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Club News

Monday, February 3, 2025

Today's Speaker - Marjorie Hodges of the Dix Park Conservancy

Don't miss this week's meeting where our speaker will be Marjorie Hodges of the Dix Park Conservancy. The Trolls are coming and don't miss this meeting to hear more about Dix Park in our ramp up to our club's 110th Birthday Gala.

Events

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Birthdays

Mary McGranahan
Moss
February 8th

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January Service Social Report

There was a great group of Raleigh Rotarians at last Wednesday evening's (01/29/25) Service Social at Pinnacle Financial. A big thank you to Pinnacle Financial for hosting us and to the Rotarians that made this event happen! Snacks for kids were collected and will be distributed to schools across Wake County.



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

34 Days Until Our Gala - The Time is NOW!



Have you bought your tickets and sponsorship for our club's 110th Anniversary Gala on 03/08/2025? If not, do so now before it's too late! Please share this amazing event with your friends and coworkers. Thank you to all those who have sponsored, donated, and bought tickets for the gala. Below is a note from Club Fundraising Chair, John Cates, about this event:

With **34 days until our 110th anniversary gala**, we need **all hands on deck** to ensure this event is a success. Here's where we need your support:

- Securing additional sponsors
- Collecting auction item donations
- Selling tickets

Invitations go out on Monday, and RSVPs are due **by February 21**—just 28 days from today. If you haven't yet committed, now is the perfect time! Your leadership and participation will inspire others to rally behind this important fundraiser.

Key Gala Highlights to Share:

1. Collaborating with local nonprofits, including Dix Park Conservancy,

for this meaningful celebration.

2. Catering by Rocky Top Catering.
3. Live music and dancing to bring the evening to life.
4. A program celebrating ***The Magic of Rotary***, featuring special recognitions and guests.
5. All proceeds will support The Rotary Club of Raleigh, its foundation, and the Dix Park Conservancy.

Plus, we're planning some **special surprises** to make the evening unforgettable!

Let's make this milestone celebration truly magical. Thank you for your dedication and enthusiasm—I can't wait to see what we accomplish together![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!"

Next Week's Speaker - Tony Rice, NASA and Deep Space Net

Don't miss the 02/10/2025 meeting where our speaker will be NASA Ambassador Tony Rice. Tony will speak to us about all things space related and Raleigh ties to NASA and current space tech.



RCOR 7-Day Forecast

We will continue to leave the memories of below freezing winter weather behind this week with temperatures climbing into the mid 60's to mid 70's each day. The warmest day looks to be Thursday with high temps hovering around 75F. Overnight lows will struggle to drop below 40F. Mostly cloudy skies from Sunday will result in some areas of dense fog for this morning's commute. After the fog burns off, skies will become mostly sunny. Through Wednesday, skies will remain mostly clear to partly cloudy. An upper level disturbance will cross the region on Thursday, bringing with it a chance of showers from Wednesday night through Thursday night. Friday will be another warm day with temperatures in the upper 60s. Temperatures moderate to more seasonable levels going into the weekend with a Saturday high around 55F.

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Make your donation today to support our local service giving.