



# Kiwaniis Club of Raleigh

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Newsletter

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## Programs

Kiwaniis meetings are 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** each Friday morning with the details.

**July 1: No Meeting – Happy 4<sup>th</sup>!!**

**July 8: Oakwood Cemetery** – Bruce Miller, author Raleigh's Oakwood Cemetery

**July 15: News from the NC Secretary of State** – Elaine Marshall

**July 22: Book Update** – KC Ramsey

**July 29: Triangle Community Coalition** – Jacob Rogers, CEO

## Mark Your Calendar



**The Month of July: Food Drive**

**Thursday, August 11: Durham Bulls Kiwanis Night** – details page 2

**Saturday, October 22: Pancake Breakfast** – details pages 1 and 4

## Gov. Christopher L White Change the Future

June 2022 .....	\$23.18
Club YTD 10/1/21-06/30/22) .....	\$.1,538.70
Campaign Total .....	\$.31,519.61

## Support our Food Drive for Urban Ministries

On May 31<sup>st</sup>, WRAL reporter, Aaron Thomas, shared that NC food banks are reporting an increase in families needing help. Thomas attributed this increase to a variety of factors, including inflation stretching family budgets due to increasing costs for groceries, increasing gas prices and the absence of kids from school where many access free and reliable meals.

Furthermore, agencies like food pantries and food banks are suffering from a summer phenomenon of food donations slowing down, making it difficult to stay fully stocked. Urban Ministries of Wake County's (UMWC) dedicated staff and volunteers work tirelessly each day to ensure their clients have the nutrition they need to sustain through this time of uncertainty.

We are thrilled to kick off our food drive this month and to let you know that the 4 Others Foundation has challenged UMCW to raise \$25,000 by July 31, 2022. If they meet that challenge, the foundation will match the funds to support the food pantry.

Monies raised through our Food Drive will count towards this match! For more details on the food drive, turn to page 6!

## Board Meeting June 9, 2022



The June board meeting was held via Zoom on Thursday, June 9, 2022. New members **Scott Pias** and **First Citizens Bank (Kevin Teegarden)** were approved unanimously. The death of **Hal Miller** was recorded and the request by **Ken Kirby** to move from Active to Senior status was approved.

Our current membership is 194 (163 active and 31 senior).

For the fiscal year through May 31, 2022, Treasurer John Collar reported operating income of \$52,947.72, operating expenses of \$65,263.89, service income of \$21,600, service expenses of \$3,861.27, net assets of \$96,843.05, and accounts receivable of \$11,887.00.

The Past President's Lunch will be held on September 15th at the Carolina Country Club.

The Pancake committee needs volunteers and sponsors.

The board voted to spend the excess funds from the Dictionary Project (after dictionaries are purchased) to fund the immediate needs of children/youth in the Wake County Foster Care System. The Community Outreach Services Team (COST) will receive \$4,000 from our club for emergency care needs for these children currently housed in county office buildings. We will also be providing some funding to our adopted school, Poe Elementary for a cultural arts program.

The technology team reported on the need to update equipment and find volunteers to operate ZOOM each Friday.

July will mark our Food Drive for Urban Ministries.

## Work on the Pancake Breakfast is Underway!!

An important way we raise money during our annual Pancake Breakfast is through a Raffle and Sealed Bid Auction. All of our members can support this effort by helping secure prizes for the event this year.

If you own, work for, or frequent a business that would be a candidate to donate a raffle prize, please ask them to do so. If you have a second home that you would be willing to make available for a weekend for the sealed bid auction, please do so. These have generated a lot of interest and bids in the past. More prizes = more raffle tickets sold. Thank you!

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

For more info on the importance of our Pancake Breakfast, check out the article on page 4.



## Urgent Update from Learning Together

On Sunday, June 26 at around 11:00 am, there was a gas leak in the Crosby-Garfield Building resulting in an explosion and fire that has made the building unsafe. As a result, Learning Together has temporarily closed through at least July 8. We are grateful that no one was present in the building, and no one was harmed. The health and safety of our children and staff are always our utmost priority.

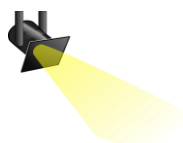


This significantly impacts our community, and especially our families and staff. Learning Together leadership is doing everything possible to address the situation, continue services to our families, and create a plan for teachers and staff. We are now and will continue to be in conversations with Wake County and City of Raleigh officials, Childcare Licensing Consultants, and area community organizations in hopes of reopening soon in an alternative space.

We appreciate your support of Learning Together and wanted to reach out and let you know that we have a plan in place to be open for the start of the '22-'23 school year, although most likely at a reduced capacity.

As we navigate through this new experience, we appreciate your patience and support. If you have resources that may be helpful (volunteers, office space, item donations, etc.), please let me know. We will communicate updates regularly, and of course, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mary Kay Kennedy at the email below.

[marykay@learningtogether.org](mailto:marykay@learningtogether.org)



## New Member Spotlight

Welcome to highly seasoned new Kiwanis member, **Lesley Lombard**. Lesley grew up in Cincinnati, Ohio but moved to Richmond, VA when in high school. She is a graduate of Virginia Tech, where she studied to be a structural engineer and recently moved to Raleigh, with her fiancée, Michael Stanley, to work with Morrison Engineers. In high school, Lesley was an active member of her Key Club, where she rose to the rank of Lt. Governor. At Virginia Tech, she served as Vice President of their Circle K Club throughout her college career.

Lesley is an accomplished musician who sings, plays the guitar and the keyboard, has a band called Amira and produces her own music. She sang the National Anthem for the Richmond Squirrels minor league baseball team and has performed on the Jimmy Kimmel stage.

Lesley and her fiancée, Michael are getting married in September at Lake Gaston and are expecting a daughter in December. Lesley's sponsor is Stacy Askew.

We are excited to welcome **Scott Pias** to our club. Scott grew up in Central Louisiana, the second of nine children. As a young man, he served in Vietnam. Following his service, he returned to Louisiana, attended law school and practiced law in southwest Louisiana from 1973 to 2019.



Scott and his wife, Kathleen moved to Raleigh in March 2021 and have three children, a 50-year-old son, Lannon, with Down Syndrome and a daughter, Stacey, both who live at home. Their daughter, Erin and her husband, brought them to Raleigh and have three children. Scott learned about Kiwanis through their son, Lannon's involvement with Aktion Club and decided he would like to get involved with Kiwanis himself.

Scott has his pilot's license, has owned a Cessna 150 and built his own, Van's RV 8A. In his spare time, Scott enjoys woodworking, which he finds to be good therapy. His wife says he "collects wood and tools and doesn't do much else".

Scott's sponsor is Robert Cooper.

Please take time to welcome new Kiwanis member, **Grady Jackson**. Grady was born and raised in Roanoke Rapids, NC, moved to Raleigh in 1982 to attend NC State University and decided to stay and make Raleigh his home. He currently works with First Horizon Bank in commercial real estate.



Before joining Kiwanis, Grady was a long-time member of the downtown Rotary Club. A change in job location made it difficult to get to their downtown meetings and his long-term friendship with Eric Atkinson brought him to our club.

Grady and his wife, Rebekah, have two children. Their son, Henry, is a rising senior at the University of Pittsburgh. Henry is minoring in German and is currently living in Germany taking classes at the University of Heidelberg. Their daughter, Harriet, is a student at the University of California, Santa Barbara. Whenever they can, Grady and Rebekah enjoy spending time at their family vacation home in Oriental.

Eric Atkinson is Grady's sponsor.

## **Stepping out of our comfort zone! The Raleigh Kiwanis 2022 Pancake Breakfast**

The Kiwanis Club of Raleigh has a vibrant vision. It has a muscular mission. We strive to be influential partners with the community dedicated to improving Raleigh! Kiwanis members have big hearts.

The Raleigh community has great needs that are growing every day. But we must ask ourselves, are all in balance? Do our vision, mission, hearts, and needs all align? Club revenue generation must match our hearts desire to help the community. We need to focus on near-term means to increase revenue, principally with our upcoming October 22<sup>nd</sup> historic Pancake Breakfast annual fundraising event to ensure we can be effective throughout 2023!

### **Our vision is commendable:**

*“Kiwanis will be a positive influence in communities worldwide — so that one day, all children will wake up in communities that believe in them, nurture them and provide the support they need to thrive.” – Kiwanis Vision*

As we know from business classes taken so long ago, this is our long-term (three-five year) vision of what we will look like as an organization in the future. It is intended to be lofty, grand if you will, and typically very ambitious. The vision depicts before our eyes inspiring goals meant to emotionally affect us, influence our thinking and, ultimately, our behavior.

### **We have an equally admirable mission:**

*“Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to improving the world one child and one community at a time.” – Kiwanis Mission*

Back to what we learned in our business courses. We know that our mission states our purpose for existing. As I like to tell students, the mission describes “who we are,” “what we do,” “for whom,” “with what benefits.” So, very basically, we are dedicated volunteers. We reach out to the community and help where help is needed.

### **As with many things in life, it takes money!**

We must be fiscally able to reach the community; our revenue must match our strategic intent. It is interesting to note that our vision-statement, looking three-five years into the future, has not changed. It was the same three-five years ago.

However, we recognize that Raleigh is growing at >3.4% per year. Since 2017 the Raleigh area has added 283,000 new residents (>22%).

Our revenue has not grown at this rate. The Kiwanis Club of Raleigh revenue generation since 2015 has been near static, averaging net \$33,800<sup>1</sup> per year (see graph below).

### **Your Call to Action!**

Will you volunteer? Will you focus your dedication on our near-term needs?

We must balance our revenue generation with our vision and our mission (our strategic intent). As you know, our annual fundraising has two principal sources of revenue: sponsors and raffles. We need help strengthening both.

As a member of our Sponsor Development or Raffle Expansion subcommittees, will you volunteer to target and contact a few “high-potential” companies in the Raleigh area?

As a general member of the club, will you commit to introducing our sponsorship (monetary or in-kind donation) opportunities to those companies in which you interact on a routine basis (we are drafting a simple trifold flyer for this!), e.g.,

- Attorneys,
- Car maintenance shops,
- Card shops,
- Coffee shops,
- Department stores,
- Doctors,
- Garden shops and nurseries,
- Hairdressers or barbers,
- Pharmacies,
- Restaurants,
- Sports stores.

If so, if you’re dedicated to volunteering for this effort, for sponsor development, please contact **Rick McElroy** (919-522-5448, [RLMcElroyPhD@gmail.com](mailto:RLMcElroyPhD@gmail.com)).

For raffle expansion, please contact **Bill Whitley** (919-824-1150, [BillHWhitley@gmail.com](mailto:BillHWhitley@gmail.com)).

Thanks, everyone, for your support!





Raleigh Kiwanians -

**Take me out to the ballgame!**

**Durham Bulls Annual Raleigh Kiwanis Night  
Thursday, Aug 11 at the Durham Athletic Park**



**We have reserved our usual party deck with a view,  
food & soda/water for our annual baseball social.**

**Sign-up sheets will be available beginning  
July 8th at our meetings and online.**

**This is a FREE event for Raleigh Kiwanians,  
your immediate family and/or your special guests.**

**Mark your calendar for Thursday, August 11th!**

**Bus service is available from Highland United Methodist Church**

**More info: [Droessler@mindspring.com](mailto:Droessler@mindspring.com) 919-516-3362**



## DONATE BY CHECK

Payable to: *Urban Ministries of Wake Co*  
Mail to: *Hugh Grist*  
3402 Lake Boone Tr  
Raleigh, NC 27607



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KIWANIS CLUB OF RALEIGH

## Fight Summer Hunger Food Drive

There are more than 130,000 who identify as food insecure in Wake county. Make an impact on your neighbor's lives through a donation to Urban Ministries of Wake County's food pantry. Each recipient receives a week's worth of groceries, including a variety of fresh produce, shelf-stable pantry essentials and frozen meats.

**\$30 feeds a family of 4 for a week.**

## DONATE ONLINE

