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MICK MIXON Voice of the Carolina Panthers



Gates County is so small "the closest thing they have to heavy industry is a 300-pound Avon lady."

Mick Mixon, radio voice of the Carolina Panthers, said that on the North Carolina Tar Heels Sports Network in reference to the home of a UNC football player.

Speaking to Charlotte Rotary, Mixon made that admission by way of explaining why sports broadcasting is a dangerous profession. "Be very careful about how you use humor," he cautioned.

In preface to his topic, which he titled "Why the Carolina Panthers Are Going to Win the Super Bowl this Season," Mixon offered other examples of the dangers of a radio microphone.

At the end of a lackluster Carolina football quarter against the Virginia Cavaliers, Mixon told listeners the Tar Heels suffered a drug problem. "The Carolina defense is being drug up and down the field," he cracked. That earned him a profane rebuke from then (and current) Carolina football coach Mack Brown, who was "as mad at me as any male person has ever been."

On a basketball broadcast, he made a flatulence joke about sponsor Beef Master franks. On another occasion, he referenced the hot dog to describe a hardwood streaker.

When Mixon's wife told him in 2007 she thought he loved the Carolina Panthers more than her, his reply was: "Well, I love you more than the Bobcats." He has another wife now.

"All I ever wanted to be was a sports broadcaster," said Mixon, a 1980 UNC graduate who earned a broadcast journalism degree. "That's how I wanted to make a living," added the 1999 North Carolina Sportscaster of the Year. Since 2005, he's been the radio voice of the National Football League Carolina Panthers.

Switching to his main subject, Mixon praised the Panthers' for signing impressive free-agent players and added that the coaches are excited about the college draftees. "There are hidden gems everywhere," he said.

He spoke of quarterback Cam Newton's diligence at rehabilitating a surgically

repaired shoulder. "Inside Newton's chest beats the heart of a true warrior," he said.

Beloved former Panthers quarterback Jake Delhomme will provide color commentary on radio broadcasts of about 10 games this season, Mixon confirmed.

New team owner David Tepper wants the Panthers organization to be the best it can be, he said. Tepper wasn't scared to buy 200 acres for a new team headquarters in Rock Hill, Mixon said, and he didn't shrink from plans to build a dome over the practice field adjacent to Bank of America Stadium.

"Tepper wants you to be proud of your NFL team," he added.

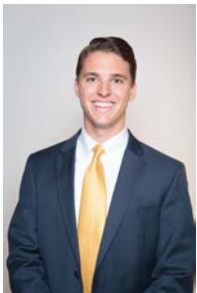
In answering questions, Mixon continued on that theme. He lauded the Panthers' decision to be a part of "All or Nothing," the eight-show NFL Films series airing on Amazon Prime, which he guessed former owner Jerry Richardson would have nixed.

On the possibility of Charlotte getting a Major League Soccer franchise, he voiced confidence in Tepper's efforts to buy into the league. Tepper has a strong interest and thinks soccer would be big in Charlotte, he said.

"If Tepper foretells it," Mixon said, "you can probably bet on it."

Reporter: Elly Clary; *Head Table:* Dan Rajkowski, John Lassiter, Andy Dinkin, Jeff Atkinson; *Invocation:* Cheryl Banks; *Introduce Visitors:* Bill Bartee; *Greeters:* Patrick Baker & Terri Guthrie

CLUB NEWS



Terri DeBoo introduced **Clayton Wood** as the club's seventh new member this year. Clayton grew up in Findlay, Ohio and spent most of his summer weekends on Lake Erie. He graduated from Bowling Green State University with a BS, specializing in Finance and Sales. After graduating college in May of 2017, Clayton moved to Charlotte for a job in the sales department at Vanguard. Now two years later, Clayton is in his first year of building a firm that specializes in Employee Benefits and 401(k). Outside of work, Clayton enjoys spending time with family, friends, and his puppy. Welcome Clayton – clayton.wood@benstrategies.com.

Next up was **Andy Dinkin** to introduce **Michael Norton**. Michael has been chief operating officer and managing partner with Associate Staffing (recruiting and staffing) since 2015. He has similar experience in this field while working in Nashville, Atlanta and Raleigh. Michael is a founding member of Judah Church and has grown the church membership from 8 to 500 over seven years. He is COO of Shabbach Youth Conference and his Endowment Fund has provided over \$70,000 in scholarships for higher education. Michael graduated from UNC in 2006 with a Bachelor of Arts, Exercises and Sports Science, is married to Kasey and they are raising three sons. Welcome Michael – mnorton@astaff.us.



President John and the board approved an Honorary Membership for **Don Steger**. Don is a great man that has served as Professor of Business Administration at Pfeiffer University, served as pastor of Reeder Memorial Baptist Church, and was assistant city manager for Charlotte from 1979 to 1995. Don was also vice president, corporate health services for Carolina HealthCare System from 1995 to 1999. In 2000-2001, he served as the 84th president of the Rotary Club of Charlotte. Congratulations to this very deserving man.

Lets hear it for **Karen Calder**, who just wrapped up a seven-day leadership program in Strategic Perspectives in Nonprofit Management at Harvard Business School.

Ron Mikels has taken a new position as manager of business development with Stewart.

Charlotte Evening Rotary Club has folded and the new Queen City Rotary Club is coming alive. This club has a very interesting approach to finding service projects and are putting on a Shark Tank type project pitch. They are looking for a great service project that will make a positive impact in the community. They have 8 slots available, 6 minutes per slot (*3 minute pitch/3 minute Q&A*). Sign up to participate and pitch your idea for the club to select one as their signature local project. 6:30pm, August 6, Hickory Tavery-Metropolitan. RSVP by July 31st – queencityrotary7680@gmail.com.

Chris Kemper had the honor of introducing recipients of the Public Safety Scholarship. As you know, proceeds from the Rotary Scholarship Golf Classic fund multi-year college scholarships for children of our First Responders. The 17th Annual Tournament will be held September 10, 2019 and to date, over \$800,000 has been raised and over 90 scholarships have been funded. EVERYONE'S support is needed to make this tournament a success. Please consider supporting the event by a sponsorship, donation, raffle sales, or as a golfer.



Recipient Luke Allen

Parents Eric & Christel (Fire)

GPA 4.05; earned twelve credit hours already from Newberry College and USC-Union as a dual enrollee; served on Governor Henry McMaster's campaign staff in 2018.

Recipient Andrew Conner

Parents Paul & Michelle (Police)

GPA 4.11; team captain of the varsity soccer team; manager at Sno-Ball Cabin 2016-2018

Recipient Gabbi Goelz

Parents Thomas & Lisa (Police)

GPA 4.4583; highest GPA for grades 6, 7, 8; competitive dancer

Recipient Emma King

Parents Russell & Michelle (Fire)

GPA 4.3571; team captain of both cross country and soccer teams; enjoys snowboarding

Recipient Grayson Selvey

Parents Cameron & Dena (Police)

GPA 4.7045; 1st in his class; passed the Boys state bar exam administered by the board of law examiners of Tarheel Boys State

Recipient Katie Vogel

Parents Michael & Denise (Fire)

GPA 4.85; already has her associates degree and was the MVP for Independence's varsity volleyball team in 2017

Recipient Mitchell Watts

Parents Jimmy & Jorie (Fire)

GPA 4.0; member of the Charlotte Rush Hockey Team, assistant capitan in 2018; member of the Beta club from 2016 to current

MEMBERSHIP

07/01/2019 276

07/23/2019 283

Net Increase +7

New Members: Terri Guthrie, Russell Peck, Kevin Poet, Robert Daughtridge, Jim Deas, Clayton Woodard, Mary Ellen Player (reinstated), Clayton Wood, Michael Norton

Resignations:

APPROVE FOR MEMBERSHIP *(Comments to Rotary Office by 7/30/19)*

Mary Grace Lostetter

Merrill Lynch Wealth Management (*Classification: Financial Consultant, Investments & Banking*)

Sponsor: Terri DeBoo

Endorsed: Sandy Osborne and Rick Handford

Visitors 31

Club Members 113

Total 144 (49.6%)

Guests: Deborah Williams Bell, John Tamaro, Brian Carn, Sr., Barbara Meltopoulos, Holly Boyd, Bryan Taylor, Scott Harris, Diego Ramon, Mary Grace Lostetter, Renea Robinson, Michael Carano

CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS (07/31/19 – 08/06/19)

07/31 Karen Calder

08/02 Vernon Anderson, Sandra James, Courtney Ramey

08/03 Todd Ford, Lamar Thomas

08/04 Mark Turner

08/05 Suzie Ford

08/06 Patrick Baker

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES (07/31/2019 – 08/06/19)

07/31 Vicki & Chad Lloyd

08/02 Catherine & Stan Bracey

08/04 Maura & Wil Bosbyshell

08/05 Dottie & Jim Barnhardt

ROTARY ANNIVERSARIES (07/31/2019 – 08/06/19)

02 years – Kyle Woodruff

16 years – Hunter Widener, Edwin Peacock

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

07/30 – Richard Vinroot, “10 Things on my Mind”

08/06 – David Gilbert, Destination Cleveland

08/13 – How I Got Where I’m At (*Andy Dinkin, Chad Lloyd, Rhonda York*)

08/20 – Michael Kahn, CEO, Charlotte Checkers

08/27 – Stephen Saucier, President, Carolinas Aviation Museum

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