



August 18, 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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MILLION DOLLAR CHALLENGE Firoz Peera and Carl Davis

Zoom Link: <https://vimeo.com/user62577733/review/448978190/96cb90fae9>

“Our Foundation mission to serve others has never been more important,” well-known Rotary volunteer Firoz Peera told virtual meeting attendees.

He should know. A charter member of the Ballantyne club, Peera has participated in polio eradication and other Rotary projects in Peru, Haiti, India, Ghana, Lebanon and Pakistan.

“Our ability to do good in the world depends on the strength of our Rotary Foundation,” Peera said. “To make a real impact, we must increase the scope and scale in each of the causes we support.”

Currently focused on the Rotary Foundation’s Million Dollar Challenge and our District 7680’s response to the money-raising effort, Peera and Carl Davis, a Rotary senior major gifts officer based in Raleigh, appealed for Foundation support. Charlotte Rotarian and past district governor Luther Moore introduced the two and moderated their presentation.

“The purpose is to raise substantial amounts – we hope millions – in outright gifts and bequests to support the humanitarian work of Rotarians here and around the world,” Peera explained. “All gifts and bequests of \$10,000 or more count,” he added, for the effort that began last fall and will continue through 2021.

The fight to eradicate polio is perhaps the best-known Foundation effort, Peera said, but lately initiatives aimed at COVID-19 mitigation have been significant. “I have never been prouder of my fellow Rotarians based on what they have done (about the coronavirus) in the last four or five months,” he added.

Other major global Foundation initiatives are in peacemaking, fighting disease, promoting sanitation and hygiene, saving mothers and children, supporting education and promoting business creation.

“Whatever you give also benefits Americans,” Peera said. Of particular interest is clean water, vocational training and health clinics.

Peera emphasized the integrity of the Rotary Foundation. It boasts 100-plus years of community service and is ranked in the top 1 percent of charities, garnering high marks for transparency and effectiveness as well as for its metrics and accountability. It partners with organizations such as the Bill &

Melinda Gates Foundation.

Davis outlined ways to donate: A single gift of \$10,000 or more, a gift of cash or securities of the same amount spread through three years, or a contribution in exchange for the Foundation providing a lifetime income.

The Foundation maintains three principal funds, Davis said. These are Polio Plus; the Annual Fund, which supports work globally and locally; and the Endowment Fund, where gifts remain invested in perpetuity to generate earnings that can be directed as the donor wishes.

This Rotary district has a trained team of volunteers to assist with making a Foundation gift. These include Peera, District Governor Mike Walker of the Charlotte South club and Charlotte Rotarian Mark Markanda, who is an Arch Klumph Society donor, having given at least \$250,000.

Davis encouraged prospective donors to contact any of these volunteers or to reach him directly at carl.davis@rotary.org. His home office is at 114 Stefi Court, Garner, NC 27529. Office phone: 847/424-5343; cell: 773/949-5243.

Written By: Elly Clary

CLUB NEWS

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.

CLASSROOM CENTRAL: Guess What....[Bill Gill](#), [Katie Tyler](#), [Herb Harriss](#), [David Anderson](#), and hopefully [Joy Poe](#) (Ken's wife) have signed up to help out at Classroom Central on September 1. Thanks to this group and you can still reach out to Catherine Bracey if you want to join the fun (csbracey@aol.com).

GOLF TOURNAMENT: Golf registrations are picking up and we're now at 68 confirmed. Add [Joe Penner](#) and MEDIC to the mix for their sponsorship and golf team. And, thanks to Bill Moore and the Fairfield Inn for donating a 2-night stay at the Courtyard Marriott Charleston for our raffle.

HENRY BOSTIC: Still need a couple volunteers for the Reporter committee.

CATHERINE BROWNING: Sandy, - With this memo please accept my resignation. It's time. I have enjoyed many wonderful and happy years as a member of our Rotary Club and made a multitude of friends - truly a rewarding period in my life.

FRANK MARTIN: Sandy, I have decided to resign from Charlotte Rotary. I've enjoyed my membership and have particularly appreciated the superb job you have done. Please know that you have my thanks and best wishes.

PAT MILLEN: The "Mega Back-to-School D-Day" event held at AvidXchange on August 15th was totally off the chart. Congrats to [Pat Millen](#) and his fantastic team at E2D – eliminate the digital divide. 400 laptops were handed out to families and the below link tells the story.

<https://www.wcnc.com/article/news/local/e2d-held-a-laptop-distribution-for-charlotte-families-in-need/275-3f36ca34-3e89-4cc9-a537-4c2373ccf05a>

RALSTON POUND: Daughter Lynn and son Tripp have spent the last two weeks packing up and finishing the transition of Ralston's home. Tripp says Ralston is always excited to see them and sad when they leave. He is sleeping a lot and continues to have issues with swallowing and coughing. They read all the cards to him

and he is very happy to have received them. Overall, he's hanging in there. You're in our prayers, Ralston.
Cards: Asbury Care Center, 3800 Shamrock Dr, Midwood Room 104 (28215).

MEMBERSHIP

07/01/2020 259 *New Members:*

08/11/2020 255

Net Increase -4 *Resignations:* Rex Welton, Catherine Browning, Frank Martin, Robert Salmon

50ish members on today's Zoom call

CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS (08/26/2020 – 09/01/2020)

08/26 – Bill Constangy

08/27 – Don Steger

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES (08/26/2020 – 09/01/25/20)

08/26 – Sarah & Ben Dobson

08/27 – Emmy Lou & Robert Burchette

08/29 – Angela & Joe Gass

08/30 – Marilyn & Roger Sarow

08/30 – Sallie & Dick Klingman

09/01 – Jeanne & Linwood Bolles

ROTARY ANNIVERSARIES (08/26/2020 – 09/01/2020)

04 years – Randall Mountcastle

16 years – Jay Westmoreland

17 years – Chris Kemper

19 years – David Erdman

24 years – David Zimmerman

42 years – Vernon Anderson

UPCOMING PROGRAMS (utilizing Zoom)

08/25 – Dr. Willie Griffin, Research into the old Brooklyn neighborhood

09/01 – Mike Hill, Athletic Director, Charlotte 49ers

09/08 – Courtney Layne & Ed Hawes, The Mayflower Society

09/15 – How I Got Where I'm At (*Kevin Poet, Reggie Johnson, Michael Norton*)

09/22 – Michael Kahn, Charlotte Checkers

09/29 – Will not be meeting – golf tournament will be held 09/28