery list and the supplies are dropped off at the door. Her doorbell rang last week and to her surprise, someone had left two rolls of toilet paper. Wish she had sent a picture of that! Ed is helping the Denver community by supporting local restaurants offering pick up and delivery. He loved the club's support to the wait staff at the Fairfield Inn and thanks the board for making that decision.

Mort Wise transferred from the Matthews Club to Charlotte Rotary the end of October and you may not have had a chance to meet him yet. You may remember from his member profile that he spends 3 months in Antiqua, which is where he has been since January. With all that's going on, they decided to fly back to the States a week earlier than usual which worked out quite well – the Charlotte International Airport closed International flights the next day. Because he had been on an airplane, his retirement community (Plantation Estates) required two weeks mandatory quarantine and part of the protocol is to report their temperature twice a day. For whatever reason, Mort's temperature spiked to 101 and within thirty minutes a security guard appeared at the door wearing full gear and mask, ready to face someone contaminated with the virus. When his temperature was taken it registered 97.5, but that didn't matter, so off he went in an ambulance to the nearby hospital to be tested. He had no symptoms other than the temporary spike in temperature. He was tested, is waiting on the results, and continues to feel fine.

Dena Diorio's 93 year old aunt, who lives in New York, passed away this morning from Covid-19. Prayers and sympathy are extended to Dena and her family during this time.

STAYING IN TOUCH with our Rotary members is important. Please take a minute to check on your friends, report funny stories and updates back to me to share with everyone so we can see who is doing what. The Reporter can be used to share what your company is doing to get through the pandemic, what your family is doing, send me your How I Got Where I'm At....anything to keep our members in the know.

INVOICES for April/May/June will not be prepared until after the board's conference call on April 21st.

MEMBERSHIP

07/01/2019 276 *New Members:* Susan Evans

03/31/2020 269

Net Increase -7 *Resignations:* Terence Gordon, Vernon Menard, Karen Price, Ron Mikels

CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS (04/08/2020 – 04/14/2020)

04/08 Bruce Darden

04/10 Karen Steffens and Russell Ranson

04/12 Mark Markanda

04/14 Catherine Bracey

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES (04/08/2020 – 04/14/2020)

04/12 Ada and John Nicolay

ROTARY ANNIVERSARIES (04/08/2020 – 04/14/2020)

01 year – Robert Shaw

10 years – Ed Pickett

12 years – Jessica Dupree

18 years – Mike Rash

19 years – Rich Campbell