



May 17, 2016

YOUTH MERIT AWARD

Ann Clark, Char-Meck School Arch McIntosh, Charlotte Latin



What an amazing meeting we had at Rotary this week honoring our Youth Merit Scholarship recipients. Fellow Rotarian and Headmaster Charlotte Latin School, Art McIntosh, made a short presentation.

Art talked about the college admissions process and how much this process has changed over the last several years, how competitive the college process has become, and “krispies” a new term for students who get burned out before they even reach college. As leaders of the community we must be mindful and support the mental health and well-being of these students and realize there is a college for every student. A recommended read for any parent of rising Juniors and Seniors, “Where You Go Is Not Who You’ll Be: An Antidote to the College Admissions Mania,” by Frank Bruni.

Art recognized Ann Clark, Charlotte Mecklenburg Superintendent, who shared the podium together with Art, and recognized her efforts and for putting students first above all else.

Nineteen high school seniors representing public and independent schools were recognized for merit achievements. Students were selected for this honor by their counselor and each will receive a \$500 scholarship from Charlotte Rotary.

The Youth Merit Scholarship recipients are listed below. Congratulations to an impressive and remarkable group and to our future leaders!

Marina Hernandez, Garinger
Ally Scala, South Mecklenburg
Meagan Crowell, Butler
Malin Curry, Independence
Madison Kendrick, West Charlotte
Caleb Readling, North Mecklenburg
Caroline Koricke, East Mecklenburg
Kimberley Morales, Vance
Zarett Ramirez, West Mecklenburg
Alexis Vetack, Providence
Darshana Panda, Myers Park
Shiva Bakhtiyari, Ardrey Kell
Carson Boykin, Hough
Kim Le, Olympic
Noelle Cassier, Charlotte Christian
Zoe Abrahm, Providence Day
Taylor Woollen, Charlotte Latin
Elyse Ferris, Charlotte Catholic
Sherry Lou, Charlotte Country Day



Speaker Write Up: Stephanie Hinrichs; Head Table: Tom Bartholomy, Ann Clark, Arch McIntosh; Invocation: Cindy Wolfe; Visitors & Guests: Don Carmichael; Photos: Bert Voswinkel; Piano: Em Syrewicze

CLUB NEWS

Catherine Browning introduced **Susan Evans** as the club's newest member. Susan is development director for Wing Haven Foundation and her talent with organizing special events for Wing Haven has already landed her a spot on the Centennial gala committee. Welcome, Susan – susan@winghavengardens.org.

Foundation Chair, **Katie Tyler**, recognized and thanked several members for their support to The Rotary Foundation: Level One: **Jessica Graham**; Level Two: **Benton Bragg**; Level Three: **Phil Van Hoy**; Level Four: **Bill Loftin, Alan Simonini**; Level Five: **Michael Elder, Jerry Coughter**.

Mike Hawley has been named the recipient of the Richard Vinroot International Achievement Award; **Tim Flanagan** has received GAMA International's Master Agency Award; **Jim Woodward** was photographed while attending the World Affairs Council of Charlotte gala; **Karen Calder, Mike Restaino** and **Kim McMillan** attended the 25th Anniversary Build Gala, Habitat for Humanity.

The **DISTRICT CONFERENCE** was held this past weekend in Asheville. Representing Charlotte Rotary: Rick & **Natalie English**, Ann & **Floyd Davis**, Jim & **Sandy Osborne, Mark Markanda, Phil Volponi, Karen Steffens, Fae Shaffer, Travis Vance, Patricia Shafer**, Radim Ptak, and Queens Rotaract members Ashley Fox and Harley Elizabeth. The club won the District Community Service Award for our 100 service project effort; \$100 per capita Annual Fund giving to The Rotary Foundation; Presidential Citation-Gold level; and was 2nd in Club Net Growth. **Karen Steffens** received the Leadership Award for her amazing work with the Youth Exchange Students. The Queens University of Charlotte Rotaract Club received a standing ovation for the video that showcased some of their projects, and they were the only Rotaract club to receive a Presidential Citation. Take a couple minutes to look at their video! <https://youtu.be/rS-glnUPtoA>

100 SERVICE PROJECTS

OBJECTIVE: *3 to 4 (or more) Rotarians are asked to participate in a service project and report their name, project, date and hours to the Rotary office. This approved club initiative runs through December 1, 2016. Project suggestions should be sent to Sandy for advertising in the weekly Reporter.*

May 21, 2016: Walk to Cure Arthritis; Davidson College; registration opens at 8AM – walk at 10AM; volunteers needed for registration, food/water & route directions; Rotary contact: Kristina Aquilone (kaquilone@arthritis.org); Register: www.walktocurearthritis.org/charlotte.

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.

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

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS (05/27/16 – 06/03/16)

05/29 John Galles, Brad Crotts
05/30 Greg Hatcher
05/31 Rob Hayden

UPCOMING ANNIVERSARIES (05/27/16 – 06/03/16)

05/27 Mariana & Michael Orzech, Sandra & Luther Moore
05/28 Karen & Doug Bean, Jessica & Devin Dupree
05/29 Lori & Glenn Paton, Claire & Brent Trexler
05/31 Joan & Paul Wyche
06/01 Salina & Don Millen, Beth & Don Steger
06/03 Fran & Rob Thomas

Visitors & Guests	42
Club Members	128
Total	170
Percentage	47.2%

MEMBERSHIP

06/30/2015	319
05/17/2016	316
Net Increase:	-3

New Members: Randy Robinson, Susan Evans

Resignations: Omar Kazzaz, Blair Fisher

Visitors: Bob Moore, Maureen Walsh Koricke, Hayes Woolen, Sarah Junkin Woodard, Radim

UPCOMING LUNCHEONS

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

05/24 – Youth Exchange Students, Radim & Anna

05/31 – Dave Gettelman, General Manager, Carolina Panthers

06/07 – How I Got Where I'm At (*Stuart Hair, Lauri Eberhart, Wil Bosbyshell*)

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





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