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Club News

Monday, January 27, 2025

Today - Off-Site Meeting at NC State

We will be meeting today at The Terrace Resturaunt at Lonnie Poole Golf Course (1509 Main Campus Drive , Centennial Campus at NCSU, Raleigh, NC 27606) at our regular time of 12:15pm - 1:30pm. Our speaker will be Raleigh Rotarian and NCSU Chancellor Dr. Randy Woodson. Don't miss what will be a fantastic meeting!

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2024 Salvation Army Bell Ringing Report

On behalf of the Salvation Army, the Rotary Club of Raleigh Board of Directors and Project Chairman Kevin Sommers, and most importantly the children that were helped during this past Christmas season thanks so much to all the members of this great club that helped make this project a success by selflessly donating money, time and support to this project. This project was successful thanks to all of you and your commitment to "Service Above Self". For 2024, we accomplished a number goals related to participation and support including:

- Rotarians rang the bell for 22 days from November 29 to December 24, which included Black Friday and the Saturday following Thanksgiving
- 98% of the 179 hours that we scheduled to ring the bell were staffed by at least one Rotarian (we only missed 3 hours); this was a record for our club
- Rotarians worked 337 out of 372 available shifts (91%), this is up from 88% last year
- 65 different Rotarians worked at least one shift (same number as 2023)
- 20 family members assisted as well as one former Rotarian
- 35 Rotary members worked six or more shifts; and
- 7 Rotary members worked 10 or more shifts

A few fun facts from 2024 include:

- We resumed bell ringing on Black Friday and it was one of the best days for fundraising
- Shifts where dogs were accompanying ringers seem to increase donations (not encouraging dogs since Walmart may not approve)
- Three Salvation Army board members helped with the project

- The “best dressed” bellringer goes to Braxton Wilson (inflatable elf on a polar bear)
- Santa Claus and one elf made several unexpected visits to help ring the bell
- The youngest bellringer was six years old (Mark Hackett’s granddaughter)

In 2024, we would like to recognize the following six members for their accomplishments in working more than 10 shifts ringing the bell: Richard Averitte, David Coats, Shakema McClean, Bill Rohrer, Paddy Rooney, Sevealyn Smith, and Kevin Sommers.

We would like to also recognize the following members for their accomplishments in working six to nine shifts ringing the bell: David Ammons, Bob Bilbro, John Cates, Peter Cecconi, Mike Condrey, Paul Corsa, Jim Dorsett, Rick Elmore, Peter Gourri, Duncan Jennings, Tommy Kelaher, Mark Livingston, Maddie Marshall, Bill McLaurin, Randy Mounce, Tom Packer, Corey Phuse, Sarah Reeves, Terry Reeves, Cindy Poole Roberts, Terry Snow, Scott Stroud, Cathy Stuart, Harryson Turner, Charles Upshaw, Kirk Warner, Reagan Weaver and Braxton Wilson.

We would also like to recognize the following Rotarians for their accomplishments in helping with this project that each worked at least one shift: Charles Bailey, Mark Blake, Chase Breeden, Michael Brennan, Richard Brown, Aimee Carter, Jean-Luke Dubas, David Forrest, Brandi Gerew, Mark Hackett, Debbie Hilderbrand, Tom Holder, Robin Hudson, Richard Johnson, Charles King, Eric Larsen, Lyn Maness, Frank McNally, Linda Monaghan, Weston Moore, Mary Moss, Leslie Oliver, Georgette Pokou, Surry Roberts, Diamonte Sanders, Christine Shaw, Elsa Silverman, Eric Stevens, Michele Stewart, Caroline Suffern, Nathan Thomas, Tiff Von Reiche, and Martin Warf.

Special recognition this year to Surry Roberts and former Rotarian Mike Hoyt, who have been ringing the bell together for more than 50 years as part of this annual Rotary Club of Raleigh Bell Ringing project.

Recognition to the team that raised the most in a single day, over \$1,805 in cash and checks on Tuesday, December 24 th (Christmas Eve Family Ringers at both entrance doors). Ringers included Dave Ammons, the Mark Hackett family, Duncan Jennings, the Kevin Sommers family, the Cathy Stuart family, and the Braxton Wilson family.

Recognition to the team that raised the most in a single (Single Door) day, over \$631 in cash on Friday, December 20 th : Ringers included Aimee Carter, Rick Elmore, Maddie Marshall, Shakema McClean, Leslie Oliver, Tom Packer, Sarah Reeves, Terry Reeves, Paddy Rooney, Harryson Turner, Martin Warf, and Braxton Wilson.

The total for the Raleigh Rotary Club's Bell Ringing season for 2024 was \$18,156, compared to \$23,899 in 2023, \$16,968 in 2022, and \$15,621 in 2021. We lost the Rotary Club Challenge by \$823 and came in second place to the Cary Rotary Club, which raised \$18,979. Of note, our check donations were \$10,075 compared to Cary Rotary at \$11,750 (we raised more in the kettles in cash than Cary but not in individual member check donations. One member in Cary gave a \$10,000 donation check.

Rotary Clubs 2024

Cary Rotary Club \$18,978.92

Rotary Club of Raleigh \$18,155.87

Cary McGregor Rotary Club \$3,772.87

Cary Page Rotary \$2,156.87

Cary Central Rotary \$2,156.87

Cary-Kildaire Rotary Club \$893.86

ALL Rotary Clubs

\$46,115.2

MLK Meal Packing Event

Thank you to Kevin Sommers, Shakema McClean, and Jim Graham who assisted in packing over 35,000 meals last Monday 01/20! These meals will be distributed by the Interfaith Food shelter. See the picture below of Kevin and Jim at the event.



Calling All Rotarians! It's Gala Time!

If you haven't already, purchase your tickets and sponsorship for our 110th Anniversary Gala at Dix Park on Saturday, March 8th from 6PM - 10PM! Proceeds will go to benefit our club, the club's Foundation, and Dix Park. We need 100% involvement from club members. Please invite friends, family and coworkers to what will be an evening celebrating the work our club has done over the past 110 years and looking forward to the next 110 years! Today is the day. Get those tickets! [Gala Website](#)



Join us for
**The Rotary Club of Raleigh's
110th Anniversary Gala
Celebrating
The Magic of Rotary!**

**When: Saturday March 8, 2025
6-10PM**

**Where: Greg Poole, JR.
All Faiths Chapel-Dix Park**

**The Magic of Dix Park!
"The Trolls are Coming!"**

Rotary Club of Raleigh's Impact

As we gear up for our Gala, we're going to take a look at some projects that the Rotary Club of Raleigh supports and has supported. This week, we'll take a look at a Global Project that we partner with the Atlanta Rotary Club to support efforts to decrease the incidents of birth defects in Ethiopia.

Partnering with Rotary Club of North Atlanta with a grant of \$2,000 to support the second year of a five-year global grant to reduce serious birth defects in Ethiopia including Spina Bifida.

The chief cause of these defects is a dietary lack of inexpensive folic acid (also called vitamin B9). Providing women with supplemental folic acid pills before they become pregnant should greatly reduce their chances of having another baby with a serious birth defect. Shown are our Ethiopian partners with the delivered shipment that are being distributed to patients now.



Next Week's Speaker - Marjorie Hodges of the Dix Park Conservancy

Don't miss our 02/03/2025 meeting where our speaker will be Marjorie Hodges of the Dix Park Conservancy.



RCOR 7-Day Forecast

After today, this week will be mostly dry and seasonably warm. There's a slight chance of showers this morning with mostly cloudy skies. Highs

today will be in the upper 40s. Overnight lows tonight will drop to around freezing, which looks to be the last night of below freezing temperatures for the next 7 days. Mostly sunny skies will be with us through Thursday with high temperatures climbing into the mid 60s on Wednesday. A system bringing showers and cooler temps will move into the region Friday through Saturday bringing with it showers and daytime temperatures in the mid 50s.

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Support the Rotary Club of Raleigh Foundation

Make your donation today to support our local service giving.

Committee List 2025-26