



November 14, 2017

DR. KANDI DEITEMEYER **Central Piedmont Community College**

How are you going to transform someone's life?



Our speaker this week was our own Dr. Kandi Deitemeyer. Introduced by Mary Vickers-Koch, Kandi joined our club earlier this year soon after she became CEO/ President of CPCC and with her family moved from Elizabeth City. We were all inspired by her. After she concluded her remarks, our President Katie Tyler thanked Kandi for her stories and remarked that now we all know she is having no problem “filling the shoes” of our other friend, the passionate personality retired Tony Zeiss. Any comparative judgments are history.

Do you wake up in the morning asking yourself how you are going to transform someone's life today? If not, or even if you do but want to enrich that mission or ministry, Kandi urged us all to consider engaging with CPCC students. That can be accomplished either via re-employment with CPCC, volunteer and mentoring programs, part-time teaching, or financial support of the “Opportunity Scholarship Initiative”.

Dr. Deitemeyer did amend Mary's introduction describing her job not only as an administrating CEO/President, but alternatively as a storyteller. So what is the CPCC story?

The CPCC story:

- ✓ 300 Degree programs
- ✓ “Military Friendly School” serving 1190 Vets
- ✓ 56,000 enrollments, overall engages 256,000 via programs & events
- ✓ \$1M in scholarships
- ✓ Tuition free program for eligible high school students
- ✓ First Year college credit program for high school students “Career and College Promise”
- ✓ \$213M operating budget
- ✓ Diversity, serving 3500(+) from 160 countries
- ✓ Full scholarships via the new “Opportunity Scholarship Program”
- ✓ Food Pantry program
- ✓ Serving a younger average student age than in past years, now an average age 24 year old.

A native of Florida from a middle class family, Dr. Deitemeyer knows she can relate to the struggles and stories of students. Like many of them she too can remember student loans and not having enough money to fill the gas tank.

So how is CPCC changing the lives of those with tenacity and determination?

Kandi talked about Spencer, Alex, Tamara, and CD. They are sample students she has met this year who have inspired her, reinforcing the success of CPCC's mission to transform lives. Spencer, who entered CPCC to prep for medical school, soon re-identified his "hope to change the world" redirecting him to a Physics education. Because of his concern for how we in our sophisticated world allow many to go without water, he now hopes to address that international problem. Then there is Alex's story. An 18 year old student from modest means, recently without any notes gave the best speech Kandi has ever heard. The audience was full of business leaders who lined up at the stage to offer him a job. What about Tamara? Soon after acquiring a CPCC automotive certificate she returned to CPCC for a degree qualifying her to test the integrity of bridges and roads, opening up employment opportunities wherever in the world she chooses to live. Finally, she talked about CD, a student from Gambia who transferred to Queens University. Recently, in part as a result of a trip to Washington, DC with Dr. Deitemeyer, he now aspires to become Gambia's Secretary General to the UN.

Dr. Deitemeyer urged us to help her "move the needle," transform more student lives. Start by watching the two You Tube videos (WTVI website) "Opportunity Scholarship Initiative" and "Dreamers, Doers, Destiny - the 3D Project." I just did, and I am planning my personal CPCC support follow-up.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=94kE_WJfC5M&feature=youtu.be
<http://www.wtvi.org/3-d-project-dreamers-doers-destiny/14489>

Speaker Write-Up: Ed Wadsworth; *Head Table:* Vanessa Stolen, Katie Tyler, Mary Vickers-Koch, Valerie Truesdale; *Invocation:* Jim Rogers; *Visitors & Guests:* Wes Sturges; *Photos:* Bert Voswinkel

CLUB NEWS



WHO RAN THE NEW YORK MARATHON IN 5:18:08??

TIM NEWMAN

District Grants Committee Chair Sean Gautam was on hand to present a check for \$14,500 to **Chase Saunders** and **Carolyn Carlburg** in support of the soccer initiative, now in its second year. Over 185 students are enrolled and participating in soccer programs organized by American Youth Soccer Organization (AYSO). Great work by a very committed group of Rotarians.

Salvation Army Commander **Larry Broome** and **Mark Norman** announced the Red Kettle kickoff at the square (corner of Trade & Tryon) on Friday, November 17 at 11AM. Charlotte Rotary President **Katie Tyler** will also participate in the opening ceremony and will share her remarks on the importance of this project. Hope you are able to come out and support this effort.

Ron Kimble received the 2017 Laurel Award at last week's AIA Charlotte Service and Design Award Gala. The Laurel Award is to recognize individuals, firms or organizations outside the profession who have made significant contributions to the improvement of the region's built environment. Contributions may include advancement or development of laws, regulations, policies or initiatives that promote excellence in architecture; the

commissioning of notable additions to the built environment; or activities that raise the public's consciousness of the importance of excellent design in the shaping of our world and culture.



Graham Wilson gets the prize for making up at a rather extreme location – Ethiopia. Graham's two week trip included 5 days to visit sites for the WASH project (*clean water project with World Vision and Rotary*). The rest of the time was to participate in a Polio NID close to the Somali border. However, the State Department had issued a travel warning to that part of the country, so the time was spent visiting some other Rotary opportunities. One of the places was Cheshire Home, a facility that helps children with disabilities, including Polio. Charlotte Rotary

made a \$500 donation for this organization.

Important projects through year end....

Clothing drive for Crisis Assistance Ministry will be held during the month of November. Thanks to **Daryl Larner** and **John Cantrell** for their work with this project. Warm clothing for men, women and children can be dropped off at tables set up in the hotel's parking deck.

Salvation Army Bell Ringing at the Square (corner of Trade & Tryon) begins November 20 and runs through December 8. Updates or schedule changes are to be coordinated with Mark Norman, mark.norman@jwu.edu. Last year the club raised funds to support 175 children at Christmas. Mark has put out a challenge to increase participation in order to support 300 children this year.

5th annual Christmas Breakfast at Charlotte Rescue Mission will be coordinated by **Bob Webb** and **Joe Penner**. They ask that you consider adding this event to your holiday planning and encourage family members to participate with you. Be on the lookout for the sign-up sheet in mid-November. If you are interested in being the volunteer photographer, please let Bob or Joe know.

Foundation Banquet (*registration has been closed*) will be held Friday, November 17, 2017 at the Ballantyne Hotel. Reception at 6PM; dinner at 7PM; keynote speaker is Richard King, Past RI President. Business attire. 27 members/guests from Charlotte Rotary will be attending.

100 SERVICE PROJECTS (99 completed)

99 PROJECTS HAVE BEEN COMPLETED! Someone, please come up with a new project to cap off the club's commitment to complete 100 Service Projects!

- **Platelet Donation:** Register at the American Red Cross or Community Blood Center of the Carolinas to donate platelets. UPDATE - 76 donations to date. Donations have fallen off in the last 3 months and not meeting the goal of 100 donations will jeopardize this effort. Contact: **John zumBrunnen:** jzumbrunnen@zumbrunnen.com.

MEMBERSHIP

07/01/2017	309
11/07/2017	300
Net Increase:	-9
New Members:	
Resignations:	

Visitors & Guests: Sean Gautam, Jeff Lowrance, Marjorie Wrenn, Shannon Hames, Frank Wenz, Emma Reynolds, Lynn Lee, Ella Hoyle, Robert McCarter, Duncan Wilson, Hans Emig

Visitors	11
Club Members	146
Total	157 (56.6%)

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS (11/23/17 – 11/29/17)

11/23 Terri DeBoo; Victor Chen
11/24 Jim Woodward
11/25 Mason Alexander
11/26 John Shell

UPCOMING ANNIVERSARIES (11/23/17 – 11/229/17)

11/23 Sheng Li & Wangzhong Lu
11/26 Debbie & Sadler Barnhardt

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

11/21 David Chadwick: Forest Hill Church (Being thankful)
11/28 Dianne Bailey: Robinson, Bradshaw & Hinson (Changing face of philanthropy)
12/05 Sharon Decker, Tryon International Equestrian Center
12/12 Laura Belcher: CEO, Habitat for Humanity CLT

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