



# Kiwaniis Club of Raleigh

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Newsletter

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## Programs

Kiwaniis meetings are now being held in person at **Highland United Methodist Church** and via Zoom. Registration is no longer required. Come and bring guests. Members will receive an e-mail from Secretary **Courtney Allen** with the details.

**Sept 2: News on The Miracle League**, Tony Withers

**Sept 9: An Update on Learning Together**, Mary Kay Kennedy, Director of Development

**Sept 16: The History of Abraham Lincoln**, Billy Peebles

**Sept 23: A Doctor of War Stories, taken from his book, Swords and Saints**, Dr. Robert Adams

**Sept: 30: 2023/24 Officer Installation and Stuff You Need to Know about Cybersecurity**, Cynthia Currin

## Mark Your Calendar

Thursday, October 20, 2022 –

Milburnie Night

Saturday, October 22, 2022 - Pancake Breakfast.



## Gov. Christopher L. White Change the Future

August 2022 .....	\$123.29
Oct 2021 – August 2022 .....	\$1,801.91
Campaign to date: .....	.\$31,782.82

## Exciting Opportunities at Poe Elementary

**Partners Read Program** - Kiwanians have been invited to volunteer on Friday mornings to read with a student for about 30-45 minutes beginning around 8:30am-9:30am. Please contact **Bob Goodale** at [rgoodale@gmail.com](mailto:rgoodale@gmail.com) if you want to help a child learn to read on Friday mornings beginning mid-September.

**K-Kids Club being organized at Poe Elementary.** K-Kids is the largest service organization for elementary school students, with more than 1,200 clubs worldwide. Club members discover their passion to serve, desire to lead and their ability to engage and collaborate with others to better the school and community. Please contact **Chris White** if you are interested in helping with Poe's K-Kids Club at [clwpalawfirm@gmail.com](mailto:clwpalawfirm@gmail.com).

## Board Meeting August 18, 2022



The August board meeting was held via Zoom on Thursday, August 18, 2022. **Irina Comer**, sponsored by **Gary Pendleton** was approved for membership. **John Brantley** was approved to move from Senior status back to Active status.

Our current membership is 190 (163 active and 27 senior).

For the fiscal year through July 31, 2022, Treasurer **John Collar** reported operating income of \$67,826.13, operating expenses of \$79,736.57, service income of \$22,610.00, service expenses of \$9,115.04, net assets of \$93,005.01 and accounts receivable of \$13,969.

**L Poole** will be arranging lunch for the Poe teachers and staff on the 24th as they return for a new year. The board approved and additional \$300 to use for this lunch in addition to the \$200 remaining in that line item.

**Courtney Allen** and **Buck Lattimore** gave a report on the District Annual Convention in North Charleston. One noticeable change is the number of younger Kiwanis members in attendance. Membership recruitment, social media presence and how to market to the generations were session highlights.

Corporate membership was discussed and the need to increase both from present members and from outside. Prizes for the raffle at the Pancake Breakfast are being sought.

A Key Club scholarship was awarded to a Sr. at Athens Drive in the amount of \$1,000.

A report was given on the baseball game (great game and fellowship).

**Hugh Grist** updated the board on the technology committee. Most of the new equipment has been ordered and is in. We are well below what was approved.

The Past President's Lunch is all set. Draft invitation and program are at the printers for a proof.

The next board meeting will be in September.



### August Birthdays!

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|---------------------|---------------------|
| 2 Keith Teegarden   | 23 Craig Pleasants  |
| 3 Lou Murray I      | 24 Ashleigh Dunston |
| 9 Jacob Lee         | 24 Bill Watson      |
| 10 Liane Saunders   | 25 Reed Fountain    |
| 13 Patrick Roberson | 25 Bill Pappas      |
| 18 Charlie Sawyer   | 25 Tarver Sammons   |
| 19 Lee Parker       | 27 Frank Crawley    |
| 22 Eric Belanger    | 28 Brian Perruccio  |
| 23 Ron Margo        | 30 Tom Norris       |

***Don't forget your contribution to Change the Future.***

All members are asked to make a donation equal to the number of years they are celebrating for this year's birthday!

Please make your check payable to the

***Raleigh Kiwanis Foundation, Inc***

and drop it in the ***Change the Future*** jar at a monthly meeting.

### Another Successful Food Drive

This year Urban Ministries was offered a match donation from an organization called "4 Others" if they could raise \$25k by the end of July. So, we set our sights at Kiwanis high, with a goal of \$25k and kicked off the drive with an exciting and generous \$10k donation from Liane Saunders.

New at Urban Ministries, the pantry director has created a partnership program with Sysco to purchase the food they need at a lower cost than in years past, thus the cost to feed a family for a week is back down to \$30 from \$40.

Also new at Urban Ministries is an outreach program to feed 150 qualifying families every week instead of every month during the pandemic, and every quarter pre-pandemic. That means, they have increased their outreach to meet demand AND worked on becoming more efficient and cost effective.

By the end of our 5-week campaign, with extremely generous, sometimes multiple donations from our club members, we donated **\$18,066.45** in total and helped Urban Ministries exceed their \$25k goal. Our generosity was key to them receiving the \$25k match from "4 Others." \$50k funds the entire pantry operation for 3 months. Due to your generosity, we had a huge impact on their operation and our community this year.

Many thanks from the Fight Summer Hunger committee, Urban Ministries food pantry and the folks in our community who need the helping hand.

### Kiwanis Club of Raleigh

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### Meetings

Fridays 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.  
Highland United Methodist Church  
1901 Ridge Road  
Raleigh NC 27607

### Newsletter

Editor.....Joy Ruhmann

### Club Officers and Directors 2021-2022

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|------------------------------|--|
| President .....              | Sandra Birkhead                                  |
| President-Elect .....        | Stacy Askew                                      |
| Secretary .....              | Courtney Allen                                   |
| Treasurer .....              | John Collar                                      |
| Immediate Past President ... | L Poole  |
| Directors 2019-2022.....     | Frank Manson<br>Robert<br>Ruiz Andy<br>Wood      |
| Directors 2020-2023 .....    | Randy Hartley<br>Leslie Jones<br>Stuart Phoenix  |
| Directors 2021-2024 .....    | Ashleigh Dunston<br>Hugh Grist<br>Buck Lattimore |

### Foundation Officers and Directors 2022

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| President.....           | John McClain                                     |
| Vice President.....      | June Small                                       |
| Secretary .....          | Amy Funderburk                                   |
| Directors 2020-2022..... | John McClain<br>Winston Page<br>Harry Walker III |
| Directors 2021-2023..... | Cricket Harrell<br>George Ramsay<br>June Small   |
| Directors 2022-2024...   | Amy Funderburk<br>Michael Moore<br>Chip Winstead |

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## ***Kiwanis Rebuilds***

Flashback 2020 . . . . Phil Kirk carried us through the Centennial and the initial stages of the pandemic. 2021, LeJohn Poole led us into the virtual space with zoom meetings. 2022, Sandra Birkhead moved us forward with in-person meetings along with a virtual option. Now, in 2023, it is time to REBUILD our club.

Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to improving the world one child and one community at a time. Does the community know this?

**How will you get involved? 17 Interested Kiwanians met last week to brainstorm ways to REBUILD.**

**How can you help?** This year, we need to:

1. Focus on membership. We need to engage our members that we have not seen or heard from in a while. Would you like to join in and call your missing friends?
2. Ask people to join us for lunch. Can you invite 2 prospective members to join us for lunch? Remember kids need Kiwanis and Kiwanis needs you to be able to better support the children in our community.
3. Reach out to our guests after their visit? Invite them for a second lunch or to a service opportunity.
4. Provide more service opportunities. We are developing additional opportunities to volunteer at POE Elementary in a Partner Read Program and K-Kids Club -See these opportunities on page 1.
5. Create social meetings for those who want to get together after work before going home.

The Raleigh Kiwanis Club is the premier civic organization in Raleigh/Wake and surrounding counties that has the greatest impact on helping children. How will you help spread the word?

If you want to get involved to help improve the world, one child and one community at a time, email [Stacy.Askew@outlook.com](mailto:Stacy.Askew@outlook.com) and we will get you connected to a committee.

***Together, We Can Rebuild.***

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### ***OPPORTUNITY TO DINE FABULOUSLY!***

Open to any member of the Raleigh Kiwanis Club. A \$250 gift certificate to the Angus Barn will go to the Kiwanian who brings in the most new members. You have until December 31st to WIN!

Contact Courtney Allen at [secraleighkiwanis@gmail.com](mailto:secraleighkiwanis@gmail.com) for information on joining our club.

## ***Supporting Teachers at Poe Elementary***

Our Club hosted lunch for the teachers at Poe Elementary on August 24<sup>th</sup> as they prepared for the start of the school year. Our Adopt-A-School partnership continues to expand with a Partners Read program that begins this fall.

If you're interested in volunteering to read with a child for 30 - 45 minutes on Friday mornings, please contact Bob Goodale at [rgoodale@gmail.com](mailto:rgoodale@gmail.com).

Chris White is working with Principal Christy Story to establish our first K-Kids program at Poe as well.



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### ***Please Promote our New Corporate Memberships!***

Great for those looking to build personal leadership skills, to network and make friends with like-minded people while serving children locally and throughout the world.

A corporate membership can be paid either by the company or the individual representative. The company benefits from being named a corporate sponsor of Kiwanis, while the individual representative enjoys the benefits of being part of the club. When appropriate, another member of your organization can attend events or meetings in that person's place, and if the corporate member leaves the company, a new representative can be chosen without incurring new member fees.

Want more information about the benefits of corporate membership? Contact your favorite Kiwanian, or Courtney Allen at [secraleighkiwanis@gmail.com](mailto:secraleighkiwanis@gmail.com)



# A Stronger Foundation of Funding.

A club-wide initiative to increase donations to the level of our strategic intent.

As we spring back from our COVID-caused slow down and eagerly look to the future, there are many interrelated issues we will need to consider. None more important than revenue. We need to ensure a reliable revenue source to be able to tackle more community service projects. As the community grows and great needs evolve, Kiwanis will need to increase our outreach. That is the purpose of this newsletter note, to solicit your help in securing more sponsors and sponsorship donations.

As I mentioned in last month's newsletter, money is the lifeblood of our club's community service projects. New sponsors are the source of funding for that growing demand. We ask you help us in our effort to expand and strengthen our fundraising effort in two ways:

1. **Supply Contact Information:** Will you commit to providing contact information for companies—potential sponsors—in which you are familiar? Will you provide names of companies, and hopefully specific contact information, that are owned, led, or managed by your friends, relatives, industry and business colleagues, members of other associations in which you are engaged (professional, trade, or social)?
2. **Individually Act:** As a general member of the club, will you commit to introducing our sponsorship opportunities (monetary or in-kind donation) to those companies in which you have routine interaction (Carrying with you a couple of our new trifold sponsor flyers with you. You can pick these up at our Friday meetings or contact Courtney).

If you can help the Kiwanis Club of Raleigh in the effort to revitalize and grow (including if you would like to help contact these new sponsors), please contact **Rick McElroy** (919-522-5448, [RLMcElroyPhD@gmail.com](mailto:RLMcElroyPhD@gmail.com)) for more information on how to help secure additional corporate sponsors!

## ***Pancake Breakfast Raffle Prizes***

The Pancake Breakfast Raffle subcommittee is working to gather prizes for the Raffle and Sealed Bid Auction. Do you know a business that could make a prize available for our raffle or do you have a second home that you would be willing to make available for a weekend getaway for the sealed bid auction?

We appreciate your help. If you would like to discuss a potential prize, contact any raffle subcommittee member: **Lesley Lombard, Hugh Grist, Cricket Harrell** or **Bill Whitley**.



## ***To Our Pancake Breakfast Sponsors!***

Thank you for your past support of our Pancake Breakfast fundraiser. Like many organizations, we have survived Covid-19 and look forward to finding our feet again with this event! You have helped us get here.

Once again, we will feed more than 1,000 people, including more than 100 members of the Boys and Girls Clubs. We know everyone will enjoy being IN PERSON after two years!

We hope members of the 6 local Key Clubs, Aktion Club and Builders Club sponsored by us will be among those who serve as volunteers at the Pancake Breakfast. We also need each of you to sign up as a volunteer!

Please consider being a part of this event this year. We have renamed the Sponsorship levels as described in the Pancake Breakfast brochure. The brochure describes the benefits of each level of sponsorship. An electronic copy of the brochure is attached to the e-mail this newsletter arrived from.

Please don't hesitate to call **Frances Bobbie** at 919-604-3726 if you would like to discuss this year's event. We are excited to return to our roots of fellowship in the service of children in Raleigh.

# A Great Time at the Durham Bulls Game

Around 90 attended the Durham Bulls game on Thursday, August 11th to watch the Bulls play the Jacksonville Jumbo Shrimp. It was a loss for the Bulls but a win for our club! We enjoyed the fellowship with family and friends. A BIG thanks to Tom Lamb and the Highland UMC for taking a group to and from the game on their church bus. The weather, although iffy held out and cooled down for a very enjoyable time. Thank you to Dave Roesler for arranging this for our club. We look forward to next year! Provided below is a note Dave received from a member who attended the game. This note says it all about the event!!!

I attended the Durham Bulls outing sponsored by the Raleigh Kiwanis Club. I drove from Haw River over to Durham, taking my friend, who lives in Greensboro. We parked on the street and walked up to the party deck high above the third baseline. There was a buffet of hot dogs, hamburgers, macaroni and cheese, baked beans with typical adornments. About 90 Kiwanians showed up for this annual event.

The Jacksonville Jumbo Shrimp were the Bulls' opponent for this night's game. It progressed at the easy pace baseball games do with more time to talk between play than action on the field, that's if you can hear anyone talk during the incessant deafening music snippets from the speaker system between pitches. The lead alternated two runs at a time 0-1, 2-1, 2-3, 4-3, and 4-5 by the ninth inning with the Jumbo Shrimp ahead. Most of the Kiwanians had left for Raleigh by then and the home crowd was thinning a bit too, but Anne and I wanted to see it through and stayed in our seats. Little did we know we were about to see the most thrilling finish I have ever seen in a lifetime of watching baseball.

From here I will let Vin Skully make the call.

That's Barbasol, fans, for a smooth shave, and easy on the wallet, too. Alright, here we are in the bottom of the ninth, and the first two batters for the Bulls drove high fly balls deep into the outfield giving the fans a thrill except that the hits were caught for loud outs. So we've got two outs in the bottom of the ninth. The Bulls are sending second baseman Xavier to the plate for their last chance, and he has gone two for four tonight. Here's the pitch, and he hits it hard into the dirt in front of the plate, rebounding in a high arc falling behind the mound. The Jumbo Shrimp shortstop is charging it for a short throw to first, but he has to wait for the ball to come down before he can make the throw. Meanwhile Xavier is tearing up the baseline with his afterburners at full throttle, and he toes the bag just ahead of the throw. Safe, the umpire signals. Man on first. Now it's Abruzzo at bat, and he works the count to 3-2 on the Shimp pitcher who is fresh on the mound at the start of the ninth inning and has delivered at least one pitch at 100 miles per hour. It's full count, and this may be the last pitch of the game folks. Here it is...no swing...and the plate umpire calls it a ball. Abruzzo takes his base and the people in the stands breathe a sigh of relief and begin to make noise. So now the Bulls have the tying run on second and the go ahead run on first with two outs, and the Shrimp infielders are going to have to play their positions deep at the edge of the grass to make sure nothing gets through. The Bulls base runners take generous leads. The Bulls have left-handed hitter Mastrobuono coming to the plate. He's had a good night including a two-run homer. The pitcher steps on the rubber and comes set. The crowd is on its feet. He stretches, and here's the pitch, and Mastrobuono cracks a blazing hard grounder between the first and second basemen into the outfield with the ball skipping along a curve toward the foul line in the right corner. The Jumbo Shrimp right fielder has to run over to get it and gloves it cleanly, snapping into his stance for the throw. Here come the base runners. Xavier is already sprinting around third and Abruzzo is steaming past second, headed for third. The Bulls third base coach is pinwheeling one arm and pointing toward home with the other, hollering Go, Go, Go! The right fielder plants his foot and launches a peg throw on a rope toward home plate. The field is on fire. The fans can't believe their eyes. Everyone in the ballpark suddenly realizes that this could tie the game, even win it if the ball comes loose. This is what baseball is all about. Xavier is barreling down the third base line toward home plate, committed to a headfirst slide. The whole game is in the balance. The outfielder's throw home is a 300-footer, taking precious time to arrive, but it draws the catcher away from the plate a step toward first base in foul territory. The umpire hovers close by, ready to make the call. Xavier slides through a cloud of dust at the same time the catcher sweeps the ball out of the air and in the same motion leaps like a cat across the plate to apply the tag to Xavier's skidding hands six inches before they touch home plate. Out! calls the ump, punching the air with his fist, and, stripping off his mask, turns and trots toward the clubhouse.



# Sharing Memories from the Durham Bulls Gathering

