



August 21, 2018

## DAVID ERDMAN

### 50 Lost Architectural Treasures of Charlotte



Special thanks to David Erdman for stepping in and delivering an informative and entertaining program about Charlotte's lost landmarks and treasures. Mac McCarley introduced David as "Mr. History" who has given 225 presentations on history, geography, cultural and architectural treasures.

David opened his remarks with an image of a beautiful quilt that was included in a time capsule assembled in 1913 by Rotary Oklahoma City to demonstrate the importance of capturing history.

**The Hawley  
Mansion  
(1906)  
also known  
as Mrs.  
Morehead's  
Boarding-  
house**



Rotary Oklahoma City 1913 time capsule



He also thanked the program committee for the opportunity to share Charlotte's lost treasures. Just out of curiosity, David started his presentation with "The Hawley Mansion" wondering if it was in Mike's family, but it was not. The mansion also known as Mrs. Morehead's Boarding House was located on Elizabeth Avenue.

Here are a few highlights from the presentation:

- The Mint when it was located on W. Trade. In 1931, The Mint was taken apart block by block and then reconstructed in 1936 by the WPA in its current location
- The Central Hotel, which was the oldest hotel in Charlotte, operated 100 years ago when Charlotte's population was 25,000.
- The D.H. Hill Military School on Morehead, which was Charlotte's first public school
- The Buford Hotel & Bank was considered Charlotte's second most important hotel in the late 1880s and early 1900s located at South Tryon and 4<sup>th</sup> Street. Originally built as an office building in 1870, two banks made their headquarters there. One was the Commercial National Bank, one of the cornerstones of Bank of America and the other was Union National Bank, which grew into First Union and then

Wachovia/Wells Fargo.

- The history of Second Presbyterian Church, formed in 1897 on North Tryon Street that eventually joined Westminster Presbyterian Church, founded in 1897 as Dilworth's first church. Both had outgrown their facilities and eventually created Covenant Presbyterian in Dilworth.
- Charlotte's City Hall built in 1888, which also doubled as the fire station. In 1898, a new City Hall was built. David said "it bespoke ambition" and was reminiscent of Philadelphia's City Hall, where the William Penn statue is located.
- Presbyterian College for Women once located on North College Street, is now Queens University of Charlotte
- Dilworth Park Pavilion (1899) was built in the Latta Park area to attract people to move to Dilworth, one of Charlotte's first suburbs
- Mecklenburg County Courthouse built in 1896 was another testament to Charlotte's ambition; it's resemblance to the U.S. Capital was remarkable

The campus of Elizabeth College, which went out of business in 1909 became the medical center for Presbyterian Hospital, which is now Novant. Other medical facilities that once operated in Charlotte included: The Charlotte Sanatorium at 7<sup>th</sup> and Church Streets, a 100-room, privately owned hospital that operated from 1907 to 1942. David shared that the Professional Building located at 7<sup>th</sup> and Tryon Streets was where all medical offices were located. In the 1920's an Eye, Ear, Nose & Throat Hospital was located next to the Professional Building.

Charlotte had a thriving hospitality industry including the magnificent Selwyn Hotel, which was built around 1905-1906. It was a showplace in its time with beautiful bay windows that David described as a "tip of hat" to San Francisco – a defining architectural characteristic. Many Rotarians watched the implosion of Hotel Charlotte on television, which had been closed since the early 70's. The Walton Hotel, in the cotton district, was once located on the light rail heading North out of Center City. Back in the day the Southern Railway Train Station was on the main line and was the "airport of the day."

Charlotte's rich history of manufacturing and distribution came to life with images of:

- D.A. Thompkins on South Church Street, who operated the newspaper, as well as supported and built the textile industry
- James B. Duke's office on South Tryon & Church Streets that opened in 1923 – home of Catawba Power
- The Charlotte Coca Cola Bottling Company built in 1929–1930, featuring red brick veneer and decorative concrete detailing, would superimpose building signage in photos
- The Wade Loft Building was like the Merchandise Mart in Chicago. It was located in what was known as the merchandise district/big breakdown center
- Charlotte was a major film distribution center. "Film row" was located on South Church Street where trucks would haul films once released all over the region including Southern Virginia, Tennessee, and the Carolinas
- The Manufacture's Club on West Trade Street was the "City Club" of its day

While it's impossible to cover all the history that David shared in today's presentation, you can enjoy more of it by picking up a copy of his book: "100 Lost Architectural Treasures of Old Charlotte."

*Speaker Write-Up:* Kim McMillan; *Head Table:* Kim Brattain, Mike Hawley, Mac McCarley, Ben Dobson, David Erdman; *Invocation:* Mark Turner; *Visitors & Guests:* Herb Harriss; *BBB Moment:* Tom Bartholomy; *Photos:* Bert Voswinkel; *Piano:* Em Syrewicze

## CLUB NEWS



**Colleen Brannan** is working on the Belk College Kickoff Concert featuring Brad Paisley Friday, August 31 at Memorial Stadium. Rotary members get a 20% discount on tickets [using this link](#) and promo code Rotary20.

**Classroom Central** School supplies may be dropped off at Rotary meetings anytime between August 21 and September 11. Most needed items: (consider stuffing in a book bag) pencils, colored pencils, crayons, notebook paper, rulers, glue sticks, 2 pocket folders and composition books. Use this link to purchase online: <http://www.amazon.com/gp/registry/wishlist/S5MWQOPXF6KA/>.

Updated info for **Ranjay Sarda**: [sardar@acarasolutions.com](mailto:sardar@acarasolutions.com) (company name changed to Acara Solutions, Inc.).

**Henry Batton**, Concrete Supply Co., is included in the Business Journal's Middle Market Leaders special section.

**Rotary Scholarship Golf Classic** scheduled for October 2, 2018 is coming together. Big thanks to all that are participating and especially our sponsors: Greater Charlotte Auto Dealers, MEDIC, Sheriff, Fire, Police, Charlotte Rotary, Motorola Solutions, PBI Products, Scott Safety, AAA Carolinas.

There are 83 golfers registered at this point and there is room for up to 100. If you intend to play, please let me know ASAP. Thanks to the Fairfield Inn & Suites for providing box lunches and to SMS Catering for the BBQ dinner.

**Michael Orzech** and **Michael Wollinger** are working on auction items and a big thank you to all that have contributed. Packages are being put together as we speak and tickets will be sold during the month of September. If you have made a commitment to provide an item, please be sure it is dropped off at a Rotary luncheon not later than August 30. Player names are also needed in the upcoming weeks.

Make a note...

*Charlotte Evening Rotary Club* meeting at Duckworth's, 330 N. Tryon St., 6PM

*Huntersville Happy Hour Rotary Club* meeting at Spare Time Huntersville, 16317 Statesville Rd, Huntersville, 6:30PM

*Charlotte Providence Rotary Club* meeting at Providence Baptist Church, 4921 Randolph Rd, 12:30PM

*Charlotte End of the Week Rotary Club* has folded

### Calendar Events

- October 2, 2018 – Rotary Scholarship Golf Classic – Ballantyne Resort – the tournament is a fundraiser that provides college scholarships for families of our First Responders.

- November 10, 2018 - Rotary Foundation Banquet at Langtree Plantation, 554 Langtree Rd, Mooresville, NC. Fellowship & Cocktails at 6PM; Dinner at 7PM; Program Concludes by 9PM. Keynote speaker will be Past RI President John Germ. \$65 for first person; guests are \$55 per person; Rotaract or Interact students \$40 per student.

## MEMBERSHIP

07/01/2018 288  
08/21/2018 284  
Net Increase: -4  
New Members:  
Resignations:

### PROPOSED FOR MEMBERSHIP (comments to Rotary office by 9/28/18)

Abishek Edikala  
Duke Energy Corporation (Electric Power)  
Sponsor: Em Syrewicze  
Endorsed: Mike Hawley and Karen Calder

Visitors 8  
Club Members 123  
Total 131 (53.5%)

Visitors & Guests: Marjorie Wrenn, Michael Barnes, Kees Seingerland, Wafaa Fathi, Howard Layson, William Turner, Bear Xioung, Leigh Bullard

### BIRTHDAYS (08/29/18 – 09/05/18)

09/03 Ed Driggs  
09/04 Martin Waters  
09/05 Robert Freeman, John Lassiter  
09/05 Dusty Holcomb, Kim Kuo, Frank Watson

### WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES (08/29/18 – 09/05/18)

08/29 Raleigh & Jordan Harris  
08/30 Marilyn & Roger Sarow; Sallie & Dick Klingman  
09/01 Jeanne & Linwood Bolles  
09/03 Nancy & David Roberson; Rose Marie & Gene Bratek; Kasey & Paul Lankes  
09/05 Kim & Bill McMillan; Marti & David Head

### ROTARY ANNIVERSARIES (08/29/18 – 09/05/18)

02 years – Randall Mountcastle  
04 years – Brent Cagle  
05 years – Rudy Rudisill  
14 years – Jay Westmoreland  
22 years – David Zimmerman  
26 years – Catherine Browning  
40 years – Vernon Anderson

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

08/28 **Bob McKillop**, Davidson Basketball Coach  
09/04 **Dr. Jim Martin**, Revelation through Science  
09/11 **Police Chief Kerr Putney, MEDIC Joe Penner, Fire Chief Reginald Johnson, Sheriff Irwin Carmichael, Governor Pat McCrory**, First Responders 9/11 Panel

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

