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Dr. Phil Dubois

UNC CHARLOTTE'S CHIEF MASCOT IS SUPER-SMART, WITTY AND BLEEDS GREEN & GOLD



The aura in the ballroom during Tuesday's Charlotte Rotary meeting was pure green and gold ... accompanying the theme set forth by UNC Charlotte Chancellor Philip Dubois during his "POWER"~ful presentation on a bit of history and an enticing peek into what's up next for Charlotte's major university. His plan is to focus on stronger academics and diversity ... much in keeping with some of the newsworthy happenings in Charlotte in recent weeks.

Proud alumnus Elly Clary introduced his longtime friend noting that Phil Dubois follows in the footsteps of a roster of incredibly savvy leaders who, with wisdom and vision, have guided and nourished the institution from the small college founded by Bonnie Cone, gradually relocating to 1,000 acres of farmland in northeast Charlotte to the amazing, all-encompassing, award-winning university for which it's now recognized. Referencing Elly, Phil called him an "All-Star 49er" and thanked him for giving of his time and treasure to support UNC Charlotte, noting in particular his current term as head of the Alumnae Board. Phil's next "nod" was toward our president, Natalie English, as he shared with us her key role on getting the bond passed. As an "honorary 49-er," Phil said, "Natalie's son, Rick, will be red-shirted." (Note: Natalie's grin got bigger.)

Phil gave us a bird's eye tour of the campus, speaking of the university's growth, academics, research and economic development, community partnerships and the capital campaign with a goal of \$200 million. We were treated to a glimpse of the gorgeous new Levine Hall, a tribute to the generosity of Sandra and Leon Levine's \$20 million gift. The residence hall will house Levine and Honors Scholars and their program offices. New programs will be introduced in other areas of the university in keeping with today's job market, including cyber security along with doctoral programs in math, biology and education.

Connecting students, faculty and visitors to UNC Charlotte will be made easier and more economical via the upcoming Light Rail (Phil gave a tip of the hat to Ron Kimble for his support) which will transport riders on 107 trains per day between uptown Charlotte and UNC Charlotte. As student numbers increase the current enrollment of 28,000 will build steadily to a projected 35,000 making UNC Charlotte a force within the UNC System in terms of undergrads, graduate students, and doctoral students. (We laughed out loud when Phil grinned and said that some of his peers at other campuses don't feel comfortable naming names when it comes to college tuition and fees *affordability* but surely they wouldn't mind him showing us a multi-colored graph where we saw a clearly (!) defined \$6,763 GREEN marker in the 13th out of 16 slots from most expensive to least expensive.)

Phil focused next on partnerships (EPIC, Charlotte-Mecklenburg Opportunity Task Force) then moving on toward citing the immense opportunity at UNC Charlotte ... and applauding the almost 2,000 alumni teachers and administrators along with the early college for teachers. In a subsequent Q&A, Phil advised us that there's a decline in aspiring teachers due to the tremendously hard work required while the pay is poor. While 75% of UNC Charlotte students receive financial aid, 47% receive Pell Grants; almost 80% of UNC Charlotte students receive loans which is indicative with 42% of new undergrads who are first generation college students. (Amazingly, we learned that both Phil and Elly are first-generation college students.)

Phil's presentation was intriguing in its complexity and thoroughness. He talked to us about fundraising, football and what sports are planned for women. He spoke of programs which will focus on breast cancer detection and manufacturing, "Venture-prise" which will be incubated until ready, and even how we ~ as business leaders ~ can be of help to UNC Charlotte students. (He asked that we hire them as interns, hire them as full-time employees, advocate on behalf of UNC Charlotte to our legislators in Raleigh, and "Cheer on the basketball team under Mark Price!")

Phil's presentation was so all-encompassing that these few words cannot possibly include all of his thoughtful and insightful comments. A visit to UNC Charlotte would be a welcome reintroduction to Phil's superb university and all that it has to offer its students, faculty and visitors.

Speaker Write-Up: *Marilynn Bowler*

Head Table: *Street Brewer, Natalie English, Elly Clary, Jerry Coughter*; Invocation: *Paul Wyche*; Visitors & Guests: *John Cantrell*; AV: *Jessica Dupree*; Photos: *Bert Voswinkel*

CLUB NEWS

Carol Hardison expressed thanks to club members for their support of the annual drive to support struggling families served by *Crisis Assistance Ministry*. **Daryl Larner** and **John Cantrell** made sure drop-off tables were in place and items collected were delivered each week. Research through old Reporters show this project was started by **Jim Adams** in November, 2002.

Mike Crum thanked club members for their continued support to *The Salvation Army*, and particularly this year's bell ringers. **Mark Norman** is a master at coordinating the schedule; **Stephanie Hinrichs**, **Herb Harriss** and **Mike Crum** organized ticket sales and raffle prizes. Thanks to club sponsors for the great gifts: Donald Haack Diamonds (**Julie Haack**), AutoBell (**Chuck Howard**), Spectrum Center suite (**Mike Crum**), Hood Hargett Breakfast Club (**Jenn Snyder**), and Charlotte City Club (**John Scharer**). Raffle winners were **Luther Moore**, **Pat Millen**, **Susan Evans**, **Hank Donaghy**, **Phil Van Hoy**, Beth Fisher and **Glenn Paton**. Research through old Reporters show this project was started in 1993 by **Tom Robertson**.

Sympathy and prayers to **John Scharer** and family. John's mother passed away this past September. He had just relocated his father, Hans, to Davidson this past Wednesday and moved him into a new facility on Thursday. While taking a walk on Friday he collapsed and passed away.

Luther Moore, **Patricia Shafer** and **Angela Mauldin** are heading to India February 9-19 for a Rotary Fellowship Exchange; **Judy Wishnek** has taken a new job at Capital Bank – updated email judy.wishnek@capital-us.com, 980-819-6247. **Bill Barnhardt** has been attending Good Fellows for 60 years; **Mark Turner** was one of 2 speakers at Good Friends. **Joan Wright** and therapy dog, Duncan continue their good work at The Ivey: <http://www.charlotteobserver.com/news/local/community/south-charlotte/article120591043.html>

100 SERVICE PROJECTS (80 completed; 203 participants; 2347 volunteer hours)

NEW PROJECTS in red

- **Children's Theatre Charlotte:** Volunteers needed for Santa's, elves, and cashiers for Santa's Bag (through 12/3/16); ushers for the holiday show (11/25 – 12/23/16).

Elves: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0c49a4ac29abf85-santas>

Cashier: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0b4aaca62ba46-santas2>

Santa: <https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/10c0f4baea82aa46-2016>

Coordinating/questions: David Head, david.head@us.gt.com

- **Rotary Holiday Program:** Ed Pickett has volunteered to coordinate the club's Holiday program on December 22. Contact Ed at: Edward.pickett@raymondjames.com

- **Christmas Morning Breakfast served at Charlotte Rescue Mission:** VOLUNTEER QUOTA HAS BEEN MET. Volunteers are reminded to pick up their tee shirt at Rotary on 12/20 or at the actual event on 12/25.

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:** Register at the American Red Cross or Community Blood Center of the Carolinas to donate platelets. **63 donations to date!**

-**American Youth Soccer Organization (AYSO):** Coach, referee, board member, linesman, snack shack worker, etc. Kathy Riley at rc@ayso05.com or Carolyn Carlburg c.carlburg@gmail.com

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS (12/21/16 – 12/29/16)

12/25 Pender McElroy

12/26 Andy Dinkin

12/28 Kip Kiser

UPCOMING ANNIVERSARIES (12/22/16 – 12/29/16)

12/24 Maryl & John Galles

12/27 Sallie & Fred Lowrance, Ruth & Ed Wadsworth

12/28 Ginger & Joey Godbold

12/29 Beverly & Jim Kothe

MEMBERSHIP

07/01/2016 318

12/06/2016 321

Net Increase: +3

New Members: Robbie Kirk, Ranjay Sarda

Resignations: Sean Preston

Visitors & Guests 28

Club Members 156

Total 184 (56.3%)

GUESTS: Jeanette Sims, Beth Fischer, Jenny Matz, Jenn Howe, Anna Helms, Betty Doster, Shari Dunn, Kim Bradley, Lauren Gregg, Andy Laver, Sonja Gantt, Ann Clark, Battle Moore, John Ramey, Alanna Nice, Jeffrey Fecher, Carol Jegou, Jennifer Braun, Mahlek Pothemont, Arthur Zhao, Zoe Meinecke, Victor Chen, Gene Stewart, Pete Heuberger, Lynn Lee

UPCOMING LUNCHEONS

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

12/20 – Holiday Program

12/27 – How I Got Where I'm At (Irwin Carmichael, Jeff Atkinson, Pete Brunnick, Parker Cains)

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





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