



November 18, 2014



HIGWA

Hosted by **Chris Kemper**
Jenn Jackson
Tim Flanagan
Mark Markanda



Tuesday's meeting was a "How-I-Got-Where-I'm-At" meeting and as usual it was a great meeting. No wonder so many of our members says these meeting are their favorites.

We met a couple of Rotary newbies, and really got to know one Rotary veteran much, much better. What a diverse group Chris Kemper introduced us to.

Jenn Jackson of Greater Media Charlotte is a relatively new member. "When I joined Rotary, I had promised myself to enthusiastically volunteer for as much as I possibly could, so when this opportunity popped up in my e-mail, I quickly agreed without really understanding what I was agreeing to," she said. "When I realized I had to stand up her and tell a compelling story, I went into a slight panic."

She talked about the people who had made a difference in her life: her grandfather, an Air Force WWII and Korean War veteran who worked on the Titan missile project, "taught me the value of education, perseverance, tolerance, persistence, culture, laughter and forgiveness." Her mother went back to college in her early 30s. "To this day," Jenn said, "she has no idea how much she influenced me when I went to college. If she could run a household, work full-time and graduate with honors, so could I."

Her dad, Rick Jackson, a former club member, taught her many things, she said, "but I think the most important lesson is really simple – stop and connect. Humans need connection." And this, she said, "is a perfect segue to Rotary, because isn't this so much of what Rotary is all about? I have the pleasure of connecting and serving with each of you. It's a true honor."

Tim Flanagan, another new member, leads the HF Financial/ Mass Mutual agency. He noted that he was particularly influenced by the many moves in his life and particularly growing up in Colorado, where he noted that residents were using marijuana long before it was legal. He has now lived in Charlotte longer than any other place and now considers it his favorite.

He paid special tribute to his mom for her longtime sobriety and his did whom he admires greatly and aspires to be like. He called Ivan Hinrichs whom he succeeded as head of the Mass Mutual agency "a friend, mentor and spiritual guide who has taught me so much."

Tim said that the constant theme in his life is "the Hand of God, growing in faith, moving through fear, seeking His will to serve Him and His kingdom." By striving to be the best he can be by using his God-given talents, he said. "I have learned through faith to overcome fear and ego, live through adversity, serve through the power of servant leadership and to be grateful."

“Rotary provides an excellent opportunity for fellowship,” Tim concluded, “as well as the chance to serve and in the process to become a better version of ourselves.”

Mark Markanda has been a hyperactive Rotarian for more than 37 years. He has spoken all over the world, spreading the Rotary gospel and he noted that when he’s asked to speak, “I’m like a preacher: the more I have in front of me, the longer I talk, and the better I get.”

A native of Punjab, India, a graduate of Punjab University and a civil engineering graduate of the University of Kentucky, he found his way to Charlotte through what was to be a five-year assignment at J. N. Pease and Associates, an architectural and engineering firm that at the time ranked 192 in the U.S. That assignment lasted 30 years and he retired as CEO because his wife was ill at the time. Uma passed away November 30, 2005.

He joined Rotary at the insistence of Col. J. N. Pease, who was president of the Charlotte Rotary club in 1922-23.

Mark joined Rotary because while growing up in India, he “saw and observed the work of Rotary being performed and what a difference it was making in the lives of people. I knew many of those projects and wished that I could be a part of them too.”

But he didn’t think he qualified for Rotary because only the rich people were Rotary members in India. Col. Pease set him straight on that. He became a member and the rest is history. It would be impossible to include all he’s done in and for Rotary in this short space.

He summed it up best with these words: “It is a way of life. It has meant the world to me and has made me what I am today – a better speaker, a better parent, a better citizen of the community, and very respectful of other people around me, locally and globally. It has taught me to follow the objects of Rotary, the Four Way Test, and Service Above Self, while helping others to make a difference in their lives. I would have never had these opportunities if it were not for Rotary. I am blessed and eternally grateful to all those who have come in my life and made a difference.”

Written by: Henry Bostic

Head Table: Marilyn Bowler, Phil Van Hoy, Tom Bartholomy, Chris Kemper, Jenn Jackson, Tim Flanagan, Mark Markanda; Invocation: Will Barnhardt; Visitors & Guests: Bill Bradley; Song: Angela Broome; Health, Happiness & History: John Tabor; AV: Jessica Dupree & Nikki Keith; Photos: Bert Voswinkel

Club News

Tod Thorne was featured in the Nov. 6 Outdoors column of the Charlotte Observer. He was added to the honor roll at the Charlotte Rifle & Pistol Club for scoring 25 straight in skeet, a difficult thing to do and one not many have accomplished.

Mike Hawley has been named to the CPCC Board of Directors.

Welcome to new member **Frank Horan**, who is in business development for Caronet. He can be reached at frank.horan@caro.net.

Charlotte World Trade Association and the NC USO will recognize those who serve and protect us with a “Salute to the Troops.” The dinner and holiday celebration will be held December 9, 6 until 9 p.m., Charlotte Marriott South Park. NC USO President John Falkenbury, will be the speaker. Contact **Tim Chappell** (chappell.ccg@gmail.com, 704-232-0129) for additional information.

Posted for Membership (comments to Rotary office by 11/25/14)

Allan Glenn Paton (classification: Banking, Commercial Lending; Waterford Bank-Retired)

Sponsor: Tom Bartholomy; Endorsed: Bob James and Marilyn Bowler

Clothing Drive to benefit those served by Crisis Assistance Ministry will be in full swing throughout the month of November. **John Cantrell** and **Daryl Larner** have arranged drop off tables in the hotel parking deck and will be glad to give you a receipt for your donation.

Salvation Army Bell Ringing schedule will be available again next week - be sure to see **Mark Norman** and **Stephanie Hinrichs** to lock in your date. The kettle location is at the Square and dates are Nov. 24 and 25; Dec. 1 - 12. Shifts are 11:30-12:30 or 12:30-1:30.

Breakfast at Charlotte Rescue Mission will be here before you know it. **Liz Irwin** and **Joe Penner** are in need of 48 to 50 volunteers to help serve breakfast Christmas morning at the Charlotte Rescue Mission from 5:30 – 9 a.m. Tee shirts must be ordered by November 30, which means this is a very short turnaround to get the volunteers in place.

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS (11/25/14 – 12/1/14)

11/25 Mason Alexander

11/26 John Shell

11/28 Ellen McIntyre

11/30 Byron Bullard, Bob Freeman, Tony Marciano

UPCOMING ANNIVERSARIES (11/25/14 – 12/1/14)

11/26 Sadler & Debbie Barnhardt

ATTENDANCE

Visitors & Guests	6
Club Members	141
Total Attendance	147
Percentage	50.7%

MEMBERSHIP

11/18/2014 323

07/01/2014 317

Net Increase: +6

New Members: Greg Hatcher, Frank Horan

Resignations: Ryan Menzel, Eric Levinson

VISITORS ON 11/18/14

Chad Ewing, Tanise Love, Corrina Kirby, Matt Millward, Mark Cramer, Glenn Paton, Alan Turner Jr.

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

11/25/14 – Thanksgiving Program (Lisa Mask, Roger Sarow, Julie Haack)

12/2/14 – District Governor Ken Dresser

Photos from the Luncheon





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



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