



**Holy Cross Catholic Church
616 South Cherry Street
Kernersville, NC 27284
Business Meeting: September 18, 2018**

Meeting called to order: 7:00pm - 26 members in attendance. DGK Ed Christian presiding.

- **Warden's Report** - Completed.
- **Opening Prayer** - Lord's prayer
- **Pledge of Allegiance** - Completed
- **Roll Call of Officers** – Not present: Grand Knight, Chaplin, Financial Secretary, Treasurer. All others present.
- **Traveling Gavel:** DGK received the Traveling Gavel from BK Scott Steward of St. Leo's council. The Traveling Gavel was used for the remainder of the meeting. The Traveling Gavel will be presented to another council next month.
- **Opening Ode** – Completed.
- **Reading of previous meeting minutes.** Motion made to Not read the minutes (Chuck Tierney). (4:40)
Seconded (Dennis Machuga) motion-**Passed**.
- **Motion to accept the minutes as read.** Motion made (Jean Dion) Seconded (Chuck Tierney), no discussion Motion-**Passed**.
- **Report of the Admissions Committee.** No new applications to read.
- **Correspondence:** None read.

- **Grand Knight's Report:** DGK Ed Christian reporting: (6:06)
 - WGK could not attend the meeting tonight as he was busy getting his family back home after the Wedding ceremony.
 - "Thank you" all for all your volunteer work for the Church and Knights activities.
 - Continue to stay current with the Protecting Gods Children and Safe Environment programs. BK Melvin Littles has completed the Safe Environment Training. Congratulations on that.
 - Kernersville Leadership is scheduled for October 11th, WGK Pete and BK Chuck Tierney will be attending.
 - Room at the Inn is also on October 11th. The council has donated \$500.00 to this worthy cause. All members are encouraged to attend this event to represent the council.
 - The Columbiettes are requesting some help from the 4th degree members with their upcoming patriotic event.
 - Fr Paul's going away party will be next June. The council has agreed to do the cooking for that event.
 - Pancake breakfasts have started up again, please help if you can on the first Sundays of each month

- **Financial Reports:** (8:25)
 - Treasurer's Report. WT Dave Shepherd is not attending tonight.
 - Financial Secretary Report. WFS Bruce Baden is also not in attendance tonight. DGK Ed will fill in for Bruce.
 - The latest copy of the proposed budget was passed out to the members present. This will be the third viewing of the budget. The council will be voting on the budget tonight.



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- WR Jim Fowler interrupted to state that he had the latest copies of the financial reports for this month from WT Dave and that he would post them as attachments to the minutes as usual. WDD Ron Schwartz suggested that the reports be read since they were available. WS Jim then began to search his computer for the documents. (10:00)
 - DGK Ed then introduced BK Tom Fitzgerald who wished to speak about his involvement in a cause to fund research about Alzheimer's disease. BK Tom is a long-time member of the council and is a past officer in both the Council and Assemblies. BK Tom is also a member of the local Rotary Club which is sponsoring this funding drive. BK Tom then presented more information about this fund raiser to the members present with a following Q&A session. The details are posted in **appendix c:** of the minutes. This could be an activity that the council would consider supporting. (21:08)
 - **Financial Reports Continued:**
 - WR Jim Fowler proceeded to read the Financial Reports that WT Dave Shepherd had prepared for this month's meeting to the members present. (21:20)
 - See attached financial reports in **appendix a:**
 - DGK Ed continued with the Proposed Budget discussion. **appendix b:** (24:50)
 - Motion was made to accept the Proposed Budget as read (Dennis Machuga), was seconded (Chuck Tierney), no further discussion was offered, and the motion **Passed**. (25:25)
 - **Report of Service Programs:** BK Chuck Tierney Reporting. (25:42)
 - **Community:**
 - **Highway cleanup** is scheduled for Saturday September 22nd. BK Jean Dion spoke to ask for help since BK Dennis Machuga will be out of town as well as a couple of other regulars. Meeting point is on Hastings Hill Rd near East Forsyth High School at the corner of Woodbridge and Hastings Hill Rd. Any and all help is appreciated in order to get done quickly so Jean can start his scheduled vacation on Saturday.
 - **Coats for Kids:** Three cases have been ordered. This was approved at last month's meeting. This was started over three years ago and has been a great success.
 - **Hurricane Florence:** Emails have been sent out asking for help and donations to help the people affected by this natural disaster. Please help if you can.
 - **Youth:** (28:53)
 - **Squires:** BK Jean Dion reporting: A meeting is scheduled for Thursday evening. Supreme is no longer going to support this activity but BK Jean is willing to work with the current members of the Squires if they and their parents want to continue. The local chapter currently has 8 members. Supreme has decided that support of the Squires was no longer financially viable due to lack of participation. BK Jean mentioned that he is now authorized to drive the bus should the Squires decide that they want to do any field trips as a group. Their first choice was to visit the new Cathedral in Raleigh.
 - **Faith:** WL Victor Sanchez reporting: (30:59)
 - **RSVP** Re-Cycling program is running smoothly so far.
 - **LAMB:** (31:32)
 - **DASH Games:** BK Chuck Tierney reporting: BK Chuck started out by telling the members present that our Council had received a very special award from the management of the DASH games. They had selected the Knights of Columbus as the "Employee of the Month" for the month of May. This had never been done before for any non-profit organization in the history of the DASH organization. BK Chuck went on to describe the award ceremony at the DASH Stadium in detail and to read the certificate signed by the president of the Winston Salem DASH organization. A unique honor for sure. Congratulations for all.



BK Chuck continued:

Overall, we had a great year and all monies have been paid by the DASH for the games worked by the Council, the Assembly and the Columbiettes. The checks totals were: 1 Assembly game \$225.00, 12 Columbiettes games \$2,700.00 and for the Council 12 regular games, 1 playoff game and 3 day games for \$4,275.00. The total for all games comes to \$7,200.00 for the season paid in full. A good year indeed. The DASH has also donated \$200.00 to support our upcoming golf outing.

BK Chuck offered his thanks to the following members and others who volunteered to work the DASH games throughout the year. Ed & Sue Christian, Dave & Sandra Kempka and their granddaughter Megan, Jim & Pat Fowler, Dennis Machuga, Don & Ellen DeSanto, Bob Swallick, Ed Beiles, Melvin Littles & sister, Steve & Cindy Smith, Pete and Janice Pulice, Jean Dion, Frank & Joanne Ovnicek, Mike Hamilton and even Chuck's daughter Jamie.

BK then announced that he had split the winner of the MVP of the year award between Dennis Machuga and Dave Kempka. Dennis had worked tirelessly from start to end to both setting up the schedule and working the games. Brother Dave had worked **every** game except one during the year. The only one he missed already had a full crew when he tried to sign up. Both well deserved the MVP award.

- **Golf Tournament:** BK Chuck Tierney reporting for WFS Bruce Baden: (37:40)
We are doing very well with the golf tournament. We are ahead of last year as far as both the money for sponsors and the number of golfers. The plan is to try to get more golfers from the Parish to join in by placing an announcement in the bulletin. The donations of gifts, merchandise etc. that can be given out as prizes are welcome from all. BK Jean suggested that the tournament information be shared with other Councils as well. Fr Paul has agreed to allow the Knights to have a table to offer information after Masses (no tickets to be sold, just information provided). Other discussions and ideas continued among the members present.
- **Keeping Christ in Christmas:** WK Dennis Machuga reporting: (40:58)
Cards are still available for purchase. Thanks to all the volunteered to sell cards after Masses and to the ladies that sold cards at the pancake breakfasts, Betty Mahler, Sandra Kempka and Janice Pulice. Total numbers currently is \$355.00. Our costs were \$220.00 giving us about \$135.00 profit for the year.
Brother Dennis reports that sales are down overall and that given the efforts required and the small profits made, the council may consider not continuing this item next year.

Pancake Breakfast: Pat O'brien reporting: (43:05)
The first Pancake Breakfast went well and gave everyone a chance to get back in the swing of things. We still made money (\$13.00) even though we had additional startup expenses and given that it was also a holiday weekend. Please continue to help out with this activity.

- **Report of Columbiettes:** BK Dennis Muelker reporting: (44:51)
Three items to report: 1. Given that a new Priest will be coming to the Parish and the complexities of the project it was decided that the initiative to build a new Stations of the Cross would be tabled for now. 2. Concerning Fr Paul's going away party, the Columbiettes have requested that the Knights help out by doing the cooking. What is to be served has not yet been determined. Fr Paul has requested hot dogs and hamburgers. This item has also been put on hold until after the first of the year and closer to the time of the event. 3. Columbiettes would like to set up a table in



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Foyer on Veterans Day to display pictures of all the Veterans, living and deceased, that are members of our Parish. Fr Paul is aware of the plans but has not yet given approval.

• **Unfinished Business:**

(48:50)

- **Pancake Breakfast Coupons:** WR Jim Fowler mentioned that the Parish office has run out of the Pancake Breakfast Coupons that are placed in the Parish Welcome Package sent out to new members of the Parish. This coupon can be redeemed for a free pancake breakfast for the new family. The council members present, and the Pancake Breakfast Chairman agreed to continue this practice and to provide the office with a new supply of coupons.
- **Retention Committee:** BK Dennis Machuga reporting: (50:11)
There are currently 7 people being worked on for retention, one has already indicated that they want to stay as a Knight and is submitting his dues. Another has decided to withdraw and three that we are still trying to contact. We have obtained some new contact numbers and email addresses that we will be using going forward. (51:41)
- DGK mentioned that the council has been notified that there is one new e-member that wants to become a member. His name is Christopher Perez. He is our first e-member. Field Agent Chris Cox mentioned that he had spoken with Mr. Perez over the summer and he has taken advantage of the insurance program. We need to file a form 100 to transfer him into the council and schedule him for his first degree.

○ **New Business:** DGK Ed Christian reporting.

(52:44)

- BK Chuck Tierney mentioned that there was a new Knight in attendance: BK Jim Valentine. The Brother introduced himself to the council and all welcomed him to our brotherhood.
- **Report of the Fourth Degree:** BK Tony Belline Reporting: (53:25)
 - Pasta dinner planned for September 22nd has been cancelled due to lack of cooks. We have re-scheduled it for a new date of November 10th. Don't forget that October 11th is the Room at the Inn banquet.
- **Field Agent Report:** BK Chris Cox Reporting: (54:15)
 - BK Cox mentioned that he had met with a Brother Knight over the summer and during the conversation the Knight's wife mentioned that they had a "Universal Policy" This type of policy is not recommended and is never recommended by a Field Agent for the Knights. Fortunately, BK Chris was able to help the family fix this problem. Bottom line, please feel free to consult with the Field Agent for any policy, even if it is not with the Knights.
- **District Deputy Report:** WDD Ron Schwartz reporting: (56:40)
 - WDD introduced himself as the new District Deputy. He is a member of Holy Family Council #9499.
 - District 11 has a new District Warden – our own DGK Ed Christian.
 - Officers and directors are encouraged to register on the State Website.
 - All members are encouraged to complete the Safe environment training on line. It is required for the Grand Knight, Deputy Grand Knight/Program Director, Community Director and the Family Director. If anyone has any questions, please ask.
 - State Raffle – Is in full swing. Tickets have been provided to our Financial Secretary. Easy money for the council. WDD pledged to buy 5 tickets from each council. Please match his donation for your council.
 - Degree schedule is posted on the State website for district 11. The next 2nd Degree is on October 20th at Holy Family. Next 3rd Degree is at St. James in Concord on October 6th and at Holy Family on November 17th.



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- Please work to retain members. always try to keep in touch with members .
 - Disaster assistance. Please help if you can. You can register on line at the state website.

- **Prayers for the Good of the order:** BK Victor Sanchez (62:10)
 - Prayers for Bill Trides, Dick Meyer, Walter Paglia and family, Harry Sasser, Dan Stanley, Bobby Page, Guillero Lara, Guillermo's mother who recently passed, Eric Shortt, Maria Luisa Arredondo, Priests and Deacons, brothers on the coast.
 - **Victor Sanchez** – Faith in Action. Spoke about his daughter and how his faith had helped her overcome a problem when she was young. We should not be afraid to express or show our Faith.
 - **All prayed the Rosary.**
- **Happy Dollars:** - Collected. (73:29)

BK Jean Dion mentioned that Deacon Tim's van was inoperative and needed over \$5,000.00 in repairs to the electronics. Please pray for Deacon Tim.

- **Closing Prayer** – Prayed.
- **Closing Ode** – Sung.
- **Meeting Closed.**
8:18 pm

(78:34)

Refreshments were served: Provided by WR Jim Fowler.



Appendix A: Financial Reports:



Knights of Columbus

Holy Cross Council 8509
616 South Cherry St,
Kernersville, NC 27284

Treasurer's Report August 2018

This report summarizes the status of the various council accounts for the month of August of the year 2018

Checking Account	Previous Balance	Deposits	Withdrawals	YTD	New Balance
General Council Funds	8,283.44	358.50	-1537.07	7,104.87	7,104.87
Prepaid Dues, July-Dec Accrual	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
State Raffle Accrual	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Squires Account	47.49	0.00	0.00	0.00	47.49
Pancake Breakfast Account	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Happy Dollars Accrual	0.00	26.00	0.00	0.00	26.00
8509 Heart Fund Accrual	500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00
Priests Emergency Fund Accrual	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Staddon-Cain Fund Accrual	186.65	0.00	0.00	0.00	186.65
RSVP Accrual	578.39	641.40	0.00	0.00	1,219.79
Sub Total	9,595.97	1,025.90	-1,537.07	0.00	9,084.80
Cash Account-SC	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Columbia Bond Fund - 8509	6,943.41	31.43	0.00	9.55	6,984.39
Staddon-Cain Investments	20,226.09	-127.40	0.00	62.12	20,160.81
	27,169.50	-95.97	0.00	71.67	27,145.20
Total All Accounts	36,765.47	929.93	-1,537.07	71.67	36,230.00

Value Adjustment

Purchase or Sales

Dividends & Interest



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K of C # 8509 Checking Transactions

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Date	Account	Num	Description	Memo	Category	Clr	Amount
INCOME							
Fund Raisers							
Fantasy Football							
8/23/2018	BB&T Chec...DEP	S	Consolidated Deposit Fantasy Foot...	Fund Raisers:Fa...	R		300.00
TOTAL Fantasy Football							300.00
TOTAL Fund Raisers							300.00
Member Ship Dues							
8/15/2018	BB&T Chec...DEP		Bruce Baden	Dues	Member Ship Dues	R	55.50
TOTAL Member Ship Dues							55.50
Other Inc							
Happy Dollars							
8/23/2018	BB&T Chec...DEP	S	Consolidated Deposit Happy Dollars	Other Inc:Happy ...	R		26.00
TOTAL Happy Dollars							26.00
Rosary Fines							
8/23/2018	BB&T Chec...DEP	S	Consolidated Deposit Rosary fines	Other Inc:Rosary ...	R		3.00
TOTAL Rosary Fines							3.00
RSVP							
8/23/2018	BB&T Chec...DEP	S	Consolidated Deposit Aluminum cans	Other Inc:RSVP	R		41.40
TOTAL RSVP							41.40
RSVP Refund							
8/23/2018	BB&T Chec...DEP	S	Consolidated Deposit RSVP Refund	Other Inc:RSVP ...	R		600.00
TOTAL RSVP Refund							600.00
TOTAL Other Inc							670.40
TOTAL INCOME							1,025.90
EXPENSES							
Donations							
Culture Of Life Fund							
8/21/2018	BB&T Chec...2805	S	K Of c Supreme	Life donation	Donations:Cultur...	R	-136.00
TOTAL Culture Of Life Fund							-136.00
Miscellaneous							
8/21/2018	BB&T Chec...2800		Matt Mahler	Deacon Tim's...	Donations:Miscell...	R	-83.67
TOTAL Miscellaneous							-83.67
TOTAL Donations							-219.67
Dues							
State Council							
8/21/2018	BB&T Chec...2804		K Of C State Council	Per Capita du...	Dues:State Council		-491.00
TOTAL State Council							-491.00
Supreme							
Catholic advertising							
8/21/2018	BB&T Chec...2805	S	K Of c Supreme	Catholic adve...	Dues:Supreme:C...	R	-75.50
TOTAL Catholic advertising							-75.50



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Date	Account	Num	Description	Memo	Category	Clr	Amount
Per Capita Assessment							
8/21/2018	BB&T Chec...	2805	S K Of c Supreme	Per capita dues	Dues:Supreme:P...	R	-181.17
TOTAL Per Capita Assessment							-181.17
TOTAL Supreme							-256.67
TOTAL Dues							-747.67
Misc							
Altar Servers Bowling Tournament							
8/21/2018	BB&T Chec...	2799	Chuck Tierney	Altar servers/...	Misc:Altar Server...	R	-255.30
TOTAL Altar Servers Bowling Tournament							-255.30
Membership Supplies							
8/21/2018	BB&T Chec...	2802	Rick Lalich	membership ...	Misc:Membership...	R	-134.10
TOTAL Membership Supplies							-134.10
Miscellaneous							
8/21/2018	BB&T Chec...	2801	S Pete Pulice	Gift card for P...	Misc:Miscellaneous	R	-100.00
				Installations o...	Misc:Miscellaneous	R	-44.99
TOTAL Miscellaneous							-144.99
Web Site							
8/21/2018	BB&T Chec...	2803	Dave Paavola	Domain rene...	Misc:Web Site	R	-35.34
TOTAL Web Site							-35.34
TOTAL Misc							-569.73
TOTAL EXPENSES							-1,537.07
OVERALL TOTAL							-511.17



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Date	Account	Num	Description	Memo	Category	Clr	Amount
8/1/2018	Columbia I...	ReinvDiv	0.5110 Columbia Total...		_DivInc		4.52
8/1/2018	Columbia I...	ReinvDiv	0.5680 Columbia Total...		_DivInc		5.03
8/29/2018	Equities	ReinvDiv	3.3330 Principal Prefe...		_DivInc		33.50
8/29/2018	Equities	ReinvDiv	2.1180 Principal Globa...		_DivInc		28.62
TOTAL 8/1/2018 - 8/31/2018							71.67
OVERALL TOTAL							71.67
TOTAL INFLOWS							71.67
TOTAL OUTFLOWS							0.00
NET TOTAL							71.67



K of C # 8509 Account Balances Report
(Includes unrealized gains)
As of 8/31/2018

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Account	8/31/2018 Balance
ASSETS	
Cash and Bank Accounts	
BB&T Checking 5111229394	8,898.15
Checking Staddon-Cain	186.65
TOTAL Cash and Bank Accounts	9,084.80
Other Assets	
Receivables	0.00
TOTAL Other Assets	0.00
Investments	
Columbia Intermediate Bond Fund	6,984.39
Equities	20,160.81
LM Value Trust SC	0.00
TOTAL Investments	27,145.20
TOTAL ASSETS	36,230.00
LIABILITIES	
Other Liabilities	
State Raffle Fund Raiser	0.00
TOTAL Other Liabilities	0.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES	0.00
OVERALL TOTAL	36,230.00



Appendix B: Proposed Budget:



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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 8509 2018- 2019 BUDGET

	2018- 2019 <u>Budget</u>	Person <u>Responsible</u>	Council year 2017- 2018		
			<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actuals</u>	<u>higher/(lower) vs. Budget</u>
EXPENSES:					
RSVP-aluminum + (100%) pancake breakfasts	2,100	Victor/Dave	1,900	2,500	600
\$1 For Africa Donation (happy dollars)	300	Dave	300	362	62
Donations from golf (parish awards prior year)	1,600	Officers	1,600	1,350	(250)
Other charitable donations	1,500	Officers	1,000	840	(160)
Donation to priest retirement fund (Oblates)	500	Dennis	500	500	0
Subtotal Charity/Seminarian Related	6,000		5,300	5,552	252
OTHER EXPENSES:					
Per Capita - Supreme & Culture of Life	600	Bruce	600	535	(65)
Per Capita - State	985	Bruce	975	986	11
Catholic Advertising	160	Bruce	160	153	(7)
State Convention/Org Meetings	750	Pete	750	562	(188)
State Convention Ads/donations	350	Pete	350	325	(25)
Liability Insurance	150	Bruce	165	139	(26)
Prolife/Right to Life	250	Pete	250	0	(250)
Wives Appreciation Dinner	0	??	0	0	0
35th Anniversary dinner (Dec 7)	1,000	Pete/Ed	0	0	0
Youth (bowling \$225, other \$525)	750	Chuck	750	498	(252)
Heart Fund/flowers/mass cards	150	Trustees	200	90	(110)
Supplies & Kitchen equipment	350	Council	300	461	161
Member drives/member packets/recognition	200	Jim Fowler	500	(20)	(520)
Mailings/postage/website	250	Dave P	250	194	(56)
Church Support - Projects for Father Paul	1,500	Pete	750	393	(357)
Retreat - revenue \$300, expenses \$200	(100)	??	(100)	0	100
Support - priests/deacons	550	Pete	550	964	414
Baptisms/Camcorder upkeep	50	Ed B.	50	0	(50)
Roundtable/Seminarians	150	Pete	150	248	98
Other - bank charges, check printing	125	Dave	25	0	(25)
Staddon/Cain - 5% fund raiser allocation	350	Dave	350	485	135
Other Council Activities:					
	770				
Degree expenses	50		50	0	(50)
Fees for State tournaments	320		320	0	(320)
Lamb related	100		100	35	(65)
Council meeting expenses	300		250	425	175
SUBTOTAL OTHER EXPENSES	9,340		7,745	6,473	(1,272)
TOTAL EXPENSES	15,340		13,045	12,025	(1,020)
TOTAL NET REVENUE/(EXPENSE)	(2,790)		(1,195)	767	1,962



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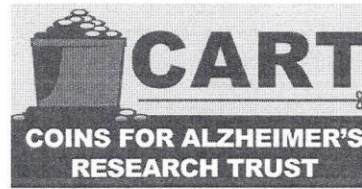
	2018- 2019 <u>Budget</u>	Person <u>Responsible</u>	Council year 2017- 2018		
			<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actuals</u>	<u>higher/(lower) vs. Budget</u>
NET REVENUES:					
Dues	3,750	Bruce	3,300	3,745	445
Bank Interest/other	0	Dave	0	220	220
Happy Dollars accrual	<u>300</u>	Dave	<u>300</u>	<u>295</u>	<u>(5)</u>
SUBTOTAL	4,050		3,600	4,260	660
Fund Raisers:					
Golf tourney	1,600	Bruce	1,600	1,331	(269)
Fruit Sale	750	Carl	750	740	(10)
Fish fry	2,500	Ed	2,500	2,491	(9)
Dinners/Dances	0	??	250	0	(250)
Fantasy Football	450	Lance	350	445	95
Pancake breakfasts	1,400	Pat O	1,500	1,441	(59)
RSVP - Aluminum cans	700	Victor	400	1,004	604
Keep Christ in Christmas - cards	200	Dennis	0	175	175
State Raffle	<u>900</u>	Bruce	<u>900</u>	<u>905</u>	<u>5</u>
TOTAL FUND RAISERS	8,500		8,250	8,532	282
TOTAL NET REVENUES	<u>12,550</u>		<u>11,850</u>	<u>12,792</u>	<u>942</u>



Appendix c: History of CART



Rotary



A Project of the Rotary Clubs of North America

History of CART

The Genesis of CART

In October 1995, the Sumter, S. C. Rotary Club, led by Roger Ackerman and Dr. Jack Bevan, initiated the effort to prove that Rotarians voluntarily emptying their pockets of change for a good cause could produce significant levels of funds to support Alzheimer's disease research. The CART Fund (Coins for Alzheimer's Research Trust) was the name given to the project, which proved to be highly successful during an 8-month testing period.

In May 1996, The CART Fund was introduced at the Rotary District 7770 Conference and was enthusiastically received. The District leaders agreed to adopt CART as a project, if a committee made up of Sumter Rotarians could obtain the support of the individual clubs in the District. During the 1996-97 Rotary year, CART programs were presented in 62 of the 68 clubs in D-7770. The response was overwhelmingly in support of this grassroots project and the district officially adopted CART as a district-wide program in 1997.

The Concept of CART Grows!

The CART Fund was developed with the idea of accomplishing its goals without conducting fund raising projects and without interfering with other projects of Rotary clubs. In order to do this, CART leaders developed the concept of asking Rotarians to voluntarily empty their pockets of change or whatever amount they wanted to donate when they attend their weekly meetings. (It is estimated that on any given day in America, \$8.25 billion in loose change passes among our citizens.) This provides a very simple, painless and effective way to raise much-needed funds for Alzheimer's research.

However, as time has passed, numerous clubs have contributed a portion or even all of some of the proceeds of club fundraisers to CART. Many Rotarians contribute dollars as well as pocket change. Quite a number of clubs have members make challenge gifts on a monthly or quarterly basis. These can amount to \$100.00 to \$500.00 challenges. A Macon, Georgia Rotarian on two occasions made \$5000.00 challenges covering a 4-month period and the Macon Rotarians met the challenge each time!

Many individuals who are not members of Rotary have made significant contributions to CART. In fact, the single largest contribution to CART was made by a non-Rotarian from western North Carolina who contributed \$25,000.00 in honor of her two sisters who had lost their battle with Alzheimer's disease. She said she chose CART because she liked the idea that 100% of her donation was going to research, and because she knew that Rotary was an outstanding organization. Memorials and honorariums have also been a source of funds for CART. Numerous individuals have named CART as the charity of choice for memorials honoring loved ones.

In early January 1999, the American Federation for Aging Research (AFAR) very generously agreed to provide their expertise in assisting with the grant process. Their valued assistance has continued primarily by recruiting



some of the nation's top scientists in the field of Alzheimer's disease research to serve as a peer advisory group to review all grant applications.

Using funds raised to that point, in 1999 CART awarded its first grant to Emory University and Dr. Allan Levey, the leader of Emory's Alzheimer's disease research team. In the 18 months that followed this initial grant, the other ten Districts in the Carolinas and Georgia committed to support CART. CART is currently actively promoted in each of these same Rotary Districts, District 6900, District 6910, District 6920, District 7670, District 7680, District 7690, District 7710, District 7720, District 7730, District 7750, and District 7770. As of 2009 these 11 Districts of the Carolinas and Georgia have provided most of the funds for CART; however individual Rotary clubs in Texas, Illinois, Mississippi, and New York make regular contributions.

The first Board of Directors meeting was held in November 2000. By-laws were adopted, and PDG Bill Clark of D-7750 was elected President of the Board.

How CART Works

The President of CART may call special meetings of the Board, but most of the decisions are made at the annual meeting held each year in Columbia, SC on the Wednesday prior to Mother's Day. All other decisions are usually made using conference calls among the Executive Committee members. Each district that joins the CART program has two representatives on the board and two votes. The District CART Chair has one vote and the District Governor-nominee has one vote. All funds are deposited into one CART bank account. In selecting the best possible recipients for each of our grants, the CART Fund has been fortunate to have the guidance of a 3-person advisory team of renowned Alzheimer's research scientists who have contributed their valuable time.

Following founder Roger Ackerman, who chaired the first Grants Committee, Dr. Jack Bass served as Chairman of the CART Grants Committee for seven years, and since 2008, Dr. Jim Puryear has carried on this great tradition with distinction.

Currently serving as chairman of the Grants Advisory Team is Dr. John Trojanowski, department head of Neurology and Alzheimer's research at the University of Pennsylvania. Serving with Dr. Trojanowski are Dr. Allan Levey of Emory University and Dr. Karl Herrup of Rutgers University.

Dr. Sam Gandy served as Chairman of the CART Grants Advisory Team during the time that the first 6 grants were selected for funding by CART. Among the professional researchers serving at various times with Dr. Gandy were Drs. Virginia Lee, Edward Koo, David Holtzman, and George Martin. CART is deeply grateful to these dedicated scientists and volunteers for their guidance and encouragement.
