



September 15, 2020

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

A Special Day

2020- 2021 Board Members

President Jerald Coughter

Pres Elect Carol Hardison

Past Pres John Lassiter

Secretary Bill Bradley

Treasurer Edwin Peacock

Exec Sec Sandy Osborne

Directors 2020-2021

Colleen Brannan

Kandi Deitemeyer

Stuart Hair

Stephanie Hinrichs

Chris Kemper

Chad Lloyd

Alexandra Myrick

Directors 2020-2022

Patrick Baker

Bill Barte

Suzanne Bledsoe

Kim McMillan

Rex Reynolds

Ranjay Sarda

John zumBrunnen

Membership Clyde

Robinson

Foundation John Tabor

Programs Elly Clary

Jeff Atkinson

Cheryl Banks

Bill Barte

Bill Bradley

Kim Brattain

David Tobin

Video of the zoom call: <https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/pk5NiC8-E74XsfhFEB-DKvuy2okFpn8U9fKaG2TuG3ExH-qleLqgUJfWUU--yEo.XM9ZvclHVQz1MOEn>
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Past president Mac McCarley called her “the heart of our club” and 17 other former presidents backed him up as Charlotte Rotary paid tribute to beloved but retiring executive secretary Sandy Osborne.

McCarley presented a check for \$13,500 made out to Sandy, funded with donations from current and former members. A \$5,000 anonymous challenge gift generated a sizeable contribution in Sandy’s name to the Rotary Foundation. Further, the club made Sandy an honorary member, sealing it with a handsome plaque.

Via Zoom, Sandy watched this in her home while tending to grandchildren. She officially retires at the end of October.

The surprise tribute featuring presidents Sandy has served was delivered in a video produced by Kim Brattain. Excerpts from the past presidents’ remarks follow.

Mike Hawley: It’s the little things we’ll remember – your sixth sense about when and how to help and stepping up to make a difference unselfishly. Paraphrasing one of your sayings, ‘We may forget exactly what you say and do, but we will never forget how you made us feel.’

Catherine Browning: You are truly a gem and we are so lucky to have had you in our organization. I feel sorry for the person who has to follow in your footsteps. I would like to nominate Sandy Osborne as the next president of Rotary Club of Charlotte.

Jerry Coughter: You have been in many ways a mother to the club. Now you can spend more time with your grandbabies. You’re a special lady; we’re going to miss you.

Tom Bartholomy: In a Jeopardy contest on Rotary knowledge, Sandy’s going to win, hands down. I’ve never met anybody who knows more about not just our club but Rotary in general.

Herb Harriss: Every president of Rotary up to Jerry said to whoever asked them

to step into that role, 'Is Sandy going to be there next year?'

Tony Zeiss: She's very wise. She's very organized. She's calm, cool and collected. I have never seen her frustrated over anything.

Katie Tyler: I distinctly remember times when I was travelling with Sandy during my presidency and it was like travelling with a chief of staff. She knew everyone.

David Zimmerman: How many people can put up with a new boss every year? She manages to make it work. She has the ability to let you know in an extremely diplomatic way that your great idea is maybe not too great after all. We're going to miss her talent at keeping all the presidents in line.

Luther Moore: I would not want to be the person who follows Sandy because people will say for years, 'Well, that's not how Sandy did it.'

Mac McCarley: It's not just that Sandy is the executive secretary, she is the heart of our club.

Marilynn Bowler: You're not only a great administrator but a great friend to so many of us. You drove people to meetings and to doctor's appointments. You called to check on people who were sick or infirm. You were the first one there when something tragic happened.

Pender McElroy: You have been a marvelous asset to Charlotte Rotary. You have been the heart and soul of this club. Those of us who have served as president know how important you've been. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Natalie English: Charlotte Rotary will never be the same. I'm so grateful for what you did for me, helping me plan a centennial celebration for our club. Have fun and please come back and visit. Love you.

David Anderson: Sandy is the quintessential, irreplaceable Rotarian of Charlotte Rotary. I think she will be remembered long after we are all gone.

Jim Woodward: Sandy, my buddy, thank you for what you have been to our club. Thank you for what you have been to me as a personal friend. Have a wonderful life.

Ron Kimble: Sandy is passionate, she's dedicated, she's hardworking, she's diligent – she's fun to work with. Sometimes she has to be a psychologist, sometimes a counselor, sometimes a mediator. Sandy has been all of that and has been one fine executive secretary.

John Tabor: Sandy is a rock star in the Rotary world. As presidents, she makes each of us look great. Enjoy your retirement, enjoy your grandchildren and please come back and visit. We love you.

John Lassiter: Sandy, you have been a remarkable component in the success of our club. We had a tough year. We didn't know how we were going to deal with the pandemic and how to readjust our club. You took it on yourself to work the details to keep our club together.

Former president **Tom Robertson**, who died in 2018, also was pictured in the video. Sandy remembered helping him encourage increased giving to the Rotary Foundation. "The nicest man," she called him.

"I've enjoyed working with everybody," Sandy said.

On the Zoom hookup were 116 current and former Charlotte Rotary members as well as Rotary district dignitaries and guests.

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.

GOLF TOURNAMENT: The golf tournament will be here in 12 days. Please take care of the following ASAP: send your team names to Sandy; register if you plan to play; and submit payment.

BLOOD DRIVE: October 8, 2020 – 10AM-3PM – SMS Catering – 1764 Norland Rd.- Sign up below <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=UptownRotary>

INVOICES: Lots of outstanding invoices still out there.

BIFF VIRKLER: Joanna and Biff have a new and exciting opportunity to make a difference with newborn grandson, Howard Nobel Treadwell. Sometimes, a situation can pop up that you weren't necessarily expecting, but you're more than willing to accept the challenge. Blessings to Joanna and Biff and sweet baby Howard.

SANDY OSBORNE: The surprise all of you pulled off on Tuesday was a day I'll never forget. I am completely overwhelmed, STILL, and can't thank you enough. Everyone knows I'm totally devoted to home schooling our grandson, Ethan through the 1st grade and it's very challenging. My husband told me last week that he 'needed to spill the beans' and told me he'd gotten a message from Jerry asking for his help to be sure I was on the zoom call. I have missed the last couple meetings because of Ethan's school schedule and just didn't see how I could be on the Rotary call. Ethan's in the middle of the more challenging part of his day and what could they possibly be doing that I absolutely had to be there for. I get on line and immediately receive a text from Cheryl Banks that she couldn't get in and she was so worried she may not be there to introduce the HIGWIA panel. I'm writing her back that there was an issue with zoom when I heard Jerry say – there actually isn't HIGWA today – this is about thanking Sandy. WHAT!! Kim Brattain and her team made the fantastic video and listening to the nice things people were saying to me and about me, coupled with the photos was just about too much. Never been so surprised and can't thank all of you enough. Then comes the oh, we have something for you that 'fits well and is the right color...money.' And, there's also a sizeable and anonymous donation that will be made in your honor to The Rotary Foundation. That brought the next wave of WHAT. Oh, and we've made you an Honorary member...you know what's next...WHAT!! The very best day and watching the video last night brought out the tears again. What a phenomenal group of friends that I'll have for the rest of my life. Sincerely, Sandy

MEMBERSHIP

07/01/2020 259 *New Members:*

09/15/2020 252

Net Increase -7 *Resignations:* Robert Daughtridge, Tom Burgess

116 people on the zoom call

CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS (09/23/2020 – 09/29/2020)

Penner, Josef H. (JOE)

24 September

Jett, Harriman H. (HARRIMAN)	27 September
Tabor, Lee R. (LEE)	29 September
Batten, Henry R. (HENRY)	29 September
Cousar, Julius C. (J. C.)	29 September

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES (09/23/2020 – 09/29/20)

No anniversaries this period.

ROTARY ANNIVERSARIES (09/23/2020 – 09/29/2020)

Chappell, James Timothy (TIM)	09/23/14	6
Deussen, Helmut (HELMUT)	09/25/62	58

UPCOMING PROGRAMS (utilizing Zoom)

09/22 – SPEAKER CHANGE: Justice Mark Davis

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

10/06 – Dr. Tom Hanchett, Charlotte History 101: Queen, King, Duke, Crown

10/13 – Alexys Taylor, Charlotte Programs – Unity Project

10/20 – Christopher S. Lawing, Charlotte Signs Project

10/27 – Live from the Double Door Inn documentarians