



July 10, 2018

## KENDALL ALLEY

### Thoughts on Leadership



Kendall Alley, 2018 chair of the Charlotte Chamber and longtime Charlotte banker, currently a Regional President at Wells Fargo, shared his thoughts on leadership in general and specifically as it relates to the issues facing our community. A Clemson University graduate and member of the 1981 National Championship Team under coach Danny Ford, Kendall began his remarks with the comment that most of what he knows about leadership he learned from his coaches. Danny Ford taught him that great recruiting is critical to success and can sometimes overcome poor coaching. Dabo Swinney follows this credo as well and by all counts (including Kendall's) is a great coach, touting the message "Best is standard." His stated goal for his players is to see them graduate, be good husbands, fathers and leaders, and win games. In that order.

Kendall said that he learned early in his career that it is important to understand the power of your position as a leader. In Charlotte, leadership requires collaboration in order to address our challenges: socio-economic differences, transportation deficiencies, lack of affordable housing, to name a few. The only way to address and make strides towards resolving these issues is to work together by sharing resources, making connections and coordinating efforts. On a recent Chamber trip to Atlanta, Kendall was struck by the ability of the city in the face of a crisis (specifically the collapse of the Interstate 85 bridge last year) to work together and address critical needs as efficiently and quickly as possible.

We all know Charlotte is a "can do" city, but in the words of Johnny Harris, we also have to be a "will do" city. The economic opportunity for growth and enhanced quality of life in our community is abundantly clear, but the path to success is difficult, laden with obstacles. One thing the Chamber team learned during the Amazon HQ proposal process: we, as a city, can bring tremendous energy and urgency to the fore when it is called for. We need to apply that same attitude of "will do" to the pressing issues of the day. A great example of this is the upcoming **All in for the Kids** event scheduled for August 17-18. Working together, the Chamber, the United Way, Hands on Charlotte and several other community organizations will marshal their resources to gather and organize 5,000 volunteers to work in CMS schools in preparation for the 2018/2019 academic year. More information is forthcoming, but volunteers will be cleaning up and beautifying the grounds, helping teachers with classroom setup, collecting

and organizing school supplies and other similar tasks. In this instance, Charlotte will come together to do what is necessary to improve and enhance the back to school experience for thousands of children in our community.

So, Charlotte Rotary, mark your calendars for August 17-18 and be prepared to show that “can do, will do” Charlotte energy!

*Speaker Write-Up:* Suzanne Bledsoe; *Head Table:* Linwood Bolles, Mike Hawley, Kim Brattain, Elly Clary; *Invocation:* Floyd Davis; *Visitors & Guests:* Kim Brattain; *Photos:* Bert Voswinkel

## CLUB NEWS

The Club sends its condolences to **Dena Diorio** on the passing of her husband, Robert on July 7, 2018. Visitation will be held on Wednesday, July 11, 2018 from 5pm to 7pm. Funeral Services will be held on Thursday, July 12, 2018 at 10:30am. Both will be held at McEwen Funeral Service, 5716 Monroe Road, Charlotte. [Click here](#) to read the obituary. The family asks that in lieu of flowers a donation can be made to the American Cancer Society of Greater Charlotte. *Dena Diorio, 4327 Sheffield Park Avenue (28211).*

**John Snyder's** family is also in need of your prayers and support. John's sister-in-law Jessica and John's brother Vern, learned that Jessica's parents were killed in a car accident in eastern North Carolina last Friday afternoon. *John Snyder, 4625 Piedmont Row Dr, Unit 302 (28210)*

E2D, Inc. was mentioned by today's speaker. E2D – Eliminate the Digital Divide, was created when **Pat Millen's** daughter, Frannie asked how home work could be completed when 50% of the classroom did not have internet access? The mission of E2D is to ensure that all students have affordable access to essential at-home technology and digital literacy training to support academic success and prepare students for college careers and beyond. If your business or organization has decommissioned computer technology that can be repurposed, please reach out to Pat – [pat.millen@gmail.com](mailto:pat.millen@gmail.com).

Mark Your Calendar – October 2, 2018...16<sup>th</sup> Annual Rotary Scholarship Golf Classic will be held at Ballantyne Resort. This fund raising event enables the club to provide scholarships to the children of our First Responders. The registration form is on the website ([www.charlotterotary.org](http://www.charlotterotary.org), Events tab). Please consider increasing your support by moving up to the Gold, Silver or Bronze sponsorship level.



Campus Secretary, Nicole Bonilla, Opportunity Scholar and Ruth G. Shaw Scholar; Clemence Mvete, Public Information Officer for the Student Government Association, and

A new initiative to use some of our club's social capital kicked off on Tuesday. In partnership with the Fairfield Inn & Suites and Central Piedmont Community College, five students from CPCC were hosted for lunch in an effort to give them some exposure to interesting people and to our speakers. Welcome David Florez, CPCC Central Campus Rotaract Club President; Ni'Chelle Heckman, CPCC

Michael Pyant, Vice President of Student Government Association.

## MEMBERSHIP

07/01/2018 288

07/10/2018 284

Net Increase: -4

New Members:

Resignations: Gayle Sims, Ryan Taylor, John Powell, Frank Deaton

### APPROVE FOR MEMBERSHIP (Comments to the Rotary office by 7/17/18)

Michal Noelle Culler (Noelle)

WFAE (*Classification*: Radio Broadcasting, Public)

Sponsor: Julie Haack

Endorsed: Marilyn Bowler and Karen Calder

Visitors 13

Club Members 127

Total 140 (50.4%)

Visitors & Guests: Michael Pyant, Ni'Chelle Heckman, David Florez, Nicole Bomilla, Clemence Mvete, Mark Aysta, Jordan Watkins, Ronald Belton, Ted Northrup, Dan Mainous, Jasmine Speller, Ella Hoyle

### BIRTHDAYS (07/19/18 – 07/24/18)

07/20 Larry Broome

07/21 Bob Brietz

07/21 John Phillips

### WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES (07/19/18 – 07/24/18)

07/19 Joy & Ken Poe

07/21 Judith & George Gabel

### ROTARY ANNIVERSARIES (07/19/18 – 07/24/18)

03 years – Vernon Menard

04 years – David Head

10 years – Will Hadley

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

07/17 *Mike McGuire*, CEO, Grant Thornton Global

07/24 *Linda Hudson*, CEO Cardea Group

07/31 *Dione Nelson*, CEO, Laurel Street Residential (Evergreen)

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





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