



June 11, 2019

## HOW I GOT WHERE I'M AT

**Margaret Marshall, Clyde Robinson, Linwood Bolles**

Elly Clary introduced the final HIGWIA of the Rotary year. The presenters were Margaret Marshall, Clyde Robinson and Linwood Bolles. Elly reminded those present that each presenter gets seven minutes.

Margaret Marshall went first. Elly said she has served on the Mecklenburg Schools Board of Education since 2017. Originally from Lexington, NC, Margaret is a Wake Forest alum and has been in Charlotte since 1986. She has been involved in public education for some time.



Margaret mentioned that a career highlight is that she led the task force to create the Howard Levine Early Childhood Development Center with the Renaissance West Community Initiative. Margaret mentioned that she grew up on a dairy farm in the small community of Linwood, NC just south of Lexington. Her father and brother still operate that farm and chances are you drank some of their milk on your cereal today. She said her dad would have enjoyed the meal and camaraderie, but let's just say that you all smell better this time of day than he does. Her dad was very involved in the community and his faith life, but shower time had to be budgeted in before every meeting. He is currently one of the longest serving soil and water conservation supervisors in the state – over 50 years. He is 81 and still active on the farm.

Her mother was an educator and a community connector. She taught business education off and on in the public schools of Davidson County. When she died, she was an instructor with Davidson County Community College teaching classes to minimum security prisoners. She was a go-to person in getting things accomplished in both her church and community. She was a real encourager to Margaret and her two siblings.

Margaret attended public schools in Davidson County and graduated from Wake Forest University. Her dad told her not to worry about paying for college. If he couldn't make a payment he could always sell a cow. Both Margaret's diploma and a full herd of cows were intact at graduation. She first worked in accounting with Ernst and Whinney, but never felt quite at home. She had a chance to move to Charlotte and loved working with the John Crosland Company. In Charlotte she met her incredible husband, Harrison. They've been married 29 years and he's an attorney with McGuire Woods. They are both active in their church,

Providence Baptist. Margaret served in school leadership in the PTA as her two girls, Kate and Betsey, moved through AG Middle School and Myers Park High School. She was president of the Myers Park PTA, worked to start the Howard Levine Early Childhood Development Center, worked with HEART math, Circle de Luz, and helped start a foundation at Myers Park High School. Her friend, Elyse Dashew, who is a member of the CMS Board of Education called her one day and asked her to run for the school board. After going home, she became physically ill but decided to run for the board and was fortunate enough to win. She said she is enjoying her work with the school board, but it is difficult to balance the needs of one child with what is good for the whole community.

Margaret left us with one more story. After she was elected she attended School Board 101 in Raleigh. There she met a fellow school board member from Lexington and it turns out they lived very close to each other growing up in Linwood, but she wasn't able to attend the school that Margaret attended because of her race. Today we are facing the same kind of difficulties.

Elly then introduced Clyde Robinson. He is a managing partner for Mohr Partners and he specializes in corporate real estate advisory services. He has been around Charlotte for a while now having graduated from Belmont Abbey College where he was captain of the men's lacrosse team. Clyde has been involved in a good many civic activities, including Business Leaders of Charlotte, Simmons YMCA, Habitat for Humanity, Urban League, Classroom Central, and Community Link's Event Planning Committee.



Clyde mentioned he is very involved in the community now that he's in Charlotte. He grew up in Binghamton, NY and basically grew up on the Binghamton University campus where his dad works. He learned tough love from his dad while his mom was the softest soul he ever met. His sister is the glue that holds the family together and his niece is the heart of the family. He wants to give back to the community and help empower people to use all the gifts they have.

He became interested in real estate from a very early age. When he was in 5th and 6th grade, he would always ask his mom to take him to open houses. He learned a lot in the real estate business from Bob Percival Sr. "Mr. P" of Percival McGuire, who developed the Cameron Brown building. He has been in commercial real estate for 15 years. He was a sports management major at Belmont Abbey College and now spends a lot of time mentoring the future leaders of tomorrow.

Finally, Elly introduced Linwood Bolles. Linwood has been a member of Rotary since 2015. He is a Charlotte native and is also a Chapel Hill alum. He has been a realtor for many years and the Allen Tate Company benefits from his extensive institutional memory.

Linwood said he was born in Charlotte in 1947 to J. Chadborn and Rosemary White Bolles. He attended Charlotte Country Day School, then Eastover. The headmaster at Charlotte Country Day asked his mother to "save this boy" and the headmaster said he could benefit from attending Aiken Prep School in Aiken, SC.



At Aiken he learned soccer, squash and how to study. Then he went to Virginia Episcopal School in Lynchburg, VA. While there, he took a trip to Europe and ended up riding on a train with the Beatles. Linwood played on an undefeated soccer team at Chapel Hill. After graduation, he signed up for Coast Guard Officer Candidate School, but the Army called so he joined the National Guard and did basic training in Fort Polk, LA. Then he did Advanced Individual Training at Fort Sill, OK. He worked for Congressman Charles Jonas in the 9<sup>th</sup> district, and then came back to Charlotte at Wheat First Securities then Merrill Lynch. He ran for city council but fortunately he lost. He spent over 25 years in real estate, 19 of those with Allen Tate working on commercial and residential real estate. He's been married for 32 years and has 5 children. He's passionate about his family, his business, and F3 which he learned from Edwin Peacock in February 2018. He's been working with "at risk" kids for 35 years. He's passionate about these great kids who through no fault of their own drew the short stick.

*Reporter:* Jim Kelley; *Head Table:* Clyde Robinson, Mike Hawley, Elly Clary, Margaret Marshall, Linwood Bolles; *Invocation:* David Anderson; *Introduce Visitors:* Wes Sturges; *Photos:* Sandy Osborne; *Greeter:* Charlie Bones

## CLUB NEWS

President **Mike Hawley** asked for everyone's attention as he discussed the club's Nondiscrimination and Anti-Harassment Policy, which the Board and leadership team recently adopted after considerable introspection about (i) how we treat each other, (ii) how we expect to be treated and (iii) how we can make Charlotte Rotary better. Copies of the Policy were made available to everyone in attendance, and there will be a follow-up in next week's Rotary Reflections.

**Luther Moore** received the Alumni Service Award from Davidson College while attending his 50<sup>th</sup> college reunion this past weekend.

**Judy Wishnek** has a new job with Truliant Federal Credit Union. Updated contact information: [judy.wishnek@truliantfcu.org](mailto:judy.wishnek@truliantfcu.org). Cell: 704-310-1937



Congratulations Devin and **Jessica Dupree**! Charles "Dylan" Dupree entered this world at 2:11am on June 7, weighing in at 9 lbs 13 ounces, and 21.5" long. Sisters Ava and Alina are very excited about their new baby brother.

The annual **Dine Out for Kids** event will be held Tuesday, June 18. More than 90 participating restaurants will dish up great food and fun and donate a portion of their sales to Communities In Schools. Dine out for breakfast, lunch and/or dinner. List of participating restaurants: <http://bit.ly/DOFK2019>

### Follow-Up

-Rotary Scholarship Golf Classic September 10, 2019.

-Support Mt. Kilimanjaro END POLIO NOW climb : <https://rotary7680kilidimb.org> (click on Warren Kean to make your donation).

### MEMBERSHIP

07/01/2018	288
06/11/2019	280
Net Increase:	-8

New Members:

Resignations: Tripp Guin

### APPROVE FOR MEMBERSHIP *(Comments to Rotary Office by 6/18/19)*

*Michael Norton*

Associate Staffing (Staffing, Recruitment)

Sponsor: Andy Dinkin

Endorsed: Kyle Woodruff and Don Millen

*Terri Guthrie*

Bank OZK (Banking, Commercial Lending)

Sponsor: Edwin Peacock

Endorsed: John Cantrell and Terri DeBoo

Visitors	4
Club Members	109
Total	113 (48%)

Guests: Jake Bennett, Neal Latman, Harrison Marshall, Jr., Jensen Caudle

### BIRTHDAYS *(06/19/19 – 06/25/19)*

06/19 Irwin Carmichael

06/22 Bill Gill, Chad Lloyd

06/23 Stuart Hair

06/25 Bill Bradley

### WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES *(06/19/2019 – 06/25/19)*

06/19 Gloria & Vernon Anderson, Laura & Charlie Greer

06/20 Dot & Tony Marciano, Pamela & Wes Clark

06/21 Karen Steffens & Todd Porter, Brenda & George Rohe

06/23 Lotta & Harriman Jett, Anne & Boyd Coggins, Kathryn & Pender McElroy

06/24 Jeanine & Tim Flanagan

06/25 Diane & Mike Restaino, Nan & Bill Loftin

06/25 Maude & Henry Cantrell, Mary Beth & John Scharer

## **ROTARY ANNIVERSARIES (06/19/2019 – 06/25/19)**

04 years – Jim Rogers

18 years – Lee Tabor

19 years – Suzanne Bledsoe, Kip Kiser

## **UPCOMING PROGRAMS**

06/18 – Steve Luquire, George Andrews, & Danny Morrison - Sports in Charlotte

06/25 – Club President Transition

07/02 – Holiday Week – Not Meeting

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



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