



Charlotte Reporter

The Rotary Club of Charlotte

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Frank Emory
Charlotte Chamber
By: Jim Kelley

Natalie English with the Charlotte Chamber introduced our program - Frank Emory, the current Board Chair of the Charlotte Chamber. Frank



was born in Wilson, NC and attended Duke University as a Duke Scholar where he was President of the Student Council. From there he attended law school at UNC Chapel Hill. Currently Frank is a partner with Hunton and Williams where his practice focuses on complex commercial litigation and arbitration. During his nearly three decades in practice, he has tried more than 60 cases in state and federal courts and before arbitration panels and administrative

agencies. Frank is on the Board of Trustees and Executive Committee at Duke University. He is a former President of the Mecklenburg County Bar and is a recipient of the Long Leaf Pine, North Carolina's highest civilian order.

Frank emphasized early on in his presentation that the Chamber takes no public funding but is funded 50% by membership dues and 50% by a members campaign. The Chamber has 3,300 members – 80% of which have fewer than 100 employees. Its mission is to grow the economy, provide innovative programs and support pro business public policies.

Programmatically there are three focuses – member engagement, public policy and economic development. In the area of member engagement, the Chamber wants to help its members network with each other, provide good content through its events and programs and help support the business community. There are seven chapters in Charlotte – Ballantyne, East, Metro, Northwest, South Park, Southwest, and University City. The Chamber provides over 100 events a year for its members and has special focuses on entrepreneurs, affinity chambers and minority enterprises.

In the area of public policy, the chamber focuses on business friendly policies on a local, state and federal level. On a state level, there is gavel to gavel coverage through a lobbying firm. On a federal level, there are several visits each year to Washington, DC. The Chamber hosts several summits each year. In 2012, there have been or will be summits in the following areas – transportation, an entrepreneurial ecosystem, role of creativity and innovation, healthcare and workforce. There are several focused public policy committees including aviation, land use, transportation, legislative, workforce issues and workforce development.

In the area of economic development, the chamber staff has a combined 115 years experience. They focus on recruitment, research, retention and redevelopment. They target special sectors including transportation, tourism, manufacturing and foreign firms. There are over 600 foreign firms in Charlotte and over 200 of those with ties to Europe.

In closing, Frank discussed some recent highlights. In 2012, the Chamber assisted with over 3,000 jobs and had over 100 client visits. In the past ten years, the Chamber has recruited 6,790 new companies to Charlotte, helped

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

2012-2013

Program Chair: Ed Driggs

1Qtr Edwin Peacock

2Qtr Colleen Brannan

3Qtr Bob Freeman

4Qtr Bill Constangy

JULY 2012

31st **Beth Petty**
Charlotte Film Commission

AUGUST 2012

7th **Molly Grantham**
News Anchor, WBTV

14th **Fernando Aguirre**
CEO, Chiquita Banana
And Thomas Federl

21st **David Chadwick**
Forest Hill Church
Book – Dean Smith and the
Twelve Leadership Principles

12:30 Tuesday
Crowne Plaza – 201 S. McDowell Street

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create 56,338 new jobs and brought in \$11 billion in investments. What a difference the Chamber makes for our community.

Head Table: David Tobin, Cynthia Marshall, Marilynn Bowler, Natalie English, Angela Broome, Craig Simpson; Invocation: Phil Volponi
 Visitors & Guests: Bill Bradley; Health, Happiness & History: Elizabeth Berry; Song: Chris Kemper; AV: Jessica Dupree; Photos: Bert Voswinkel

CLUB NEWS

→ *Jessica Graham* is recuperating from surgery and resting at home; *Carson Dean* had rotator cuff surgery and is taking it easy for a while; *Charlie Williams* had successful cataract surgery; Jean and *Al Allison* celebrated the marriage of their daughter Lauren to Jeremy Deese on May 12th; and Sheila Cottringer and Todd Bacon were married July 21st (sbacon@bizjournals.com).

→ A few blurbs from the papers: *Elizabeth Barnhardt* contributed to an article about housing incentives and the real estate market in general; *Bob Hagemann* is participating in WFAE-FMs community conversation, “Politics in the Street,” which will focus on the DNC – 7 p.m. Thursday at the Mint Museum Uptown.

→ *Janice Booth* had several club members contact her after last week’s presentation. Many did not realize she left Classroom Central in December and has been on a six-month leave of absence from Rotary while focusing on being a full-time speaker, writer and traveler. Note the updated email: janice@janicehollybooth.com. Janice will be selling her book *Only Pack What You Can Carry* at the July 31 Rotary meeting. \$24 (cash or check) with ALL proceeds going to The Rotary Foundation.

→ Rotary Scholarship Golf Classic - September 11th

→ *Bill Allen* suggests you start gathering school supplies for the club’s drive to support Classroom Central.

UPDATE ON MITCHELL (Facebook posting on 7/24/12)

First, the really good news.... The oncologist told Meg and Frank on Tuesday that the leukemia is in remission. Mitchell is still running a fever and will remain in PICU at least another day. Meg’s church supporters dropped off 125 wristbands for Charlotte Rotary to sell. Happy to report there are only 35 remaining and with a minimum donation of \$1 - \$967 was raised in very short order. Tee shirts are being printed for sale through our Rotary club in the next few weeks. Ten Rotarians are lined up to get the family moved into their new home this weekend. Thanks to everyone for supporting this effort.

APPROVE FOR MEMBERSHIP (Comments to Rotary Office by 7/30/12)

Claire Blocker

HeartBright Foundation, Inc. (classification: Medicine, Cardiology Preventive Care)

Sponsor: Byron Bullard

Endorsed: Luther Fincher and Bert Voswinkel

PUBLIC SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

John Lassiter had the honor of introducing this year’s distinguished recipients of the club’s Public Safety Scholarship, which provides a scholarship renewable for four years. Congratulations are extended to: *Jennifer Cachine* (Police), *Andrienne Cherry* (Sheriff), *Caleb Wright* (Fire), *Clint Caskey* (Fire) *Keonna Artis* (Police); *Mary-Katherine Tipp* (Police); *Tanner Hallgren* (Police); and *Zachary Gordon* (Fire).

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| Attendance | <u>07/24/2012</u> | <u>07/26/2011</u> | Membership | New Members: |
| Visitors & Guests | 35 | 14 | 07/01/2012 316 | |
| Club Members | 161 | 141 | 07/24/2012 313 | |
| Total Attendance | 196 | 155 | Net Increase -3 | Resignation: Tom Worth, Sheila Neisler, Ry Hudnall |
| Percentage | 56.9% | | | |
| Birthdays July 31-August 6 | | | Anniversaries July 31-August 6 | |
| 31 Karen Calder | 31 Bob Hagemann | | 01 Laura and John Howman | 02 Renita and George Battle |
| 01 Chuck Lew | 02 Vernon Anderson | | 05 Dottie and Jim Barnhardt | 05 Jenny Lou and Rob Wright |
| 02 Steve Eanes | 03 Lamar Thomas | | | |
| 04 Mark Turner | 05 Lee Martin | | | |
| 05 Daryl Larner | | | | |