

Rotary
Club of
Charlotte



REPORTER

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PAUL FINEBAUM

ESPN Radio Host, College Game-Day Co-Anchor



Fellow Rotarian, Travis Vance, introduced our speaker Paul Finebaum.

To many in Charlotte Rotary, Paul is a familiar voice that has been heard throughout the Southeast for years. Beginning with his early career in the 1980s in Birmingham on WAPI-FM (I-95) and quickly becoming the highest rated sport-talk show in Birmingham. He later had his own radio network launch in 2004 with The Paul Finebaum Radio Network syndicated throughout the southeast affiliates and becoming one of the top sports radio shows in the United States.

Paul is a familiar face that has also made numerous contributions and has hosted and co-hosted individual shows ranging from ABC to ESPN.

In 2014 he signed with ESPN and agreed to appear on its new SEC Network becoming a regular ranging from SportsCenter, College Football Live, Olbermann and a weekly role on College GameDay along with the other contributors and awarded a Sports Emmy. He's even appeared on Morning Joe, the popular political show for MSNBC. Today, he produces a radio show out of the network's regional base in our very own Charlotte, North Carolina!

Paul took us on a career journey at Charlotte Rotary on January 24th and shared many, many stories of his interactions and amusing listener and guest reactions over the years. He also shared his opinions on all things college football.

Regardless of his many accomplishments ranging from his news/reporting to television and radio career, as well as his many publications, Richard Deitsch said it best: "If you asked me who are the two greatest interviewers on radio and television, I would say Paul Finebaum and Howard Stern."

Thank you, Paul Finebaum, for the many laughs and for not holding back.

Speaker Write-Up: *Stephanie Hinrichs*

Head Table: *Fred Wagner, Natalie English, Travis Vance, John Cantrell*; Invocation: *Marilynn Bowler*; Visitors & Guests: *Steve Eanes*; History Moment: *Edwin Peacock*; AV: *Jessica Dupree*; Photos: *Bert Voswinkel*; Piano: *Em Syrewicze*

CLUB NEWS

Ruth Samuelson passed away January 23, 2017 and the club extends our sympathy to the families. Ruth's husband, **Ken Samuelson**; Ruth's father, **Bob Culbertson**, and Ruth's sister, **Laura Thomas**. Funeral services will be held at First Baptist Church, 301 S. Davidson St., near uptown Charlotte, at 2:30 PM Friday, January 27, 2017. Visitation will follow at First Baptist. Family will also receive friends Thursday evening, January 26, from 5:30 to 7 PM at Uptown Church, 926 Elizabeth Ave. (The Great Aunt Stella Center). The club will send a donation to Charlotte Rescue Mission.

Two new Rotarians were introduced to the club on Tuesday. **Travis Vance** introduced **Jordan Harris**, vice president business development for Healthgram, a healthcare management company based in Charlotte. Reach out to Jordan at Jordan.harris@healthgram.com. Next up was **Wil Bosbyshell** to introduce **Van Hall**. Van retired as an account executive for Hewlett Packard and wishes to become more involved in the community. Van can be reached at vhall@carolina.rr.com. Welcome, gentlemen.

Congratulations to President **Natalie English**, who will serve as President & CEO of the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce. The Board is reviewing plans to cover Natalie's position through June, 2017.

Rotary International President John Germ is the club's speaker next Tuesday, January 31, 2017. The meeting will be held at Goodwill Industries, 5301 Wilkinson Boulevard (our usual timeframe of 12:30 – 1:30). The facility will seat 200 and as of this morning, we have 164 signed up to attend (counting guests). At this point, I give up on RSVPs and hope more of you will plan to attend.

100 SERVICE PROJECTS (80 completed; 203 participants; 2347 volunteer hours)

The idea behind the commitment to complete 100 service projects is to TOUCH 100 organizations. We are starting to lap ourselves and although we can count the community service hours, we can't count the organization if we've already provided a service for them. Example: Christmas breakfast at Charlotte Rescue Mission, coat collection for Crisis Assistance, bell ringing. Do not read into this that we will not continue supporting these projects. Just that we need to identify new organizations that need something done....manpower, no funding, prefer minimum of 2 Rotarians (can be more) volunteering to make it count. I'm looking forward to your new ideas.

NEW PROJECTS in red

- **2017 PGA Championship**, August 7-13, Quail Hollow Country Club. Volunteers needed to help in their concession areas. Several schedule options range from 6am-1pm, 7am-2pm; 8am-4pm, 9am-4pm, 10am-close, 11am-close. I have additional information if anyone is interested.

ONGOING

-**Allenbrook Elementary School**: North Star Reading Partners with a commitment to read to a 3rd grade student one hour a week. Eric Davis: eric.davis@wellsfargo.com.

-**Platelet Donation**: Register at the American Red Cross or Community Blood Center of the Carolinas to donate platelets. **63 donations to date!**

-**American Youth Soccer Organization (AYSO)**: Coach, referee, board member, linesman, snack shack worker, etc. Kathy Riley at rc@ayso05.com or Carolyn Carlburg c.carlburg@gmail.com

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS (01/28/17 – 02/04/17)

01/28 Bert Voswinkel
01/29 Kathy Boone
02/02 Rock Miralia, Alice Harrison
02/03 Jesse Hite

UPCOMING ANNIVERSARIES (01/28/17 – 02/04/17)

01/29 Margie & Harry Daugherty
02/02 Ann & Don Carmichael
02/04 Miriam & Jeff Searcy, Lynn & David Erdman

MEMBERSHIP

07/01/2016	318
01/24/2017	316
Net Increase:	-2

New Members: Jordan Harris, Van Hall

Resignations: Neil Burkhead, Denise Hallett, Todd Owens, Tony Zeiss, Joan Wright, Pete Marriott

Visitors & Guests	23
Club Members	161
Total	184 (59.0%)

GUESTS: Wes Horne, Lenny Bluestein, Gabrielle MacLatchie, Jolynn Hall, Ralph Falls, Tripp Guin, Lynn Lee, Tyler Neal, Robert Hall, Charlotte Donovan, Lauri Dewhurst Summers, Kyle Miller, Chris Araya, Meredith Weisler, Mike Honeycutt, Rob Wright, Governor Tom Smith, Paula Smith, Doug Barr, Gracie Blackburn, Rosalyn Durant, Christian Hidden

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

01/31 – Rotary International President John Germ (**meeting at Goodwill Industries**)
02/07 – Meredith Dolhare, Running Works, Inc. (www.runningworks.org)
02/14 – Dr. James Howell, Sr. Pastor, MP United Methodist Church
02/21 – Mark Fernandes, Future World of Work: Baby Boomers working with Millennials & Gen Y
02/28 – Joe Stewart, NCFree Enterprise Foundation

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



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