



June 30, 2015

THOMAS M. BARTHOLOMY **98th President – Rotary Club of Charlotte**



Hard to believe but it was changing-of-the-guard time at Charlotte Rotary this week. With relief (masked by his usual exuberance), President Tony (Zeiss) passed the gavel to President Tom (Bartholomy). The exchange of pins made it official.

New President Tom noted that he and President Tony are the first and second Indiana-born Hoosiers to be president of Charlotte's oldest Rotary Club.

"Tony's passion for CPCC is well-known," President Tom said. "And we have all witnessed first-hand his passion for Rotary. Tony, you have made us better Rotarians and our club a model

for Rotary. For that, we thank you."

After introducing his wife Durenda and son Paul, President Tom noted that he joined Rotary in 1985 because his dad was a Rotarian. But his dad wouldn't let Tom join his downtown Fort Wayne club. So he joined the Anthony Wayne Club and later served as president in 1998-99. He joined Charlotte Rotary in 2001. His sponsor was Past President Marilyn Bowler, who is still a member of his local Better Business Bureau board.

But, said President Tom, he did not have his "true Rotary moment" until he and his wife helped served Christmas breakfast at the Charlotte Rescue Mission in 2012.

The crowd was dwindling when a family from Ecuador came in, he said. A mom and four kids, the youngest was 3-year-old Maria. "Durenda and I served them, sat and chatted with them, served them seconds then started to clear the table. As we were clearing away the final plates, Maria came up behind me and tugged on my shirt.

"I crouched down in front of her and she looked at me with these huge brown eyes and she said, 'thank you,' then started to turn away but turned back and said 'and Merry Christmas.' It was a very simple act of service. Nothing compared to what so many of you have accomplished through our club. But what a great way to start Christmas."

That is also the reason the club will be kicking off the 100 service projects in "celebration of our centennial in 2016. Whether we can do something that will change someone's life for a day (like Maria's) or something much grander that will change a life forever, I am intent on giving everyone an opportunity to experience their own Rotary moment."

The new president noted that each club president has a "signature." President Tony's was "Rotary facts." "I'm pleased to announce the return of 'scam alerts.' It won't happen every week, but when you see me wearing this button you'll know that I'll be sharing info on the latest scam and how to protect yourself.

“And even though each President has a signature and leads in his own unique way,” he continued. “It’s not about the President. It’s about what we as Rotarians can accomplish through the lives that we touch. It is an honor to be your President.”

In his parting remarks, President Tony thanked everyone who helped make Rotary year 2014-2015 a success. “We accomplished great things,” he said, “and we had fun while doing it. It was a remarkably fast and full year for me. I’m honored beyond measure for the privilege of having been president of this great organization. I hope it was fun for you.”

He continued, “Tom, I have every confidence you’ll do an exemplary job. I encourage you to keep the club focused on service to others and keep the meeting fun!”

Earlier in the meeting, then-President Tony asked Quincy Foil to report the club’s progress toward attaining its mission to “. . . increase member participation, inspire leadership and make a positive impact among the local and international community.” Among the results, the club:

- Ended year with 322 members including 44 new members, a net new of five.
- Increased capital reserve 28%, exceeding \$15,000 goal by 68%.
- Exceeded Rotary Foundation gift goal by 45%; contributions (as of June 17) were almost \$55,000.
- Increased number of members who became new Paul Harris Fellows or increased by one level by 40, representing 12% of membership
- Recorded 280 members serving on 38 committees, 88% of membership
- Completed member survey about programs; nearly 90% prefer business-related programs.
- Adopted amended and restated bylaws.

Speaker Write Up: Henry Bostic

Head Table: John Tabor, Quincy Foil, Tony Zeiss, Tom Bartholomy, Marilynn Bowler, Jerry Coughter, Katie Tyler; Invocation: Jim Kelley; Visitors & Guests: Ken Poe; Song: Angela Broome; Health, Happiness & History: David Zimmerman; AV: Jessica Dupree; Photos: Herb Harriss

Club News

John Galles was pleased to introduce **Gunda Knese** as the club’s newest Rotarian. Gunda is from Sudhennern Germany and moved to the United States in 1999. She joined GreerWalker, LLP in 2001 and serves as the firm’s Director of Business Development. Contact Gunda at gunda.knese@greerwalker.com.

Judy Wishnek has been recognized in the Charlotte Business Journal’s Women In Business Class Of 2015; congratulations to **Lee & John Tabor**’s son, John Paul, who graduated from UNC Charlotte with a BS in Mechanical Engineering; Major **Bobby Lancaster** has retired from The Salvation Army and has moved back to his home town of Rocky Mount, NC; **Ralston Pound**, great to see you back at Rotary; **Bert Voswinkel** has officially retired as the club’s photographer and looked pretty relaxed at “The Table.” **Herb Harriss**, **Harriman Jett** and **John Mahaffey** have stepped in to handle Bert’s job. If you are interested in working with this group, please call the Rotary office.

HOST FAMILIES are in place for Anna (Germany; Charlotte Latin); Ed is still working on placement for Radim (Czech Republic; Myers Park). If you are able to provide the family experience for Radim, please contact **Ed Wadsworth** (ed@wadsworthgroup.net) ASAP.

If you have not yet done so, please remember to forward our new address to your accounting department. I do not have contact information for every firm in the club and would appreciate each of you getting this change to the appropriate department. 1850 East 3rd Street, Ste 220 Charlotte, NC 28204

ROTARY SCHOLARSHIP GOLF CLASSIC

Keeping the September 29th Golf Tournament on the front burner...thanks to **Greg Hatcher** for signing up a twosome, which puts our total golfers at 54. This includes spots for our sponsors and the competition teams for Fire, Medic, Sheriff and Police. Lots more golfers are needed.

LITTLE FREE LIBRARY BIRDHOUSE



What do **Meg McElwain**, **Bob Finley**, **Edwin Peacock**, **Luther Moore**, **Charlie Bones**, and **Marilynn Bowler's** daughter have in common??? They all have a Little Free Library Birdhouse on display and in use in their yard. **Tom Burgess** made eight houses and all have been placed but two. If you would like to have one of the remaining houses placed in your yard, please contact committee chair **Carol Jordan**, cwalkerj@msn.com. They are free to a good home and the finishing touches of paint, etc. can be whatever works for you.

POSTED FOR MEMBERSHIP (comments to Rotary Office by 7/7/15)

John Shaver

Charlotte Observer (Newspaper, Advertising)

Sponsor: Kelly Mirt Endorsed: Tom Bartholomy, Jill Santuccio

Kimberly Ann McMillan (Kim)

Cardinal Innovations Healthcare Solutions (Healthcare, Corporate Communications)

Sponsor: John Galles Endorsed: Karen Price, David Head

Sheila J. Cox

Global Match, LLC (Transportation, International)

Sponsor: John Galles Endorsed: Chase Saunders, Tim Chappell

VISITORS ON 06/30/15

Sintha Steward, Brookelyn Riley, David Barksdale, Ellen Zarembo, Beth Zeiss, Durenda Bartholomy, Chris Bartholomy, Mahlek Pothemont, Sean Gautam, Mike Walker

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS (07/07/15 – 07/13/15)

07/07 Gunda Knese

07/08 Dale LeCount

07/09 Charlie Bones

07/10 Ron Kimble

07/12 Harry Workman

07/13 Herb Harriss

UPCOMING ANNIVERSARIES (07/07/15 – 07/13/15)

07/07 Penny & Charlie Bones

07/09 Barbara & Tom Robertson; Gunda Knese & Hugo Jaramillo

07/10 Cynthia & Tom Marshall

07/11 Anja & David Zimmerman

07/13 Marilyn & Bob Bowler

Visitors & Guests	9
Club Members	167
Total	177
Percentage	58.6%

MEMBERSHIP

06/30/2015 319
07/01/2014 317
Net Increase: +2

New Members: Travis Vance, Joan Wright, Mary Ellen Player, Jessica Whitaker, Jim Rogers, Gunda Knese
Resignations: Tod Thorne, Stephen Smith, Tom Hodges, Jim Hendery, Jill Dineen, Neal Emmons, Bobby Lancaster

UPCOMING LUNCHEONS www.charlotterotary.org and click on the events tab)

07/07 – Blaine Jackson, CEO, NewDominion Bank
07/14 – Rye Barcott, Co-Founder, Carolina For Kibera in Kenya
07/21 – Bill McMahon, CEO, CoaLogix
07/28 – Kim Reynolds, Director of Community Relations, Publix Supermarkets

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