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John Gaulden Gensler

Reopening Public Spaces from an Architect's view



Mac McCarley introduced our speaker— John Gaulden is an architect with a Bachelor of Arts in Architecture from Clemson University and a Master in Architecture from Rice University. John is the managing director of Gensler's Charlotte office. Gensler is a global architecture, design and planning firm with 50 locations worldwide and 32 offices in the US. The firm serves more than 3,500 active clients in virtually every industry. John is also an artist who has an original drawing made into prints every year.

John planned on sharing what it will be like to go back to work, hotels, churches and schools. Specifically, he will share information and research related to going back. Working from home during COVID will give us an unprecedented opportunity to rethink the future of the physical workplace.

In surveying over 2,300 workers from ten industries and businesses, Gensler found that only 12% of US workers want to work from home full time. Some key findings from that same survey are that people miss meetings and connecting with colleagues face-to-face. The younger workers are less productive and less satisfied at home. Maybe that is due in part to them having children at home and having smaller home settings. People also expect to return to the office but it should look different.

We will do many things differently so that we are safer: check-in and screening in lobbies, number of people in elevators, use of fire stairs, ventilation systems with more fresh air, social distancing in restrooms, better cleaning, meeting in conference rooms, "no visitor" sections of buildings, use of food spaces, one-way paths, limiting of desks facing each other, limited occupancy per room size, among others. This will all lead to an enhanced workplace experience with a more touchless approach, a greater focus on health and wellness, and smarter building applications.

Gensler is using this COVID opportunity for its offices to serve as a living lab. They are giving their employees a higher quality experience without being tied to one space so there is space for "heads down" work and also space for collaboration.

In answering questions, John said we will need to do several things differently:

learn to work with people face-to-face with some social distancing; have more open spaces in the office, need access to but not own private space, over communicate, focus on reasons that businesses exist – (1) make a profit; (2) provide a career path, (3) Provide inspiration and enjoyment.

John closed by saying that office space must provide for all four work modes; (1) “Heads down” work; (2) Collaboration time where something is solved; (3) Time for learning and (4) Social time because if we are socially connected, we will help each other do our jobs.

Articles about design’s response to a changing world: www.gensler.com/COVID-19

By: **Jim Kelley**

CLUB NEWS

STAYING IN TOUCH with our Rotary members is important. Please take a minute to check on your friends, report funny stories and updates back to me to share with everyone so we can see who is doing what. The Reporter can be used to share what your company is doing to get through the pandemic, what your family is doing, send me your How I Got Where I’m At....anything to keep our members in the know.

ROTARY SCHOLARSHIP GOLF CLASSIC: 18th Annual Rotary Scholarship Golf Classic on September 28, 2020 at Pine Island Country Club.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES: CharMeck Responds www.charmeckresponds.org is a coalition of faith partners, nonprofits, businesses, and other community organizations that are committed to making sure all members of the community are cared for during the Crisis.

LITERACY COMMITTEE GRANTS: The Literacy committee, chaired by **Kim McMillan** with members **Nikki Keith**, **Phil Volponi**, and **Noelle Culler** have award the following grants: \$2000 to *Promising Pages* - help purchase new books vs. replenishing used books, and to supply and stock summer reading materials for drive thru book fairs starting late June and running through July. \$2000 to *Freedom School Partners* – help with the costs of setting up and operating several pop-up locations, as well as virtual interactions for scholars where much needed books, basic household items, and food will be deployed. These pop-ups will be located around the city to serve scholars who would have been served at their sites. The programs will include music, participation stations with reading, STEM and enrichment activities for children and their families.

PRESIDENT’S CHANGEOVER: Following the successful blood drive at SMS Catering about a month ago, it looked highly possible that the president’s changeover meeting could be held at SMS on June 30th. With the recent rise in Covid-19 cases, the board made the decision to manage this meeting over Zoom instead of risking an in-person gathering.

THE ROTARY FOUNDATION: Foundation chair **Bill Bradley** provided an overview of how The Rotary Foundation plays an important part to strengthen the Rotary mission. It is the wish for all club members to support this effort through annual donations. Notify the Rotary office if you would like to get something set up on our quarterly invoice or sign up for recurring donations at www.rotary.org – click on the DONATE button at the top of the page and follow the instructions. Recap through mid-June...

Annual Fund Goal: \$35,000 (achieved 156%)

Per Capita: \$197.65

Annual Fund: \$54,552

Polio & Other Funds: \$19,552

Endowment Fund: \$92,459.80

MEMBERSHIP

07/01/2019 276 *New Members:*
06/16/2020 267
Net Increase -9 *Resignations:* Travis Barnes

82 members on today's Zoom call

CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS (06/24/2020 – 06/30/2020)

06/25 – Bill Bradley
06/26 – Emmy Lou Burchette
06/29 – Glenn Bouley
06/30 – Kim Brattain

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES (06/24/2020 – 06/30/2020)

06/24 – Jeanine & Tim Flanagan
06/25 – Diane & Mike Restaino; Nan & Bill Loftin
06/25 – Maude & Henry Cantrell; Mary Beth & John Scharer

ROTARY ANNIVERSARIES (06/24/2020 – 06/30/2020)

None this period

UPCOMING PROGRAMS (utilizing Zoom)

06/23 – Dena Diorio & Joe Penner, Meck Cty response to Covid-19
06/30 – President's Change-Over
07/07 – Rocio Gonzales, ED, Latin American Chamber of Commerce Charlotte
07/14 – Tom Barker, President, Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond
07/21 – Panel: Dr. Jessica Saxe, Dr. Presley Gilbert, Elly Clary – Single payer health insurance
07/28 – David Mildenburg, Editor, Business North Carolina