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STEPHEN SAUCIER Carolinas Aviation Museum



Stephen Saucier, President of the Carolinas Aviation Museum, has spent his career helping science centers, children's museums, national parks and educational institutions build and develop facilities, programming and curricula designed to impact the communities in which they are located from a cultural and economic development standpoint. His latest project is to oversee and implement plans for the new and improved Carolinas Aviation Museum, scheduled to re-open in 2022 in a new location with expanded facilities,

programming, and exhibits.

Founded in 1992 in an old abandoned hangar next door to Charlotte Douglas International Airport, the Carolinas Aviation Museum has built an impressive collection of aircraft and related memorabilia, each with a story to tell. It is a valuable resource in our community with opportunities to learn not only the history of aviation but also about the science of flight and future innovation. The Wright brothers flew their first airplane 115 years ago in North Carolina. Astronauts landed on the moon 50 years ago. What's next?

Visits to the Museum increased tenfold when the "Miracle on the Hudson" exhibit opened to the public after the 2009 incident involving Flight 1549 from LaGuardia to Charlotte. Recognizing the potential for a broader vision for growth and cultural impact by increasing the reach of the Museum and its educational programs, a master plan has been developed and is being implemented under Stephen's leadership. The expanded mission of the Museum includes a focus on education, economic development and innovation. With the enhanced presence of several corporate leaders in the area of aviation and aeronautics (Honeywell, Element, Collins Aerospace, etc.), the opportunities in our community for economic development, jobs growth and innovation are expanding. The Museum, through its planned educational programming, exhibits, and partnering opportunities, is positioning itself to be at the center of development. With a new 38,000 square foot exhibit hall enhanced by 11,000 square feet of event space, the opportunities to tell the story are significantly greater. Expectations are that the new facility will achieve sustainability with 110,000-120,000 visitors annually in its first three years.

Of course, all of this takes resources and Stephen is also tasked with raising the approximate \$18M it will take to build the building and jump start programming. With both public (City of Charlotte and Charlotte Douglas International Airport) and private involvement and partnership, this is achievable, especially in light of the economic growth and development that is sure to follow. Stephen shared that the Museum is a designated affiliate of the Smithsonian which will provide significant advantages over time.

Let's all look forward to a Rotary event at the Carolinas Aviation Museum in 2022.

Reporter: Suzanne Bledsoe; *Head Table:* Stuart Hair, John Lassiter, Jessica Mallicote, Rudy Rudisill; *Invocation:* Jeff Atkinson; *Introduce Visitors:* Hank Donaghy; *Greeters:* Rich Campbell and Jim Rogers

CLUB NEWS

Tony Marciano provided an update on the Community Matters Café and thanked Past President Katie Tyler and the club for the \$2500 donation that helped make this project a reality.

Let me introduce you to Charlotte Rescue Mission's newest program, [Community Matters Café](#).

- The Cafe is a coffee shop and full-service restaurant that operates as a non-profit enterprise to teach life and vocational skills to graduates of the Charlotte Rescue Mission's core addiction recovery program.
- It is located at 821 W. 1st St. This 100-year-old building is directly behind Bank of America Stadium off Cedar St. and is open Monday – Friday, 7am– 3pm, and Saturday from 7am to 1pm – plenty of parking!
- The atmosphere of the coffee shop and restaurant, along with a large patio area are perfect for breakfast or lunch business meetings, or to simply catch up with friends
- The menu (see website above) has a nice variety of delicious options and breakfast is served all day
- Reserve an oversized booth on Open Table (www.opentable.com/charlotte) or visit the website for information about reserving the private conference room or the entire restaurant for your next meeting or event.
- This [2-minute video](#) will give you a great overview

Please stop by and be a part of the process that's changing lives.



Warren Kean (in the middle) and his team mates completed the trek to summit Mt. Kilimanjaro as part of District 7680's initiative to raise funding and awareness for Polio. All that have participated in one of these climbs has a story...this is Warren's story: the day before he left, he was in the emergency room with a big kidney stone that the doctor said had to be surgically removed and he needed to cancel the trip. Warren made the trip, summited Kilimanjaro and last week had surgery to remove the kidney stone. The surgeon said "I guess I can now offer climbing Kilimanjaro as an alternative treatment." The trip started on the Rongai Route July 15 and summited Uhuru Point on Kili early morning July 19.

The fundraising continues and if you'd like to make a donation in Warren's name, do it through this link: <https://rotary7680kiliclimb.org>. Click on Warren Paul Kean to make the donation.

A few checks, cash and 5 bags of school supplies were dropped off at [Classroom Central](#) this week. Thanks to all that are supporting this project and this drive will wrap up next week, September 3rd. **Basic supplies needed:** pencils, markers, highlighters, glue sticks, composition books, crayons, scissors, colored pencils, and paper.

IMPORTANT: Still time to respond to [Chad Lloyd's](#) survey on ways to provide more hands on service opportunities that will be a key element to engage our members. **Please** take some time to click on the Survey Monkey link and share your thoughts: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CharlotteRotaryService>

17th Annual Rotary Scholarship Classic - September 10, 2019 - Ballantyne Resort

Moving along...*golfers are still needed*...[Van Hall](#) is working to finalize the Advertising journal; thanks to Loftin & Company ([Bill Loftin](#)) for producing the journal. Thanks to Hatcher Law Group ([Greg Hatcher](#)) and [Jim Dees](#) for donating contest prizes. Promotion Magic ([Michael Orzech](#)) is working on tee signs. Lots of behind the scenes help that is greatly appreciated.


Please note: Correct email for [Mary Grace Lostetter](#) is marygrace.lostetter@ml.com; update for [Wil Bosbyshell](#): mbosbyshell@aol.com.

The next Rotary Means Business event will be held September 11th, 4:30pm-6:30pm, TechWorks Gaston (52A Ervin St, Belmont). Free event includes appetizers & cash bar. Registration: 4:30pm-4pm; structured networking: 5pm-6:30pm.

[Click to RSVP on Eventbrite](#)

SERVICE OPPORTUNITES COMING UP....

- School supplies for Classroom Central can be dropped off through September 3, 2019
- Start gathering your warm clothing donations to benefit Crisis Assistance Ministry. Items may be dropped off at club meetings throughout the month of October, 2019
- Sign-up to ring the bell for The Salvation Army begins in late October/early November, 2019
- Opportunity to serve breakfast to clients served by Charlotte Rescue Mission on Christmas morning.

 In addition to the above, [Chad Lloyd](#) announced new service opportunities with [The Independence Fund](#), an organization dedicated to "empowering our nation's severely wounded, ill, and injured veterans." There are 5 Caregiver retreats and reunions in Charlotte from July 2019 to June 2020. These are four day events that require numerous volunteers from picking folks up at the airport, to setting up for dinner & events.

The first volunteer opportunity is an event for the Mothers and Daughters of Wounded Veterans.

09/17/19 – help pack and prepare welcome packages for retreat (4-6 volunteers)

09/18/19 – assist with welcome and transport from airport to hotel (10-15 volunteers)

09/19/19 – set-up and serve lunch from 12-2 (6-8 volunteers)

09/22/19 – transport participants to airport (6-8 volunteers)

Chad is happy to answer your questions and needs your help: chad.lloyd@mihomes.com. The location will be finalized shortly and a registration link will be provided.

MEMBERSHIP

07/01/2019 276 **New Members:** Lori Giang, Mary Grace Lostetter

08/20/2019 281

Net Increase +5 **Resignations:** Lisa Mask, Lindsey McAlpine, Jeff Searcy, Nancy Roberson

Visitors 6
Club Members 123
Total 129 (52.3%)

Thanks to our club members for inviting a guest: [Terri DeBoo](#) guest: Denise Hallet; [Bill Loftin](#) guest: Kenneth Westberry; [Wes Clark](#) guest: Bruce Voorheis; [Ranjay Sarda](#) guest: Chris Beckage; [Chris Jackson](#) guest: Danielle Frazier; [David Zimmerman](#) guest: Paul Haddock

CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS (09/04/19 – 09/10/19)

09/04 Martin Waters
09/05 Robert Freeman; John Lassiter
09/05 Kim Kuo; Dusty Holcomb
09/06 Paul Wyche
09/08 Tom Blocker; Wes Jones; Patricia Shafer
09/09 Colleen Brannan; Robert Shaw; Tom O'Brien

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES (09/04/2019 – 09/10/19)

09/05 Kim & Bill McMillan
09/05 Marti & David Head
09/07 Harriet & Bill Barnhardt
09/10 Libby & Alan Simonini

ROTARY ANNIVERSARIES (09/04/2019 – 09/10/19)

04 years – Greg Reagan (in this club)
05 years – Wes Sturges
08 years – Jerry Coughter
10 years – Elly Clary
22 years – Rob Thomas

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

(All meetings at the Fairfield Inn & Suites, 201 S. McDowell St., unless otherwise noted)

09/03 – Mac Lackey, The Value of Entrepreneurial Thinking to CLT
09/10 – **GOLF TOURNAMENT (not meeting for lunch)**
09/17 – Chas Fagan, American Master Artist/Sculptor
09/24 – Bob Morgan, Director of Public Affairs, Robinson Bradshaw
10/01 – Dr. Ray Hodgson, The Nepal Grant
10/08 – Michael Smith, Charlotte Center City Partners
10/15 – Dena Diorio, Mecklenburg County Manager, Quarter Cent Sales Tax
10/22 – Dan Clodfelter, Utilities Commissioner
10/29 – Gene Woods, Atrium Health

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