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## DANIEL LUGO, J.D. Queens University of Charlotte



Martin Waters introduced our speaker, Daniel Lugo, J.D. who became the 21<sup>st</sup> president of Queens University of Charlotte in July 2019. Martin said Daniel is scintillating, full of ideas and has limitless energy. Prior to Queens, Lugo served in key leadership positions at three top-ranked liberal arts institutions in Maine, Pennsylvania and Minnesota. As vice president for college advancement at Colby College in Waterville, Maine, Lugo orchestrated the strategy, launch and execution of a \$750 million fundraising campaign, the largest of its kind for any liberal arts college in history.

Queens Board Chairman Michael Tarwater said, “Lugo is the right choice at the right time for Queens. He has been a proven leader in the higher education marketplace for nearly two decades. He has led admissions, recruitment and advancement initiatives at three of the nation’s most selective liberal arts colleges.”

A first-generation college graduate, Lugo strongly believes in the transformative power of education. He earned his bachelor of arts in political science from Carleton College, and his juris doctorate from the University Of Minnesota School Of Law, where he was an editor of *The Journal of Law & Inequality*. Prior to his career in higher education, Lugo was an intellectual property and entertainment attorney, representing national music artists.

Lugo succeeded Pamela Davies, Ph.D., who served as Queens president for 17 years. Lugo and his wife, Tina Marie, have two children, Amanda and Michael.

Daniel said he was proud to be the 21<sup>st</sup> president of Queens. In his first seven months at Queens, he has been working to meet the internal group of leaders at the university and the external leaders of the community. He spent nine years practicing law in New York and has spent the last 15 years focusing on providing opportunities for students to pursue their passions.

Daniel noted that Rotary and Queens have missions in common with a focus on

global understanding, living purposeful lives and service. 100% of Queens students have the opportunity to travel abroad through the John Belk International Program. 70% actually take advantage of that opportunity. Daniel says that Queens is an attractive place for international students. One of his focuses is to establish global relationships. To that end, he spent a week in China in October.

Queens has a strong focus on career development by preparing individuals for purposeful and fulfilling lives through the Vandiver Center for Career Development. The center is student centered and wants students to “try on” opportunities through their internship programs. Queens also has a survey that looks at where students are one year after graduation. Daniel says that due to a very rigorous and intentional focus, not only do they know what their students are doing but that 97% of their one year our students are either gainfully employed or are in grad school.

Daniel mentioned that the new Wells Fargo Center for Community Engagement at Queens University of Charlotte will provide guaranteed opportunities for undergraduate students to engage in high-quality civic and community engagement experiences across all academic areas. The Center is part of a three-year commitment from Wells Fargo.

The establishment of the Center aligns with the university’s strategic plan, *“Queens 2020: The Yes/And Promise,”* which ensures that every Queens student engages in a unique combination of experiences that enhance learning beyond the classroom.

Daniel also discussed The Learning Society program at Queens. That group is bringing the Cousteau family here on March 17 to discuss the need to act responsibly and preserve underwater ecosystems.

Daniel noted that there was more competition for fewer high school graduates across the country leading to the closing of 22 colleges and universities across the country. Even some of the stronger players in higher education are facing financial difficulties. In fact, at least 25% of private colleges are now running deficits and people are beginning to question the value of a college education.

According to Daniel, Queens has a solid foundation and is continuing to position itself for the future. Queens has had great leaders over its history but particularly over the last 41 years. Billy Wireman was president for 21 years and Pamela Davies for the last 17 years. Queens is consistently ranked in the top 10 of the 136 colleges in the south region of the US. They have received national recognition by the Association of General Liberal Studies for their general education program.

Queens has invested in their capital plant through facilities like the Levine Center and the Sarah Belk Gambrell Center for Arts and Civic Engagement. They have also invested in their sports programs, having celebrated national championships in men’s and in women’s swimming.

Locally, Daniel called together a meeting of local college and university presidents to look at the collective growth and impact of Charlotte’s Higher Education Ecosystem to elevate the city’s ability to attract leading companies, to direct more coordinated focus toward pressing social problems and to enhance the intellectual vibrancy of the community.

Queens is in very capable hands with Daniel Lugo.

*Reporter: Jim Kelley; Head Table: Lee Tabor, John Lassiter, Martin Waters, Nancy McNelis; Invocation: David Anderson; Introduce Visitors: Herb Harriss; Photos: Sandy Osborne; Greeters: Larry Broome*

## CLUB NEWS

**REMINDER:** Service Opportunity HERE: [LifeSpan Volunteer Opportunity](#). LifeSpan empowers children and adults with disabilities by providing education, employment and enrichment opportunities to live, work, and play in the communities. On January 31, 2020 there will be a fellowship event (Bingo!) and 10-15 volunteers are needed to assist friends with disabilities. Time is 11AM – 1PM; address is 601 N. Graham Street. Click on the above link to sign up. Questions may be directed to Chad Lloyd ([chad.lloyd@yahoo.com](mailto:chad.lloyd@yahoo.com)).

**REMINDER:** Today is the last day to RSVP - Super Bowl Sunday Party on February 2, 2020 at SMS Catering. Pre-game 4:00PM; Game 6:30PM until 10PM. Cost is \$20 per person, which includes the complete BBQ dinner and pre-game food. Registration: [info@smscater.com](mailto:info@smscater.com) or 704-536-1500.

## MEMBERSHIP

07/01/2019 276 **New Members:**

01/21/2020 268

Net Increase -8 **Resignations:** Matthew Greer, George Cochran, Jordan Harris, John Shaver, Suzi Ford, Todd Ford, Alex Browning, Bob Phifer

(Hard way to start the New Year...retirements, relocation, time commitment, family...membership is always evolving and everyone is needed to help keep the club relevant and thriving)

**Approve for Membership** (comments to the Rotary office by 01/27/2020)

Kondra T. Rattley (Konnies)

Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools

Classification: Education, Public Schools

Sponsor: Chad Lloyd

Endorsed: Terri DeBoo and LJ Stambuk

Visitors 14

Club Members 124

Total 138 (55.4%)

Thanks for bringing a guest: Bryan Zeiss guest of [Tony Zeiss](#); Beth Hansen guest of [Phil Volponi](#); Cristin Lee guest of [Nancy McNelis](#); Adelaide Davis guest of [Catherine Browning](#); Jamal Tate guest of [Bill Loftin](#); Dr. Kondra Rattley guest of [Chad Lloyd](#); Tony White, Jr. guest of [Ranjay Sarda](#); Jen Johnson guest of [Lee Tabor](#); Queens Rotaract Members Lance Sotelo, Allison Blackwell, Joy Ward, and Anthony Raftis; Tamara Burrell guest of the speaker

## CELEBRATIONS

**BIRTHDAYS (01/30/2020 – 02/05/2020)**

02/01 Chuck Dahlgren; Andy Ross

02/03 Jesse Hite

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES (01/30/2020 – 02/05/2020)**

02/02 Ann & Don Carmichael

02/04 Lynn & David Erdman

02/05 Jeanie & Tom Cottingham

**ROTARY ANNIVERSARIES (01/30/2020 – 02/05/2020)**

01 year – LJ Stambuk, Travis Barnes, TJ McCullough

02 years – Mike DeAmicis, Karen Price

03 years – Chad Lloyd, Mike Wollinger  
 05 years – Mike Orzech  
 06 years – Nancy McNelis  
 24 years – John Lassiter  
 72 years – Ralston Pound (on February 3)

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

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

01/28 – Woody Connette, Climbing to the top in 50 states  
 02/04 – Dr. Justin Favaro, Oncologist, World Cancer Day  
 02/11 – Warren Cooksey, NC Turnpike Authority – Toll Roads & NCDOT  
 02/18 – Michael Reddington, Leadership Lessons from the Interrogation Room (*Charlotte Country Club*)  
 02/25 – Excellence in Leadership Award (*Myers Park Country Club*)

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



### ROTARY DISTRICT CONFERENCE 2020

#### ROYAL CARIBBEAN MARINER OF THE SEAS April 24 - 27, 2020

Date	Ports of Call	Arrive	Depart
April 24, 2020	Port Canaveral Florida	11 AM - 2 PM (Embarkation)	4 PM
April 25, 2020	Nassau, Bahamas	8:30 AM	9:30 PM
April 26, 2020	Perfect Day Cococay, Bahamas	7 AM	5 PM
April 27, 2020	Port Canaveral Florida	7 AM	

\*transportation to and from Port Canaveral is not included

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