



July 26, 2016

ANDREW HEATH State Budget Director



Drew Heath became State Budget Director in February 2016 on the appointment of Governor Pat McCrory. As Budget Director, Heath manages the state's \$22.3 billion budget. Since 2013, Drew has served as Chairman of North Carolina Industrial Commission. As Chairman, he managed all aspects of the Industrial Commission's operations, ensuring proper administration of more than 75,000 workers' compensation claims filed annually. Heath also presided as a hearing officer in appeals of workers' compensation and tort claims.

Andrew Heath presented a summary of the NC State Budget results that have become part of what is being presented by Governor McCrory as the Carolina Comeback. He looks back to January 2013 and shows the progress made through budget year 2015-2016. In 2013, there was 9.4% unemployment; the state was 2.4 billion in unemployment insurance debt; the maximum personal tax rate was 7.75 % and the corporate tax rate was 6.9%. Today, unemployment is down to 4.9%; the unemployment insurance debt has been paid off and NC has a reserve of over \$1 billion; the maximum personal tax rate is down to 5.499% and the corporate rate is reduced to 4.0%.

NC is one of only 10 states with a AA bond rating from all three major rating agencies. According to the Tax Foundation, NC was ranked 44th in the nation in support of the business climate. Today, NC is ranked 15th in the nation.

As part of the Carolina Comeback, NC even finished the previous fiscal year with a surplus of over \$425 million. All totaled, NC has added over 300,000 jobs since 2013.

Site Selection magazine has identified NC as the #1 state for business competitiveness. Forbes magazine has NC as the second best state for doing business and CEO magazine ranks NC #3 for business.

The total state budget is \$22.3 billion with education receiving 57% of state spending or \$12.8 billion, Health and Human Services at 23% or \$5.0 billion, Justice and Public safety are 12% of spending or \$2.6 billion. The balance of state spending is for general government and debt servicing.

The major budget themes are targeting fiscal responsibility, a middle class tax cut, mental health and substance abuse and teacher salaries to an average of \$50,000 per year and keeping college affordable. There is also a commitment to increasing the rainy day fund to an all-time high of \$1.6 billion. Heath also spoke proudly about the Connect NC Bonds that was recently passed.

While in private practice for an insurance law firm, Heath was named a Lawyers Weekly Emerging Legal Leader and one of Business North Carolina's Legal Elite. He served as a member of the New Hanover County Bar Association Board of Directors and on the Executive Committee of charity Welcome Home Angel, Inc.

Heath was a Division I athlete in Soccer and Track & Field at the University of North Carolina at Asheville, and graduated with a B.S. in Management. During law school at Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law, Heath served as a legal intern in Indiana Governor Mitch Daniels' Office of the General Counsel, interned for Indiana Court of Appeals Judge Paul Mathias, and clerked for Indiana Attorney General Steve Carter in the Tort Litigation section.

Speaker Write-Up: John Galles

Head Table: John Rodgers, Natalie English, John Nicolay, Bob Moore; Invocation: Eric Davis; Visitors & Guests: Bryan Adams; Centennial History: David Zimmerman; AV: Jessica Dupree, Nikki Keith; Photos: Bert Voswinkel

CLUB NEWS

Tony Zeiss introduced **Umberto Torresan** as the club's newest Rotarian. Umberto was born in Italy and came to the US in 1983. He lives in Waxhaw with his wife and baby, and is the senior international business development manager for DuPont de Nemours. Welcome Umberto – umberto.torresan@mail3.dupont.com.

After feedback from the membership, **President Natalie** has made the decision to increase the head table from four to six. This number allows for a little more elbow room and she thanked **Bryan Adams** for pulling a committee together to implement this change.

David Zimmerman is chairing the new Centennial History committee. The first 75 years were documented in a book, which was quite an effort and expense. Instead of a book, a one page synopsis beginning with 1992 will be put together to include club news, speakers, awards, photos, etc., as well as what was happening in the world during that timeframe. Past Presidents are submitting notes and the committee has been going through files and photos in the Rotary office. There is a digital gap of information between 1992 and 2001. SO...if you have photos or something important you think should be included in this documentation, please get with David. The one-pagers will be filed on the website, which is where you can also find the 75th Anniversary book that was carefully scanned.

Charlotte End-of-the-Week Rotary is having an interesting social July 30th. Everyone is invited for a hiking trip at Crowders Mountain in support of the Kilimanjaro climbers. Plan to meet at the Main Visitor Center around 8:30AM. Registration is available on the District Database. Questions: contact Betty Kernizan, 704-839-1949. Our own **Karen Steffens** and husband Todd Porter are on the Kili climb and are expected to reach the summit around the same time as the Crowders Mountain gathering.

Ashley and **Mark Duncan** will be joining friends on the Xtreme Hike for a Cure (*30 miles along the Appalachian Trail this fall*) benefitting the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. To learn about this effort and support needed for Loren Romeiser, click here <http://fightcf.cff.org/goto/ashleyandmarkduncan>.

ROTARY SCHOLARSHIP GOLF CLASSIC will be held September 27. It's time to get your registration turned in....ask your friends to join you!

100 SERVICE PROJECTS – 65 projects completed/57.5% club participants/1989 hours

NEW PROJECTS

Nikki Keith is coordinating the Gantt Center's Art of Living Fit + Well (healthy lifestyles) event on August 6 from 10AM – 3PM. Volunteers are needed for all or part of the day. Contact Nikki (nikki@ganttcenter.org). Additional info: www.ganttcenter.org. Thanks to **Randy Robinson** for volunteering.

Patricia Zoder will be organizing a team to help Heart Math Tutoring on August 10, 4PM-6PM, 1100 S. Mint St., Ste 102. Volunteers will sort and bundle counting number cards, multiplication cards, etc. and she needs 5-10 helpers. pzoder@sockwell.com.

Rob Hayden needs several volunteers for the National Kidney Foundation Golf Classic, Peninsula Golf Club, August 15. 6:30AM-9AM setup/registration; 8AM-2PM scorers; 12PM-3PM reception/raffle support. Robert.hayden@kidney.org.

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. **41 donations to date!**

-**Cotswold Farmers Market:** <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0548afaa2da5fe3-volunteer>. This group REALLY needs help with set up/take down each and every weekend. Please think about lending a hand.

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS (08/04/16 – 08/09/16)

08/04 Mark Turner

08/05 Daryl Larner

08/08 Ronnie Bryant, Joan Wright

08/09 Marilyn Bowler

UPCOMING ANNIVERSARIES (08/04/16 – 08/09/16)

08/04 Maura and Wil Bosbyshell

08/05 Dottie and Jim Barnhardt

Visitors & Guests	15
Club Members	153
Total	168

GUESTS: Carol Jegou, Mary Webster, Farai Gwata, Terri Murphy-Kempthorn, Leanne Skipper, Dylan Mask, Lynn Lee, Elisa Bailey, Adrienne Martinez, Adam Caldwell, John Northey, Leigha Sink, Michael Bryant

MEMBERSHIP

07/01/2016 318

07/26/2016 318

Net Increase:

New Members: Mitzi Ellis, Umberto Torresan, Claire Fallon (reinstated)

Resignations: Arch McIntosh, Martin Grable, Bill Griffin

UPCOMING LUNCHEONS

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

08/02 – Bob Morgan, Charlotte Chamber

08/09 – NO LUNCH MEETING...Dinner and ballgame at BB&T Ballpark. Details to follow.

08/16 – Rotary District Governor Tom Smith

08/23 – Jason Mengal, PGA

08/30 – Steve Crump, WBTV

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



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