



July 9, 2019

We meet on Tuesday at 12:30 pm at Fairfield Inn & Suites – Charlotte Uptown, 201 South McDowell St, Charlotte NC 28202

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1st Qtr Edwin Peacock

2nd Qtr Ron Kimble

3rd Qtr Jeff Atkinson

4th Qtr Karen Price

TY HARDY – NAVY SEAL

Edwin Peacock introduced Ty Hardy as a humble servant, having served for over 20 years as a member of the United States Navy, Sea, Air and Land (SEAL) special operations force. Born and raised in Spartanburg, South Carolina, Ty joined the Navy after graduation from high school as an alternative to the traditional pursuit of a college degree. His goal from the beginning was to become a Navy SEAL. He professed to having won the “genetic lottery” with his ability to satisfy the extremely rigorous mental and physical requirements as an enlisted trainee. He was driven by a desire to improve his station in life, and earn the respect, status, and prestige that such service demands. During his 24 year stint in the Navy, Ty became a subject matter expert in many areas, including and, most important crisis management. He traveled the world and he built lasting friendships. He overcame multicultural challenges in the locales where he served, and he lead with integrity and competence in situations fraught with peril. He is grateful for having had the opportunity to work with the most competent, the most resilient, the most intelligent and the most conscientious men in the service. He is, by all counts, a true Patriot.

Re-entering civilian life, after 24 years, presented both expected and unexpected challenges. The U. S. military does not have sufficient resources to support the process, and the path to normalcy is difficult. Dealing with the repercussions of PTSD in an environment that does not always understand its impact on everyday living is a constant struggle. Ty acknowledges that he moved too quickly in his desire to fast-track his career in the financial services industry and has just recently reached the conclusion that he needs to re-establish his priorities and pursue a different path. He has resigned from his job, and is focused on devoting more time and energy to the things that matter most to him: his health, his family and his community. He says that for most of his life he has followed the path of self before service and he is now ready to reverse that and put service before self. That is tough stuff coming from someone with Ty’s obvious commitment to duty, as evidenced by his service to our country and the world.

Ty, we thank you for your service. And, we look forward to hearing about your next chapter.

Reporter: Suzanne Bledsoe; *Head Table:* Hank Donaghy, John Lassiter, Edwin Peacock, Mark Markanda; *Invocation:* Cheryl Banks; *Introduce Visitors:* Jeff Atkinson; *Greeter:* Kasey Lankes & Catherine Bracey

CLUB NEWS

2019-2020 is off to a good with the introduction of three new members. **President John Lassiter** welcomed long time friend, **Russell Peck**. Russell will be quite involved in the Republican National Convention by serving as Director of Community Relations and Spokesperson and has been involved in countless political positions/campaigns since 2004. Russell graduated from Florida State University with a BS in Finance and Dual Major in English. He has served on the board for Big Brothers and Big Sisters of the Triangle, the Raleigh Chamber of Commerce Government Affairs, and NC Advisory Committee for US Global Leadership Coalition. Russell is founder of Oaklee Strategies and can be reached at rpeck27@gmail.com. President John assigned Russell to serve on the Greeter and Logistics committee. Welcome Russell, Heidi and Mary!



Edwin Peacock introduced **Terri Guthrie**, who has been serving as president-NC division for Bank OZK since October 2018. Terri has a long history of banking throughout Georgia, however her philanthropic and community involvement is her shining star. From Terri's application "giving back isn't what I do, it is who I am. Volunteering and community service were an integral part of my life from a very early age. With a brother with both mental and physical handicaps, I began working with others as a child. I have seen, through his eyes, the benefits of charity in helping strengthen one's body and soul." You can reach out to Terri at terri.guthrie@OZK.com. President John immediately assigned her to the Membership committee.



Mike Hawley introduced **Kevin Poet**, vice president of operations with Seimens Energy. Kevin spoke to the club in 2017 and we learned he started as an industrial engineer with Ford Motor Company where he worked for 27 years. He joined Seimens, a world class power generation equipment facility in 2016 and is currently vice president of operations. Kevin earned his BS degree in Engineering from Wayne State University and his MBA from the University of Michigan. President John has Kevin assigned to the Greeter and Logistics committees and he can be reached at kevin.poet@siemens.com. As for Kevin's family, he and his wife, Mary, have three sons. Nick is the oldest. Their middle son is Matt. And their youngest son, Drew was (and will always be) 17 years old. Drew died in April 2019 from Ewing sarcoma, a devastating and perplexing childhood bone cancer. <https://www.drewpoetfoundation.org/>



Through a video message, Governor Beth Trotter welcomed everyone and relayed RI President Mark Maloney's plan to unite all Rotarians with the new theme "*Rotary Connects The World*". And, shared Rotary's new global vision: "*Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change — across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.*" Rotary's greatest potential is to grow membership, have impactful projects, be creative, and involve your family – children, grandchildren, Rotaract and Interact. This year's District Conference will be a cruise to the Bahamas and RI's Convention will be held in Honolulu, Hawaii.

Follow-Up

- Rotary Scholarship Golf Classic September 10, 2019.
- Support Mt. Kilimanjaro END POLIO NOW climb : <https://rotary7680kiliclimb.org> (click on Warren Kean to make your donation).

MEMBERSHIP

07/01/2019	276
07/09/2019	277
Net Increase	+1

New Members: Terri Guthrie, Russell Peck, Kevin Poet
Resignations: Mary Ellen Player

APPROVE FOR MEMBERSHIP *(Comments to Rotary Office by 7/18/19)*

Clayton Wood

Benefit Strategies Agency, LLC (*Classification: Consultant, Employee Benefits*)

Sponsor: John Tabor

Endorsed: Sandy Osborne & Alan Simonini

Visitors	13
Club Members	121
Total	134 (52.4%)

Guests: Alexandra Arrington, Connie Bones, Mary Grace Lostetter, Monica Hamilton, Clayton Wood, Paul Haddock, Sean Gautam, Blake Bourne, Jim Deas, Robert Daughtridge, Grainger Pierce,

CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS (07/17/19 – 07/23/19)

07/17 Tom Cottingham, Peirce Ward

07/20 Larry Broome

07/21 Bob Brietz, John Phillips

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES (07/17/2019 – 07/23/19)

07/19 Joy & Ken Poe

07/21 Judith & George Gabel

ROTARY ANNIVERSARIES (07/17/2019 – 07/23/19)

02 years – Howard Hoyle

04 years – Vernon Menard

05 years – David Head

11 years – Will Hadley

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

07/16 – Mayor Vi Lyles (**Meeting at Myers Park Country Club**)

07/23 – Mick Mixon, Voice of the Carolina Panthers

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

08/06 – David Gilbert, Destination Cleveland

08/13 – How I Got Where I’m At

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