



June 7, 2016

HOW I GOT WHERE I'M AT

Lauri Eberhart....Wil Bosbyshell....Stuart Hair

Each of the following speakers emphasized their commitment to Rotary and their core value of giving back to their community. Their talks were uplifting and inspirational.

Lauri Eberhart

Lauri joined Rotary last September. She is currently the founder of Apollo Sports Entertainment Law Group, the culmination of a lifelong interest in motor sports. Her early exposure to the sport was through her mother who served as the controller at the Michigan International Speedway.



Eberhart's introduction to NC resulted from attending Wake Forest University law school where she founded the sports and entertainment law association. Following her graduation, she became general counsel for the Charlotte Motor Speedway and credits her mentor, Humpy Wheeler, with giving her early guidance in the industry. Subsequently, she joined the Richmond International Speedway as the Vice President for Marketing. After a year of commuting to Richmond, she made the decision to base herself in Charlotte and she formed the Apollo Sports Entertainment Law Group.

Community service is important to Lauri and she volunteers and holds leadership positions with Girl Scouts, Safe Alliance and various history organizations including serving on the board for the Trail of History. She is a self-proclaimed history nerd and hosts a show called the "History Chick" on WBT.

Wil Bosbyshell

Wil is an artist, leader and an educator. He paints because he feels bad when he doesn't. He has devoted most of his life to art but he has always been drawn to public service. As the son of an Episcopal Church preacher, he was surrounded by examples of service to the church and the community.



Bosbyshell grew up in Florida and attended the University of Georgia on a ROTC scholarship and majored in art. After graduation, he was commissioned in the army. He was stationed in Alaska, Oklahoma and did exercises in Canada, Germany, France, Mexico and Austria. These countries are clearly subject matter for many of the paintings that were in his visual presentation.

Following his stint internationally, he was transferred to the rapid deployment unit in Savannah, Georgia. Summers were spent near Death Valley training in temperatures exceeding 125 degrees. During that time he worked with the Glenville, Georgia Chamber of Commerce, local schools and the local scout troop. He was awarded the Service

Above Self Award by the Glenville Rotary Club, which he values greatly.

After leaving the army, he earned an MBA from UGA and spent several years in the insurance brokerage industry. In 1997, he became a full-time artist. He was one of the pioneers in the South End Arts District by moving his studio to the Charlotte Art League, which is now on the light rail line. He currently serves on the CAL board of directors.

He believes it is everyone's responsibility to teach and he is an instructor at the Art Institute of Charlotte where he enjoys helping graduating students find internships and helps them transition into professional lives.

His volunteer service is devoted to Boy Scouts, Holy Comforter Episcopal Church and his college fraternity.

Stuart Hair

Stuart grew up in Huntsville Alabama....a unique engineering town teaming with PhD's and rocket engineers. The rock stars of the aerospace engineering world surrounded him and the Von Braun scientists were his neighbors.



He clearly received the message from his parents that there was an expectation of serving others. Stuart's father was an aeronautical engineer and his passion was the church and mission work. His mother was active in her sorority and the church.

She also served as the project manager for capital projects for the city of Huntsville.

As a result, Stuart became active in the church as a youth leader and at age 15 travelled to the remote jungle in Bolivia on a mission to build the first school there. Subsequently, he entered the inner city jungle of Charlotte as a member of the first class of men at Queens University. He founded their fraternity system while there and received needed exposure to women, as he was one of 3 brothers.

The first phase of his career focused on call center operations in banks, which took him to Asia and Australia. His next foray was to focus on economic development and he earned a masters degree in geography from UNC Charlotte. His work with the Shelby Economic Development Partnership followed and he now serves as the Economic Affairs Manager at the Charlotte Douglas International Airport.

Speaker Write Up: Sandra James Gordon; Head Table: Tom Bartholomy, Chris Kemper, Stuart Hair, Lauri Eberhart, Wil Bosbyshell; Invocation: Alice Harrison; Visitors & Guests: Denise Hallett; AV: Nikki Keith & Jessica Dupree; Photos: Bert Voswinkel; Piano: Em Syrewicze

CLUB NEWS

Sympathy and condolences to **Henry Bostic** and family. Henry's sister, Rosemary Blake Bostic Allen passed away last week and funeral services were held in Elizabethtown on June 4th (*Ann & Henry Bostic: 201 McAlway Rd, Charlotte 28211*).

Ron Kimble received the Distinguished Service Award from UNC Charlotte AND has been named Interim City Manager.

Mecklenburg EMS Agency (**Joe Penner**) received the third annual Carolinas HealthCare System's Healthy Charlotte Award. Amazing efforts to improve wellness have been implemented, including workouts in the gym, adding a micro market that services fresh

food, becoming a tobacco-free workforce, and Fit Responder training.

Terri DeBoo will be a panelist at End-of-the-Week Rotary Club's meeting this Saturday (10AM, Myers Park United Methodist Church). The First Annual Leadership Panel Discussion features 3 of the Mecklenburg Times 50 Most Influential Women Honorees. Registration: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/women-leadership-panel-discussion-tickets-25439318687>.

Quincy Foil White welcomes her first grandchild, Madeline Grace Smith, born May 24th weighing in at 5 pounds 14 ounces; Janet Haack, David Murray and **Julie Haack** were on hand for Opera Carolina's annual spring gala and art auction held May 13.

Ed Wadsworth student exchange update: host family is needed for Franziska Matusche during August-November. Franziska is from Germany and will be attending Charlotte Country Day. Ed would also like someone to serve as chair to help our two exchange students organize projects at Charlotte Country Day and Myers Park High School. These projects would be included in the club's count to complete 100 Service Projects. Great idea, Ed.

100 SERVICE PROJECTS

ONGOING

-Allenbrook Elementary School: North Star Reading Partners with a commitment to read to a 3rd grade student one hour a week. Eric Davis: eric.davis@wellsfargo.com.

-Platelet Donation (on-going): Register at the American Red Cross or Community Blood Center of the Carolinas to donate platelets. **41 donations to date!**

-Cotswold Farmers Market: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0548afaa2da5fe3-volunteer>

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS (06/20/16 – 06/27/16)

06/22 Bill Gill

06/23 Stuart Hair

06/25 Bill Bradley

06/26 Emmy Lou Burchette

UPCOMING ANNIVERSARIES (06/20/16 – 06/27/16)

06/20 Jennifer & Arch McIntosh, Liz & Dick Reiling

06/20 Dot & Tony Marciano, Pamela & Wes Clark

06/21 Karen Steffens & Todd Porter; Brenda & George Rohe

06/23 Lotta & Harriman Jett; Anne & Boyd Coggins; Kathryn & Pender McElroy

06/24 Kristen & Frank Watson; Jeanine & Tim Flanagan

06/25 Diane & Mike Restaino, Nan & Bill Loftin

06/25 Maude & Henry Cantrell, Mary Beth & John Scharer

Visitors & Guests	4
Club Members	140
Total	144 (50.2%)

MEMBERSHIP

06/30/2015 319

06/07/2016 318

Net Increase: -1

New Members:

Resignations:

MEMBERSHIP NOMINATION (comments to Rotary Office by 6/14/16)

John K. Powell, Jr.

NPB&F, LLC (Real Estate, Commercial)

Sponsor: Phil Van Hoy Endorsed: Phil Volponi, Tim Chappell

John A. Rodgers, III
John Rodgers & Associates (Law, Trust & Estate Litigation)
Sponsor: Carolyn Carlburg Endorsed: Bob Finley, Charlie Bones

Visitors: John Powell, Emily Nantz, Leslie Jones, Craven Crockett

UPCOMING LUNCHEONS

(www.charlotterotary.org and click on the events tab)

06/14 – Kimberly Kuo, Sr. VP of Public Affairs, Coca-Cola Consolidated Bottling Co.

06/21 – Jim Morrill, Political Columnist, Charlotte Observer

06/28 – Club Social (evening) – SMS Catering 6-8PM

Photos from our luncheons and other events can be found on **Flickr** [Click here](#)



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