



## Upcoming Events

*Speaker schedule and upcoming events can also be found on  
Charlotte Rotary's website under "Events / News".*

**Tues., Nov. 19 - Weekly Meeting:** *Kelly Garraghan Weeks, "A Story of Resilience and Hope"*

*\*Remember to bring a coat, sweater, or any warm clothing for donation to Western NC.*

*\*Remember to bring a new book for Big Brothers Big Sisters. Ages 5 to 18*

**Tues., Nov. 19 - Volunteer Opportunity:** *The Salvation Army Bell Ringing Sign-ups.* Sign-ups to ring the bell for The Salvation Army will be available at the weekly meeting. See full details below.

**Wed., Nov. 20 - Leadership Impact Group Monthly Meeting** 5:30–7 p.m., Lost Worlds Brewing, 1100 Metropolitan Ave., Suite 165, Charlotte, Speakers: **Dr. Shelley Rigger, VP of Academic Affairs and Dean of Faculty at Davidson College** and **Dr. Thierno Thiam, Provost and Chief Academic Officer at Johnson C. Smith University.**

**Thurs., Nov. 21 - Club Social:** *Rhino Market & Deli*, 4:30–7:30 p.m., See below for more details. [Click here](#) to let us know you are coming.

**Sun., Dec. 1 - Excellence in Leadership** Nominations due. See details below.

**Tues., Dec. 17 - Volunteer Opportunity:** *Blood Drive! Join Charlotte Rotary and the American Red Cross Blood Drive*, 10 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) and use sponsor code Charlotterotary or call 1-800-redcross to make your appointment.

## This Week's Meeting



*Jack Claiborne, "Charlotte, the Slugger, and Me"*

by Rick Handford

**Tony Zeiss** introduced his close friend, Jack Claiborne, a distinguished journalist and historian with longstanding ties to Charlotte. Born in Newell, North Carolina, in 1931, Jack Claiborne's passion for writing was evident from an early age. At just fourteen, he won a writing contest with the Charlotte News, leading to a remarkable ten-day road trip with a professional baseball team. This early success launched a career that would span decades and impact

both journalism and education in North Carolina.

Claiborne's career included notable stints at the Charlotte Observer, where he covered a range of topics from sports to politics, business, and education. His work earned him prestigious awards from the North

Carolina Press Association. In the 1970s, he became associate editor of the Observer, writing a well-known Saturday editorial series, "This Time and Place," which examined local issues within the broader context of Charlotte's history.

In addition to journalism, Claiborne authored several books, including *The Charlotte Observer: Its Time and Place, 1869-1986* and *Discovering North Carolina: A Tar Heel Reader*. His work in journalism and public service culminated in a leadership role at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, where he served as Associate Vice Chancellor for University Relations until his retirement in 2000. [Click here to read more.](#)

A recording of the meeting can be found here:

With slides: [Jack Claiborne, Historical Author with slides](#)

Without slides: [Jack Claiborne, Historical Author without slides](#)

The presenter's introduction begins at approximately 26 minutes and 40 seconds.





## Club News

*Heartfelt Condolences* go to long time member [Robert "Bob" Culbertson](#) and family as well as the Samuelson family on the loss of Bob's wife, Peggy Culbertson. [Click here for more details.](#)

*Condolences* to long time member [Pender McElroy](#) on the passing of his sister, Diana McElroy Crossland of Bel Air, MD. [More details can be found here.](#)

### *Celebrating International Men's Day with Past President Edwin Peacock*

On Tuesday, Nov. 19th, our own [Edwin Peacock](#) will service as a panelist to celebrate "International Men's Day" at the Charlotte Mecklenburg Library. This inspiring event is more than just a gathering—it's a movement to uplift, honor, and support the strength and resilience of men worldwide. Hosted by the Charlotte Area Chamber of Commerce, this in-person event will focus on crucial topics affecting men

today. The program includes expert guest speakers, engaging discussions, and opportunities to connect with others in our community. This is a meaningful chance to explore these critical issues while celebrating the men in our lives. The event will be held at 9:30 a.m.

### *Good Friends Luncheon*

Terri DeBoo is hosting a table at the Good Friends luncheon. The date is Dec. 12 and the cost is \$75 per person. She has

five seats available. If you are interested in joining her, **click here to reserve your spot**. Then select Terri's name from the Hostess Dropbox and follow the prompts to complete your reservation. Contact Terri at [terri@terrideboo.com](mailto:terri@terrideboo.com) with questions.



### *Holiday Book Drive for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Carolinas*

Throughout the month of November, Charlotte Rotary is collecting books for the Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Carolinas Holiday Book Drive! We have a goal of 100 books, but so far we have only received 25.

Help bring joy and inspire young readers by bringing a new book each Tuesday. Your donations will make a wonderful impact this holiday season. Let's come together to make a difference—one book at a time. You can find some ideas [here](#).

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Charlotte Rotary - We are falling short of our goal.  
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Carolinas needs  
100 new books for children in need.  
And they need our help to get there!  
Every book counts, and together we can make a big impact.  
Together, we can make it happen!

**Goal**  
**100 New Books**

**Brought in**  
**25 books**



### *Rotary Third Thursday at Rhino Market & Deli*

Our Third Thursday November fellowship social event will be held on Nov. 21 at the SouthPark Rhino Deli from 4:30-7:30.

Join members of our club and bring a friend (or two or three).

There is no cost to attend but we do need to let them know how

many to expect so please use this **SignUpGenius link to RSVP**. For questions, please reach out to Harriett Porter at 970-451-5085 or [harriettporter@gmail.com](mailto:harriettporter@gmail.com)



### *Excellence in Leadership*

The Excellence in Leadership Award Committee is now accepting nominations for this year's award. Established in 1988 by the Rotary Club of Charlotte, Charlotte Business Journal, and the Charlotte Chamber, the Management Excellence Award celebrates outstanding leadership in the Charlotte-area business community. Inspired by Rotary's commitment to "high ethical standards in business," the award highlights the role of professionals who exemplify integrity, fairness, and service. As always, we will honor someone who exemplifies visionary leadership in their profession or organization. Nominees should demonstrate remarkable professional success, visionary leadership, civic involvement, and a reputation for integrity that aligns with the Four-Way Test.

Nominations are due December 1. Contact [Christine Cipriano](mailto:christine@charlotterotary.org) at [christine@charlotterotary.org](mailto:christine@charlotterotary.org) for the details, including a list of past recipients, or [click here](#).



### *Charlotte Rotary Red Kettle Campaign*

The Charlotte Rotary club enters its 30<sup>th</sup> year of support to The Salvation Army's annual Red Kettle Campaign. This support has included volunteer bell ringers at Uptown locations, a raffle, and a virtual red kettle (online) to help with fundraising efforts.

There are two ways in which Rotarians can participate:

1. Sign up to ring the bell.
2. Purchase raffle tickets (at upcoming meetings or online)

Sign-ups for bell ringing will take place at the Nov. 19 Rotary meeting or you can email [mark.norman@jwu.edu](mailto:mark.norman@jwu.edu).

Volunteer slots are one hour each and the schedule is as follows:

Dec. 4, 6, 11, and 18 from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. at The Square uptown

Dec. 7 from 2 p.m. – 7 p.m. at Truist Field

Raffle tickets will be sold at Rotary meetings on Dec. 3, 10, and 17 with raffle prizes drawn each week. You can also purchase raffle tickets online by contributing to our Virtual Red Kettle. Just click on the QR code below to make your contribution directly. You will receive one raffle ticket for each \$20 contribution. (i.e. \$100 gift = 5 raffle tickets)

The efforts of Charlotte Rotary will contribute to serving thousands of youth this holiday season and in the coming year.



### *Western North Carolina Relief - Two weeks left!*

Charlotte Rotary's current efforts to help Western NC, led by Past President **David Anderson** and **Robert Shaw**, are to donate to organizations already making a significant impact in Western North Carolina relief. If you'd like to contribute items,

Charlotte Rotary's efforts are focused on coats, blankets and sweaters. Please bring warm clothing to donate at our next meeting. The items you bring will be distributed through Crisis Assistance Ministry. David will be collecting the items on the hotel level of the parking deck.

David and Robert are also looking for volunteers to help collect the coats. Reach out to David if you can help at [dlanderson62@gmail.com](mailto:dlanderson62@gmail.com).

Our meeting venue, Fairfield Inn and Suites, is also actively supporting Western NC. The hotel is focused on baby and pet supplies. We invite Rotary members to help by donating pet food at next week's meeting—small bags, a few cans, anything helps!

## Beyond the Club

### *The Rotary Foundation Celebration*

WOW, it's already been one week since our Rotary Foundation Celebration. Everyone on our committee thanks you for attending and your sponsorships. If you would like to see photos from this event, or even better upload some of your own, please visit the site at: **Kululu - Digital Album**

You can see all our photos or click Upload and send us your best shots of this event.

Sincerely, DG Kevin Kendrick AG Laurel Morris



*November is Rotary Foundation Month*

### **WHAT IS THE ROTARY FOUNDATION?**

The Rotary Foundation is the charitable arm of Rotary International.

It is a non-profit supported solely by voluntary contributions from Rotarians and friends of The Rotary Foundation who share its vision of a better world. Its sole mission is to support the efforts of Rotarians through Rotary's mission, and the achievement of world understanding and peace through local, national

and international humanitarian and educational programs in your backyard and around the globe.

### ***HOW DID THE ROTARY FOUNDATION GET STARTED?***

The Rotary Foundation was founded in 1917 by Rotary International's sixth president, Arch C. Klumph, as an endowment fund for Rotary "to do good in the world." It has grown from an initial contribution in 1917 of \$26.50 from the Rotary Club of Kansas City, Missouri to more than \$4.4 billion in total contributions. The Rotary Foundation made its first grant of \$500.00 to the International Society for Crippled Children in 1930, and to this day, it continues to "do good in the world" in the name of Rotary.

### ***How do I contribute to The Rotary Foundation?***

*There are many ways to give to The Rotary Foundation.*

*You choose how much and how often to give. The three primary ways are:*

1. **Directly!** Contributions can be made at <https://my.rotary.org/en/donate>. Online credit card contributions can be made once, monthly, quarterly, or annually with a \$25 minimum.
2. Write a check payable to The Rotary Foundation and mail it either to the club office **1850 E. 3rd Street, Suite 220, Charlotte, NC 28204** or to Rotary Direct (17th Floor, Annual Giving One Rotary Center **1560 Sherman Avenue Evanston, IL 60201**) along with **this form**. You will need your Rotary ID number.
3. Contact Christine Cipriano contact Christine at [christine@charlotterotary.org](mailto:christine@charlotterotary.org) to incorporate your contribution to The Rotary Foundation Annual Fund into your Quarterly Dues.

*Donors can change or cancel their recurring giving at any time.*

Thank you for supporting The Rotary Foundation and its work.

## Membership Update

07/01/2024 249

10/29/2024 249

11/12/2024 247

Meeting Attendance - Tuesday, November 12, 2024: 100

Guests in attendance: Jim Babb ([Tony Zeiss](#)), John Galles ([Tony Zeiss](#)), Christopher Lawing ([Bill Bartee](#)), Beth Zeiss ([Tony Zeiss](#))

## Milestones (Week of Nov. 19 - 25)

### **Birthdays**

19 - Pat Millen

20 - Keith Nowokunski

22 - Floyd Davis

22 - Kim McMillan

23 - Terri DeBoo

24 - Diego Ramon

24 - Jim Woodward

25 - Hallie Rojas

### **Wedding Anniversaries**

21 - Christal & J Hill

# 2024 - 2025 Board Members

- President Kim Brattain
- President-Elect Patrick Baker
- Immediate Past President Edwin Peacock
- Secretary Bill Gill
- Treasurer Craig Field
- Sergeant at Arms Mike Wollinger

**Current Directors:** Linwood Bolles, Woodson Bradley, Benton S. Bragg, John F. Cantrell, Tish Atkins Charles, Terri DeBoo, Andrew "Andy" B. Dinkin, Dena R. Diorio, Donna Y. Dunlap, Joel D. Ford, Stuart P. Hair, David Head, Jesse G. Hite, Virginia Owen

## Contact Us



For more information about how to get involved, volunteer opportunities and meeting topics, contact Christine Cipriano, Executive Secretary at [christine@charlotterotary.org](mailto:christine@charlotterotary.org)



Photos from our luncheons, historical photos, and other events and projects can be found on the club's Flickr site. Click here [charlotterotary6006](#) to view pictures from recent meetings.



Recordings of weekly club luncheons can be found on the club's Vimeo site. Click here <https://vimeo.com/user24733153> to watch recent videos.



**Guest Check-In** If you have a guest who would like to preregister for the weekly meeting, a QR code is provided for easy scanning, or the link can be found here: **Visitor Pre-Register** ([jotform.com](http://jotform.com))





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