



Kiwanis Club of Raleigh

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Newsletter

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Programs

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, our weekly meetings are currently being held online. Please join us on Fridays at 12:30 p.m. Contact Secretary **Courtney Allen** for instructions.

January 1 NO MEETING, New Year's holiday

January 8 Abigail Wucherer, cofounder of Arin's Good Girl Dog Treats

January 15 Charles Phaneuf, president of United Arts Council of Raleigh and Wake County, *Impact of the Pandemic on the Arts in Wake County*

January 22 Michael Blackwell, president of Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina

January 29 Jeffrey Childers, MD, Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, *Child Mental Health*

Board Meeting December 10, 2020



The December board meeting was held by video conference.

Bill Watson was approved for membership as a senior member, and the death of **Clyde McDowell** was noted with sadness. Our current membership is 209 (180 active and 29 senior).

For the fiscal year through November 30, Treasurer **John Collar** reported operating income of \$9,300.40, operating expenses of \$24,408.70, service income of \$24,327.40, service expenses of \$336.00, net assets of \$92,209.25, and accounts receivable of \$6,593.50.

The board approved an expense of \$1,000 to provide Christmas gifts for children at Poe Magnet Elementary School.

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Mark Your Calendar

March 5-6 Carolinas District Midyear Conference



Veterans



If you are a military veteran, please contact **Tarver Sammons** at 919-815-6608 or tarverkiwanis@gmail.com with responses to the following questions:

1. In which branch of the military did you serve?
2. What were your dates of service?
3. What was your highest rank?
4. Are you interested in participating in a veterans group within our club?

Thanks

Thanks to **Kevin Benedict** for donating food and helping with a Santa Zoom call for the Boys & Girls Clubs on December 15 since we were unable to host our customary in-person Christmas party this year.

Thanks for your donations to provide Christmas gifts for children at Poe Magnet Elementary School. The total was \$3,100, including \$2,100 from individual members plus \$1,000 from the club service funds. Special thanks to **Dick Heidgerd** and his wife, Linda, who is the school social worker.

Thanks to the generous members and sponsors who made this year's Pancake Breakfast fundraiser a big success. Even though the event could not be held in person due to the pandemic, we still raised \$20,841.76 to fund our club's service projects. Special thanks to committee co-chairs Past President **Helen Ballentine**, Past President **Frances Bobbie**, and **Leslie Jones**.

"An optimist stays up until midnight to see the new year in. A pessimist stays up to make sure the old year leaves." —William E. Vaughan

CHANGE THE FUTURE

December	\$545.00
2020-21 fiscal year	\$996.00
Campaign total.....	\$27,571.91

On your birthday, please consider making a tax-deductible donation to the Foundation in a dollar amount equal to your age. Make your check payable to Raleigh Kiwanis Foundation with *CHANGE THE FUTURE* on the memo line and mail it to PO Box 12, Raleigh NC 27602.

Thanks to Past President **Jimmy King** for chairing the *CHANGE THE FUTURE* committee in 2020 and to **Patrick Yanke** for serving as chair in 2021.

Thank you for your donations!

Board Meeting (cont.)

The cancellation of our in-person meetings was extended through January 31, and our Charter Night banquet, previously scheduled for February, was postponed.

Member News

Congratulations to **April Blackwell** on her new company, Blackwell Mortgage of NC LLC.

Congratulations to **Patrick Buffkin** on his marriage to Rachael Rosenberg on November 20.

Anna Davis, Assistant City Attorney in Durham, was featured on WRAL News recently in a story about enforcing pandemic rules.

Congratulations to **Ashleigh Dunston**, who was elected in December to a third term as treasurer of the Wake County Bar Association and Tenth Judicial District Bar.

Condolences to the family of **Clyde McDowell**, who died on December 3 at age 100. Clyde was a Kiwanian for 34 years. He joined the Golden K Kiwanis Club of Raleigh in 1986, and the club reached its peak membership of 132 while he was president. Clyde joined the Kiwanis Club of Raleigh in 2012.

Well wishes to **Patrick Roberson**, who is recuperating from shoulder surgery.

Raleigh Kiwanis Foundation

The Raleigh Kiwanis Foundation board met on December 14.

Congratulations to the following members who will serve as Foundation officers for 2021:

President.....	Stacy Askew
Vice President.....	John McClain
Secretary.....	June Small
Treasurer.....	Brian Bennett

Grants totaling \$42,650 were awarded to the following 30 organizations:

- Autism Society of North Carolina
- Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Triangle
- Boys & Girls Clubs of Wake County
- Community Music School
- Corral Riding Academy
- Frankie Lemmon School & Development Center
- GiGi's Playhouse Raleigh
- The Green Chair Project
- Haven House Services
- Helene Foundation
- Helping Horse Therapeutic Riding
- Learning Together
- Loaves and Fishes Ministry
- The Marcus Harris Foundation
- Miracle League of the Triangle
- North Carolina Reading Service
- North Carolina Sports Hall of Fame
- North Carolina Symphony
- North Carolina Theatre
- Note in the Pocket
- Prevent Blindness North Carolina
- Raleigh Dream Center
- Raleigh Rescue Mission
- Ship Community Outreach
- StepUp Ministry
- Tammy Lynn Center
- Triangle Family Services
- Urban Ministries of Wake County
- Wake Relief
- Wee Care Children's Enrichment Program

To learn more about these organizations, please visit the Projects page on our website and click on the links.



Happy Birthday January

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| 1 Robert Cooper | 17 Harold Garner |
| 2 Rick McElroy | 19 Dick Heidgerd |
| 4 David Beeler | 19 Jake Plotkin |
| 4 Tommy Manning | 22 Fallon Hanley |
| 7 Bob Phoenix | 24 Anna Davis |
| 9 Allan From | 25 Hal Miller |
| 10 Mike Warren | 26 Nick Fountain |
| 13 L Poole | 27 Dan Walker |
| 14 Frank Jolly | |

New Member



We are pleased to welcome Past President **William F. "Bill" Watson** back to our club.

Bill was born and raised in Durham. He earned a BA, an MA, and a PhD at North Carolina State University and served in the United States Army Reserves as a commissioned officer. In 1977, he began a career in the regulated utility industry. He retired in 2018 and continues to work as a consultant and adjunct faculty member at Virginia Commonwealth University.

Bill originally joined the Kiwanis Club of Raleigh in 1994 and served as Foundation president and Club president (2006-2007). In 2010, Bill moved to Virginia where he became an active member of the Kiwanis Club of Richmond. He has served three terms as Capital District Division 11 Lieutenant Governor and currently serves as the Capital District Trustee for the Heart of Virginia region.

Bill was recognized as a Legion of Honor Kiwanian in 2019. He has received George F. Hixson, Carl B. Hyatt, and Walter Zeller Fellowship Awards as well as a Kiwanis International Centennial Award.

Bill and his wife, Laura Cooper, live in Henrico, Virginia. He has a son and a granddaughter. They enjoy sailing and scuba diving.

Bill was sponsored by **Alice Garland**, who was also his sponsor when he originally joined in 1994.



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Meetings

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

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Club Officers and Directors 2020-2021

President.....	L Poole
President-Elect	Sandra Birckhead
Secretary	Courtney Allen
Treasurer	John Collar
Immediate Past President....	Phil Kirk
Directors 2018-2021	Alice Garland Rocky Strickland Kevin Theobald
Directors 2019-2022	Frank Manson Robert Ruiz Andy Wood
Directors 2020-2023	Randy Hartley Leslie Jones Stuart Phoenix

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President.....	Stacy Askew
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Directors 2019-2021	Stacy Askew Bill Pappas Bill Whitley
Directors 2020-2022	John McClain Winston Page Harry Walker III
Directors 2021-2023	Cricket Harrell George Ramsay June Small

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