



March 7, 2017

## Governor Patrick L. McCrory 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Excellence in Leadership Award



When the applause settled and those standing in ovation set back down, Pat McCrory told the Charlotte Rotary Club that he wanted to quickly accept the Excellence in Leadership Award, before Warren Beatty took the stage with the *right* envelope.

The former North Carolina governor and 14-year mayor of Charlotte joins an outstanding field of others recognized by the Charlotte Rotary Club for their leadership: Hugh McColl, Luther Fincher, Dr. Pamela Davies, Frank Harrison and Tony Zeiss to name a few over the 28 years.

Charlotte's longest serving mayor was introduced by Phil Van Hoy, who lauded McCrory's major achievements in office. Among them, investment in light rail, a 25-year transit plan and a vibrant uptown Charlotte. Van Hoy also spoke of McCrory's achievement in the governor's mansion: an unemployment drop from 12.5% to 5%, an extinguished 2.5 Billion dollar debt to the federal government, along with cuts in corporate and personal income tax.

"This all started in 1988," McCrory told the packed house at Charlotte Country Club. "I went through a very difficult time. I'd been a recruitment manager at Duke Power, and my boss walked in the room one day. I was anticipating this because we'd been going through layoffs." McCrory lost his job and he said it was devastating.

But the joblessness was just temporary. Duke called him back soon after with a job offer in a different position. "I'm glad I didn't tell them how I felt that day," McCrory quipped.

Still, that experience was harrowing enough for McCrory to significantly change his life. He was motivated to do something more. Something of significance. He decided to run for city council. "I called Bill Lee, the chair and CEO of Duke Power, and left a message. I said I was interested in running for Charlotte City Council." Within 8 seconds, McCrory says he was called to the big guy's office. "He said, 'sit down.' I thought he was going to fire me on the spot." "Then he said, I hear you want to run for city council... Why?" McCrory answered, "I want to get involved in decision making and leadership." He says Lee "paused for what I thought was 20 - 30 minutes. There was dead silence. I thought I had ruined my career. And then he said, Let's do it. How can I help?"

McCrory talked about the achievements credited to him after taking office as mayor in

1995. "We were a group of Republicans and Democrats that worked as a team." Public and private, black and white, rich and poor.

Then McCrory gave Charlotte Rotarians a call to action. "We have a lot of wisdom to share. It is not our time to go play golf. It's our time to leave this place and serve," he said, encouraging the group to "step into leadership."

"The second responsibility I want to leave you with... We need to start developing this next generation of leaders," he said. "Think of all the professionals working for your businesses right now that need opportunities and we're not giving it to them." McCrory urged Rotarians to identify the 25 year olds and 30 year olds who will be future leaders in our city and state. "That's what's going to give us our competitive advantage."

The Excellence in Leadership Award is co-sponsored by the Charlotte Rotary Club, Charlotte Business Journal and the Charlotte Chamber.

Speaker Write-Up: *Kim Brattain*

Head Table: *Jim Woodward, Luther Fincher, Tom Bartholomy, Sylvia Van Hoy, Phil Van Hoy, Jim Rogers*; Invocation: *Cheryl Banks*; Visitors & Guests: *Kim Brattain*; Photos: *Sandy Osborne*

## CLUB NEWS

The club expresses sympathy to **Mike Hawley** and Katherine Pierce. Katherine's father, Jake Pierce, passed away March 1, 2017. Funeral arrangements are being finalized for a service in Blowing Rock.

### The Rotarian Magazine

The March, 2017 issue of The Rotarian has an interesting article with President-elect Ian Riseley on attracting new members, building strong clubs, and forming friendships that last. *Getting involved*: He was invited to be part of chartering a new Rotary club and although he said he was interested in attending the first meeting, he didn't go. He did attend the second meeting and met the 20 or so people who had been at the first meeting. They were the business elite and he knew this was right for him. That club chartered in November 1978 and he is now in line to become president of Rotary International. *What do you tell a young person who asks about Rotary*: There are four elements – friendship, personal development, business development, and the most important one is the chance to make a difference in the world. *Specific suggestions for clubs*: A review of the vocations is a good method to identify weaknesses and determine who to invite to join.

Point of mentioning all this: 1) you've got to ASK someone to join; 2) explain the basic premise and opportunity for friendship/growth/service; 3) think about vocations already represented in Charlotte Rotary. Lots of energizing business leaders in the community – you just have to ask.

## 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*

- **Classroom Central** will hold their *Color a Brighter Future* philanthropy breakfast April 4, 2017, Bojangles' Coliseum, 8-9AM. Table hosts are needed to fill a table of 10- you and 9 guests. Contact: **John Phillips**:

[john@parkcre.com](mailto:john@parkcre.com)

- **The Jamie Kimble Foundation for Courage** will be hosting the "Women for Courage" luncheon on April 5, 2017. Table hosts are needed; sponsorships are available. Contact: **Terri DeBoo**: [terri@terrideboo.com](mailto:terri@terrideboo.com)

- **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 3<sup>rd</sup> grade student one hour a week. **Eric Davis**: [eric.davis@wellsfargo.com](mailto: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!** **John zumBrunnen**: [jzumbrunnen@zumbrunnen.com](mailto:jzumbrunnen@zumbrunnen.com)

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

## MEMBERSHIP

07/01/2016 318

03/07/2017 321

Net Increase: +3

New Members:

Resignations:

Visitors & Guests 25

Club Members 128

Total 153 (46.9%)

Guests: Derek Partee, Franklin Freeman, Yesult, Tom Smith, Mike Walker, Ed McMahan, Ernie Reigel, Phil McCrory, Ken Gill, Doug Ledba, Ned Curran, Jeff Brown, Doug Barr, Petr Vasicko, Chris Bitterin, Martin Welton, Ada Nicolay, Sylvia Van Hoy, Gary Southern, Steve Allison, George Spencer, Robert Salmon, John LaPenta

## UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS (03/16/17 – 03/22/17)

03/16 Bill Loftin

03/17 John Shaver

03/18 Ed Pickett

03/21 Tripp Guin

## UPCOMING ANNIVERSARIES (03/16/17 – 03/22/17)

03/21 Kristin & Todd Arnold

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

03/14 – Dr. David Belcher, Chancellor, Western Carolina University

03/21 – Mirsad Hadzikadic, College of Computing & Informatics, UNC Charlotte

03/28 – How I Got Where I'm At

04/04 – Kevin Poet, Head of Plant Operations, Siemens

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