



# Kiwanis Club of Raleigh

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## Programs

Kiwanis meetings are now being 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** with the details. **Masks are required when not eating.**

**January 7: Coaching and Baseball Today**, Mack Jenkins, Former Cincinnati Red's Pitching Coach

**January 14: Foundation Grant Awards**, John McClain, Raleigh Kiwanis Foundation President

**January 21: Leading WakeMed Health and Hospitals in Raleigh and Wake Counties**, Don Gintzig, Wake Med.

**January 28: Bipartisan Action for North Carolina**, Congresswoman Deborah Ross

## Charter Night Update

The Board, in consultation with the Charter Night Committee, has decided to postpone Charter Night from February to a date in the Spring to be determined. The Board will decide on a new date at the January meeting.

## Gov. Christopher L White Change the Future

Nov. 2021 . . . . .	\$232.00
2021-22 fiscal year . . . . .	\$1,122.88
Campaign Total . . . . .	\$31,103.79

## Aktion Club Needs Volunteers!!

Please contact **Robert Ruiz** (919) 270-3625 for more information.



## Happy January Birthdays!!

1 Robert Cooper	19 Dick Heidgerd
2 Rick McElroy	19 Jake Plotkin
4 David Beeler	22 Fallon Hanley
4 Tommy Manning	24 Anna Davis
7 Bob Phoenix	25 Hall Miller
9 Allan From	26 Nick Fountain
10 Mike Warren	27 Dan Walker
13 L Poole	31 Sanford Bailey
17 Harold Garner	

Don't forget your contribution to **Change the Future**.  
Please make your check payable to the  
**Raleigh Kiwanis Foundation, Inc.**

## Board Meeting December 9, 2021



The December board meeting was held via Zoom on Thursday, December 9, 2021. **Tanner Crawford**, sponsored by **Lee Parker** was approved for membership. The resignation of **Lisa Parker** was accepted with regret. The board sadly recognized the deaths of **Bill Garret** and **Kirk Kirby**.

Our current membership is 199 (170 active and 29 senior).

For the fiscal year through November 30, 2021, Treasurer **John Collar** reported operating income of \$13,769.55, operating expenses of \$32,516.16, service income of \$21,150, service expenses of \$7.96, net assets of \$93,815.92, and accounts receivable of \$12,084.50.

The new website was discussed with suggestions to educate the members on accessing the PortalBuzz Member Login area. The Long-Range Financial Committee will prepare a survey for the membership after the first of the year. Due to the significantly increased cost of catering, the board approved to increase the Senior Meals and Guest Meals from \$10 to \$15 per meal. The Dictionary Project was discussed. The Christmas Project to provide Christmas gifts to the students of Poe Elementary was discussed. Members are making individual donations and the club budgeted \$1,300 for this project. Our club adopted Poe Elementary School last year to help with service and support.

## Member Welfare

Condolences to the family of **John Edward Beaman, Jr.**, who passed away on Dec. 9, 2021. A visitation was held on Dec. 16, 2021 followed by a Service of Witness to the Resurrection at White Memorial Presbyterian Church on Friday, Dec. 17, 2021.

## Check out the New Kiwaniis of Raleigh Website

Go to the link below to check out our new Kiwanis Club of Raleigh website at:

<https://raleighkiwanis.org/>

You can access the member directory and other key information by clicking on the Member Login link at the bottom of the page. You will likely need to register with your email address as your username and create a password. Previous member login and password from the old website will not work. Contact Courtney if you need help logging in.

## New Member Spotlight



Cynthia Ball is a native North Carolinian who grew up with 3 sisters in Franklinton, NC. She attended UNC-Greensboro on a full academic scholarship, continuing her education with an MBA from VCU and doctoral coursework in Organizational and Human Resources Development at NC State. In her early career, Cynthia worked in development with Peace University and NC State.



Making a career change, Cynthia became certified as a mediator and group facilitator, and she continues to conduct mediations for the NC Industrial Commission and the Superior Courts.

She currently serves the people of House District 49 as a member of the NC House of Representatives. As a member of the House, she tries to work with other members to find common ground and establish public policies that help all people of NC.

Cynthia is very proud of her husband, Dr. David Aspnes, who serves as Distinguished University Professor of Physics at NC State. He is a member of the Nat'l Academy of Sciences and the Nat'l Academy of Inventors. They have 3 children and 6 grandchildren who unfortunately live too far away to see them as often as they would like (one as far away as Germany).

Among their charitable activities, they are advocates for animal rescue and adoption, with many rescues and adoptions ending up in their home over the years.

She is pleased to be a part of Kiwanis Raleigh and to work with other members to be of service to children in our community. Cynthia's sponsor is John Alexander.

L. Tanner Crawford is our newest Kiwanian, approved for membership at the December 9th Board Meeting. Tanner became interested in Raleigh Kiwanis when his colleague and sponsor, Lee Parker served as President and decided that now was a good time to get involved. Tanner works with Lee, and others, as a Portfolio Manager and Investment Analyst at Triangle Wealth Management.



Tanner is a native of the Triangle region having grown up in Durham, where he graduated from Jordan High School. He then moved on to graduate from UNC Chapel Hill and now lives in Raleigh. He and his wife, Meredith, lead a very busy life with 3 boys all enrolled at St. David's. They are also active members of Christ Church.

Tanner is an avid outdoorsman with a love of hunting, fishing and snow skiing! He is also a huge fan of his alma mater, UNC-Chapel Hill.

As a father of 3 boys, Tanner is excited about the opportunity being a Kiwanian will provide him to make a contribution through service to children and our community as whole. Lee Parker is Tanner's sponsor.



Ron Margo was born in Montreal, studied to be an Engineer and ended up in Sales and Marketing of manufacturing machinery. He and his wife, Brenda, an American, met and married in Canada and eventually settled in Green Bay, Wisconsin. Ron retired from his Sales and Marketing work and became a financial advisor in 2004, with Edward Jones and then Northwestern Mutual Financial Services. He then retired again in 2010.

Ron and Brenda moved to Raleigh in 2011 for, dah, the weather! He is happily retired with 4 kids and 7 grandkids.

Ron was very active with the Green Bay Kiwanis Club from 2003 to 2011, serving in many leadership roles, including the role of President. Ron is an active volunteer mentoring entrepreneurs via SCORE and is joining Kiwanis Raleigh to help children in need. Ron's sponsor is Chris White.



Kathy Morris grew up in Hendersonville, NC. She graduated from NC State with a degree in Business and Accounting settling in Raleigh after graduation. She later earned her MBA from Duke. She retired from a successful, 42-year career with Gregory Poole Equipment Company in March of 2021, where she served as CFO for 25 years, retiring as CFO and EVP.

Kathy has 3 children and 5 grandchildren and loves traveling, particularly with 2 of her grandchildren. They have accompanied her on trips to Africa, the Galapagos, a catamaran cruise around the Greek Isles, NYC and St. Martin.

She is a long-time golfer and, in retirement, in addition to traveling, enjoys playing pickle ball, walking for exercise and reading! Kathy's sponsor is Gwen Vass,

## Aktion Club Rings the Bell for the Salvation Army

Aktion Club members, Erin, Jeff, Jeffrey, Richard and Patrick rang the Salvation Army bell at the Walmart on Glenwood Avenue on Saturday, Dec 4<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 to 12:00

Thanks to **Stacey Askew, Ty Hartwell, Lisa Parker** and **Robert Ruiz** for serving a volunteer leaders.



Special thanks to Lisa and Lee Parker for hosting the Aktion Club Christmas party in their home after the bellringing. A good time was had by all!!

## Kiwanis Raleigh Steps Up for Poe Elementary Student

The Kiwanis Club of Raleigh adopted Poe elementary as our Adopt-A-School at the end of 2020. During the pandemic, schools like Poe have been hit especially hard with students experiencing housing insecurity, food insecurity, and other obstacles that impact learning. There were 90 students at Poe Elementary that had extreme levels of need and, without assistance from Kiwanis, would not have had the funds for toys and other Christmas gifts.

Recognizing the need, our Adopt-a-School committee advocated for soliciting funds to provide these 90 students with \$50 gift cards to Walmart so that their families could go and pick out whatever Christmas gifts that the child wanted. Dick & Linda Heidgerd personally purchased the gift cards with the funds raised by the generous donations of our Kiwanians and we reached our goal of \$4500. The gift cards were presented to the principal who gave them to the 90 students. The students were overjoyed!!!

## The Boys and Girls Christmas Party Returns!!

Many wonderful Kiwanians and their spouses cooked hotdogs while others set-up and served approximately 150 children from the Boys and Girls Clubs for the Boys and Girls Club Christmas Party on December 16<sup>th</sup>. The kids were treated to hotdogs, pizza, fruit, chips and dessert served by our members.

**Andrew Leager** served as Santa and handed out a gift to every boy and girl. The night was filled with excitement, energy and emotion for these children. Our volunteers cleaned up and look forward to next year's event! A HUGE thank you to **Kevin Benedict** and his wife, **Patti**, for providing this opportunity to our club.

Thanks to **Cricket Harrel** and husband, Glen, **Ron Margo** and wife, Brenda, **Stuart Phoenix**, **John Ramsay**, **Robert Wyatt**, **Stacy Askew**, and husband Roger, **Courtney Allen**, **Sandra Bircckhead**, **Hilary Kennedy**, and husband Shawn, **Ashleigh Parker-Dunston**, **Kara Brunk**, **Chuck Neely**, **Travis Wigs** and **Meredith Little** for their help.

It truly was a night of service that embodies what our club is all about and we're thrilled to share these pictures with you!



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#### Meetings

Fridays 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.  
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#### Newsletter

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