



# Kiwanis Club of Raleigh

May 2023

Newsletter

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## Programs

Meetings are held at Highland UMC in the Bradley Center. Lunch is served starting at 12 noon. Meeting portion will start around 12:40 p.m. Bring a guest!

**5-May**     **Gerri Broadman**, Junior Achievement

**12-May**     **Nora El-Khoury Spencer**, Women in the Construction Industry (Hope Renovations)

**19-May**     **Carl Hollifield**, NC State University's Dairy and Creamery

**26-May**     **No Meeting**

## Mark Your Calendar!



**May 4: 2023 Foundation Golf Tournament**

**May 5: Kiwanis Club of Raleigh, Annual Meeting**

**May 13:** Volunteer with the **Miracle League** (11am-2pm)

**June 21 - 24:** Kiwanis International Convention (Minneapolis)

**Jun 22: Durham Bulls** Game Family Outing

**June 23: Salvation of Army Soup Kitchen**—need 2/3 volunteers

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## Congratulations to our Kiwanian of the Year!



## April Board Meeting

The April Board meeting was held on Tuesday, April 11 at John Collar's office. The board approved the membership of Hunter Bond and Lucy Grist. The resignation of Patrick Roberson was accepted with regrets. The total club membership stands at 191 (162 active, 27 senior and 2 corporate). Treasurer John Collar reported operating income of \$32,251.70, operating expenses of \$49,197.60, service income of \$26,136.11, service expenses of \$8,203.72, net assets of \$83,004.56 and AR of \$10,691.00.

A request for scholarship applications has been sent to all of our Key Club advisors. The diaper drive brought in \$3,125 which can purchase 7500 diapers servicing about 150 children. Updates were given on Charter Night, the Golf Tournament, the Miracle League volunteer date, Resolutions and Nominations. KI is looking at a significant dues increase for next year. The board will address further once it is approved and we know if the District is raising dues as well. All future board meetings will be held on the second Tuesday of the month at 5:30 p.m. at John Collar's office.



## Hugh Grist

See page 2 for more photos on Charter Night.

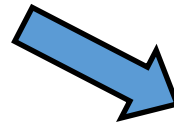
## Charter Night - April 28, 2023

Alice Garland did it again! Thank you Alice for planning such a wonderful celebration.



Click [HERE](#) to read the Kiwanian of the Year speech about Hugh.

## Miracle League Day



**Sat. May 13**

**from 11:00—2:00 p.m.**



Come play baseball with a deserving physically/mentally challenged child. Watch the excitement in their eyes as they get to run around the bases and make a home run! Every play has that opportunity and you get to help them.

This is such a fulfilling and rewarding opportunity and we hope that you will join other members and guests.

Click [HERE](#) to register.

## Gov. Christopher L. White Change the Future Campaign

April 2023 . . . . . not recorded  
 October 2022 – April 2023 . . . . . \$673.53  
 Campaign-to-date . . . . . \$32,686.35

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

**Cash**  
**is fine too!**

Please make your check payable to the:  
**Raleigh Kiwanis Foundation, Inc**

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## A Note from Buck

The Kiwanis Club of Raleigh's tradition for excellent speakers has continued this year. In the past few weeks we have heard from NC State University Chancellor Randy Woodson, Tracey Freeman Hines from Healing Transitions, Nick Petro of the National Weather Service and Dr Liz Rutledge of the NC Wildlife Federation.

During May and June we have scheduled Gerri Broadman of Junior Achievement; Nora El Kouri Spencer, the current "Tar Heel of the Year" speaking on Females in Construction; Carl Hollifield from the Creamery at NC State; Smedes York discussing his new book "Recollections of Raleigh"; NC Insurance Commissioner Mike Causey; Jim Hayes, the CEO of State Employees Credit Union; and Rob Robertson of the NC Forest Service.

This is a diverse group covering topics that should be of interest to all. Don't miss a meeting. Come enjoy a home-cooked meal from the Meadow Restaurant, visit with friends and be part of a group that helps children locally!

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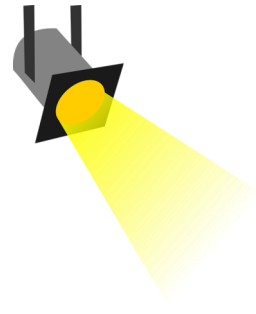
## Raleigh Kiwanis Golf Classic



**Thanks to ALL of our  
sponsors, player and  
volunteers.**

**We look forward to a  
wonderful day!**

**Look for updates on our website:  
[www.raleighkiwanis.org](http://www.raleighkiwanis.org)**



## Foundation Grantee Spotlight



For 26 years the WELL has served the academic needs of teens throughout our community. Thanks to the efforts of many, Wade and Elizabeth Edwards' legacy of service lives on, and their commitment to learning continues to inspire. We could not have done this work without your support.

We wanted you to be the first to know that the program will close at the end of this school year and we will reallocate the resources of the Wade Edwards Foundation. The change is being made to optimize our impact. We are excited about this new chapter and the future opportunities that lie ahead for students and their families!

While attending Broughton High School, Wade was vocal about wanting all students to have access to resources that would enable them to succeed academically. When his life was tragically cut short in 1996, his parents, John and Elizabeth Edwards, together with family members and friends, created the WELL to honor the heart, spirit and vision of a special young man. Elizabeth acted as the original Director, working closely with students to help them reach their full potential.

The WELL's mission has always been to provide physical space and resources to support and motivate students in their academic development. Wade's legacy is embodied in the lives of the more than 10,000 students and families served by the WELL - through academic tutoring, workshops and ACT/SAT testing, student community service, those who pursued a career after being inspired by a speaker or a class at the WELL, and the scores of students guided to post-secondary success through the Elizabeth Edwards Foundation.

Every year for the past 26 years, a small staff and volunteers have made this all possible. Our community is better for the many lives impacted beyond just students served at the WELL. This formidable time in a young person's life still brims with uncertainty, growth and discovery. The WELL, its staff and volunteers have walked alongside so many through it all. What a privilege!

We greatly appreciate the part many of you have played in the WELL's programs and services. We hope you feel pride and satisfaction for supporting a job well done. The Wade Edwards Foundation will continue to support students' academic success by directing resources where they will have the deepest impact.

Lastly, please – **SAVE THE DATE! Tuesday, May 16.** We are hosting a closing celebration in the outside courtyard (facing St. Mary's St.) at Broughton High School, near Wade's memorial. Tentative time is 5–7 p.m. More details will follow, and we hope you can join us.



## May Birthdays

|    |                  |    |               |
|----|------------------|----|---------------|
| 3  | Jimmy King       | 13 | Eric Atkinson |
| 4  | Charlie Wheless  | 13 | Macy Fisher   |
| 6  | Frances Bobbie   | 15 | Frank Manson  |
| 6  | Susanna Robinson | 16 | Bob Brooks    |
| 10 | Jeff Cohen       | 20 | Andrew Leager |
| 12 | Randy Hartley    | 20 | Gwen Vass     |
| 12 | Meredith Little  | 22 | Joe Turchetti |

## Membership Welfare

Wishing **Phil Kirk** a speedy recovery following a broken hip and concussion from a recent fall. Surgery went well and he is recovering and hopes to be in rehab soon. We will notify the club when he is ready to accept visitors.

We extend condolences to **Hall Edwards** and his family in the death of his father.

We also extend condolences to **Robert Cooper** and his family in the death of his brother.

## Member Welfare

## News • Photos

Please send all newsletter items to: Courtney Allen:

[secraleighkiwanis@gmail.com](mailto:secraleighkiwanis@gmail.com)

## Share past meetings with Family and Friends

Catch up on what you missed at the new Raleigh Kiwanis YouTube channel.

Click [HERE](#) to view past meetings.



## **Kiwanis Club of Raleigh**

PO Box 12  
Raleigh NC 27602  
919-749-9675

### **Meetings**

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

### **Newsletter**

Interim Editor: Courtney Allen

## **Club Officers and Directors 2022-2023**

President..... Stacy Askew  
President-Elect..... Buck Lattimore  
Secretary..... Courtney Allen  
Treasurer..... John Collar  
Immediate Past President... Sandra Birckhead

Directors 2020-2023... Randy Hartley  
Leslie Jones  
Stuart Phoenix

Directors 2021-2024... Hugh Grist  
Bill Whitley  
Meredith Little

Directors 2019-2022... Robert Cooper  
Hampton Fields  
Travis Wiggs

## **Foundation Officers and Directors 2023**

President..... June Small  
Vice President..... Amy Funderburk  
Secretary..... Gwen Vass  
Treasurer..... Brian Bennett

Directors 2021-2023... Cricket Harrell  
George Ramsay  
June Small

Directors 2022-2024... Amy Funderburk  
Michael Moore  
Chip Winstead

Directors 2023-2025... Phil Kirk  
Rocky Strickland  
Gwen Vass

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## Kiwanian of the Year—Presented April 28, 2023

Past Kiwanians of the Year, please join me at the podium.

Before I begin the story of our new Kiwanian of the Year, let me tell you the story of the Selection Committee which is composed of the most recent 6 winners. The business section of the meeting lasted less than 5 minutes which must be a record. A member nominated our winner and immediately there was consensus on the recommendation. That speaks volumes to this new Kiwanian of the Year.

The adjectives most frequently used to describe this individual are joy, kindness, empathy, driven, hard worker, trustworthy, fun, positive, and happy. Wow! They have been described as having an impish sense of humor and a wonderful smile.

This member has a gift of hospitality. They make you feel welcome and important in any situation with their engaging personality and are truly interested in any conversation.

This member grew up in Central NC. They have maintained the friendships they made in school and work. They went to NC State University.

As a child, this member was a natural at playing the piano. Family could not take their eyes off this member. Their playing was mesmerizing.

A childhood friend talked about the home videos they made with this member. The member was the director, producer, and cameraman. They have continued their love of movies, especially horror movies and can quote lines from their favorite movies. This carries over into a love for Halloween and apparently wearing very creative costumes to Halloween parties.

This member was a wrestler in high school. A friend described them as a hard nosed wrestler who didn't have the skill level as others in their weight class but they made up for it with heart, fight, and a great attitude. They helped the team make it to the state finals.

Another friend referenced the member's red Volkswagen Beetle that when they opened the glove compartment, there was no bottom, meaning they could see pavement below. In middle school, this member and this friend learned the Phonetician alphabet in order to communicate in code.

This member loves to travel. Recent travels include Paris, Seattle, and San Francisco. They also love the outdoors, especially the Smokey Mountains. They like camping, hiking, 4-wheeling, sledding, biking, skating, all things with wheels.

This member loves all things BMW and is very active in the Triangle Chapter of the NC BMW club. They moved up through the ranks and have earned a high rank on the Virginia International Raceway spending years developing their skills to drive on this road course. They regularly attend and mentor at tracks across the Southeast. They have introduced countless people to motorsports, helped them advance along the way, and helped the motorsports organizations with which they are involved thrive and grow. They are a fan of Formula One racing and have been to Texas to see the US Grand Prix.

This member is very creative as evidenced by the Star Trek Enterprise. They also make special meaning birthday cakes for family members. This creativity started in childhood. The member would push their play grocery cart through the yard over the grass pretending to mow. They pushed around in circles and up and down rows, smiling at their Nanny with every cycle. This member asked for permission to decorate the family Christmas tree. A family member said that you would not have known that it wasn't done by a professional.

This member's career has been varied, beginning with working as a movie theatre usher, then SECU, BBT, insurance, and now real estate. This member once said they would never be a realtor. Never say never. An example of their kindness is that as a realtor, they will go so far as to paint the client's porch.

Co-workers from their working career all talk about how much fun this member makes working together. A fellow worker said this member is very good at working out solutions to conflicts in personal and professional life. The member does this by putting themselves in the shoes of the other people involved. This worker said that they feel as though they connect honestly and openly.

One co-worker described this member as truly enjoying helping people. They went on to say that this member made coming to work fun and that they make the world better by being in it. Apparently they could be given any task and would dive in with a smile to complete the work.

Another co-worker said that this member is a strong leader with impeccable ethical standards in how they treat their customers but also how they treat referral partners as well. This member subscribes to the work hard/play hard code and it is fun to see them let down their hair.

In 2019 this member was part of a team to win the prestigious Sir Walter Raleigh award for their leadership on a real estate project.

Among this member's many talents is making the best homemade cookies—and eating them as well.

Within the Kiwanis Club, this member is dependable and always follows through with commitments. They are gregarious, committed to supporting the children in Wake County, and a solid board member. For multiple years, this member led the Urban Ministries food drive. They have recently stepped up to develop the state of the art technology plan for our meetings, something us old fogies really appreciate. They also brought their mother to the club as a member.

This member has a cat that they taught to use the toilet, but not to flush, and a dog. They are the oldest of three children, a sister and a brother.

If you have not figured this out by now, our Kiwanian of the Year is Hugh Grist, someone very deserving of this honor. Hugh is joined by his mother Lucy, father Sam, brother Sam'l and his girlfriend Sammie who believe they are here to be recruited as club members, and his partner Aaron. His sister Lydia, is traveling and