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GREG FOREST

United States Marshal – Western District of North Carolina



Cheryl Banks introduced Greg Forest, who she described as a special person placed in her life. He was her former boss, an officer and a gentleman with a humble spirit. He is married with four children, and is the son of Sue Myrick, the former Charlotte Mayor and U. S. Congresswoman for the ninth district. His sister-in-law is Alexandra Myrick, a member of our Club.

Greg began by recognizing the veterans in the room, and after noting that his resume looks like somebody who just couldn't hold a job, he gave us a brief recap of how he came to be the US Marshal for the Western District of North Carolina. He began his career with CMPD in 1986, and served until 1995, when he joined the Probation Office in the Western District NC of the Marshals Service, rising to the rank of Sr. US Probation Officer. In 2002 he was appointed by George Bush as the US Marshal for the Western District NC and served in that capacity until 2004, and then became the Chief US Probation Officer until his retirement in 2015.

He worked in the private sector as the Deputy Director of International Trade Compliance for an aerospace and defense contractor in Mooresville. In 2018 he was recommended to President Trump by Senators Burr and Tillis for the Job of US Marshal for the Western District NC, and was appointed to that position in May of 2018. He is responsible for the management, administration and direction of operations throughout the District, which consists of 32 counties and three US Courthouses located in Charlotte, Statesville and Asheville.

The US Marshals Service was started in 1789 by the First Congress and George Washington, and is "The nation's oldest and most versatile federal law enforcement agency." During the 1800's, the Marshals served as the only day-to-day law enforcement in areas not developed enough to provide their own law enforcement as the country expanded westward. They described their job as "Protecting the Constitution." This was never more true than during the civil rights era of the sixties, when the Marshals provided protection for minority students integrating segregated schools and others implementing the orders of the federal courts.

Today, the Service has 94 US Marshals (one for each federal court district), 3,571 deputy US Marshals, and 1,451 detention enforcement officers and administrative staff, with an annual budget of \$1.31 billion. Their missions include: Fugitive Investigations; Judicial Security; Prisoner Services; Witness Security; Asset Forfeitures; Justice Prisoner and Alien Transportation System (JPATS), also known as "Con Air"; Enforcement of Court Orders; and Sex Offenders Tracking. They are the foremost

agency for tracking down fugitives of all kinds, primarily federal, but also providing assistance to state and local authorities as requested. They also help to find abducted and missing children.

Federal probation violators and unregistered sex offenders are tracked down and apprehended by the Marshals. They have started the 15 Most Wanted program to prioritize the most dangerous fugitives, including murderers, sex offenders, major drug kingpins, organized crime figures, and persons wanted for high-profile financial crimes. They have field offices in Mexico, Jamaica, and the Dominican Republic to track down fugitives who have fled to these countries. They also go after foreign and international fugitives in violation of US laws, and handle international extraditions (treaties between the US and another government providing for bilateral enforcement of the law), and deportations (where a foreign government expels US criminals). In 2018, the Service completed 845 of these actions from 60 countries.

Federal Marshals also provide protection for the federal judiciary system to ensure that justice can be administered without fear or coercion. These services are provided to the Supreme Court Justices, all members of the federal judiciary, the Deputy Attorney General, US Attorneys and Assistant US Attorneys. The service also handles federal prisoners, an average of over 50,000 per day; and contracts with over 1,100 state and local governments to provide jail space. They are responsible for everything involving these prisoners except the actual keeping them in jail. They have a special operations group to handle SWAT-type operations as may be ordered by the Attorney General. They also protect the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to safeguard supplies of dangerous pathogens and priority medical countermeasures.

They are responsible for the witness protection program for government witnesses. Since 1971, the Marshals have relocated and provided new identities for 7,800 witnesses and 9,900 family members. No witness *who has followed program rules* has been harmed while under active protection, and the recidivism rate for witnesses with a criminal history is less than 17%.

They seize and administer assets in criminal and civil matters under the Asset Forfeiture program, and had some \$1.8 billion of seized assets on hand as of 9/30/2017. The JPATS transports more than 250,000 prisoners per year, the largest number of any system in the world. They have regularly scheduled stops in 52 cities and move the prisoners more securely and at less cost than using public transportation. About 40 percent of trips are by air, with the remainder by bus/van.

Greg was asked about the coordination between various enforcement agencies. He noted that there are occasional turf wars, as the DEA wants to handle drug cases, the ATF wants to handle gun and alcohol cases, and the FBI wants to handle everything; but since the fugitives that the Marshals are after are all involved in guns and drugs and frequently something else, the conflicts are few. He noted that one area where there is never a problem is anything involving missing children.

Many thanks to Greg for his entertaining and informative presentation.

Reporter: Greg Handford; *Head Table:* Paul Haddock, Jerry Coughter, Matt Joyner, Cheryl Banks; *Invocation:* Chad Lloyd; *Introduce Visitors:* Bill Bartee; *Photos:* Sandy Osborne; *Greeters:* Jeff Atkinson & Kasey Lankes

CLUB NEWS

Reminder of the drop-in at the Community Matters Café (Charlotte Rescue Mission, 907 W. 1st St.) between 7AM and 9AM on *Thursday, November 14, 2019*. Stop by if you can.

Thanks to [Ed Kizer](#) for dropping off three reusable bags that will be donated to Classroom Central. If you have NEW reusable fabric or sturdy plastic bags that teachers can use during shopping visits, please bring them to Rotary.

[Patricia Shafer](#) was a speaker at Rotary UN Day in New York this past weekend. The focus of the day was the role of Rotary serving refugees and displaced peoples. A speaker from the UN noted that South Sudan is one of the countries with the most refugees and displaced people, and then I spoke about being involved with three Lost Boys of Sudan returning to their home country to build schools, train teachers, provide school supplies,

etc. Our club was the first to step up and provide a \$5,000 grant to Lost Boy James Lubo Mijak to build the Nyarweng Primary School - which has been operating since 2011, and very recently, a \$2,000 grant to put in a library at the school. Many people came up and said that they were touched to learn that some Lost Boys have had some long-term impact in South Sudan and that a Rotary Peace Fellow and Rotarians are connected in this way.

EXCELLENCE IN LEADERSHIP

The Rotary Club of Charlotte and Charlotte Business Journal have joined to sponsor a community-wide search in the region. The sponsors will choose the 30th winner of the Excellence in Leadership Award, to be presented February 25, 2020 at the Rotary club luncheon.

NOMINATION PROCESS

- 1) **REVIEW** the qualities of excellence listed below and think about the senior manager who exhibits those qualities.
- 2) **EXPLAIN** how the nominee meets the criteria and why you feel he/she should receive this recognition.
- 3) **WRITE** your comments on one typed 8 ½ X 11" sheet. Please include a brief biographical sketch of your nominee as well.

DEADLINE: December 3, 2019

SUBMIT NOMINATIONS: Sandy Osborne at sandy@charlotterotary.org

QUALITIES OF EXCELLENCE

When nominating your choice, list extraordinary achievements citing examples of leadership and how they reflect credit to the manager and his/her organization. Consider the following:

- Success in the nominee's profession and business or organization
- Visionary leadership and execution
- Significant contributions for the good of the Charlotte region
- Civic mindedness and community involvement
- Humble in their success
- A reputation for character in keeping with the values of the Four-Way Test

Next ROTARY MEANS BUSINESS AFTER-HOURS is TONIGHT - Wednesday, November 13th at TechWorks Gaston. Social time is 4:30pm-5:15pm; Business Tips & Structured Networking from 5:15pm-6:30pm. Free event (requires registration) RSVP: <https://networkingafterhoursnov13th.eventbrite.com>

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Chad Lloyd is working hard to identify/promote and sign up volunteers for LOTS of service projects. Please look over the below information and let Chad know you can help. cloyd@mihomes.com or chad.lloyd@yahoo.com

- *Queens University Rotaract Club:* Networking Event is **November 13**, 6:00pm – 7:30pm. Thanks to [Bryce Chambliss](#), [Jessica Mallicote](#), [Jennifer Creegan](#), and [Martin Waters](#) for participating in this event. Last minute signup here: <https://forms.gle/9XmMyeQt6MAHTki7>

- *Queens University Rotaract Club: November 18, 10AM – Noon*, for their largest service event of the semester - Operation Sandwich. They need your help. Both events will be held in the Claudia Belk Room in the Levine Center. Thanks to [Lee Tabor](#), [Jessica Mallicote](#), [Rex Reynolds](#), [Catherine Bracey](#), [Sandy Osborne](#), [Scott Gakenheimer](#), and [Lori Giang](#) for participating in this event and there is room for more.

- *The Independence Fund: Help build a handicap ramp for Marine Wounded Warrior, Nick Firth*. Up to 12 Rotarian volunteers are needed on **November 21**; 9AM-5PM (can be split into shorter shifts). Thanks to [Chad Lloyd](#), [Russell Peck](#), [Robert Daughtridge](#), [Mike Wollinger](#), [Will Barnhardt](#) and [John Nicolay](#) for participating in this event. More volunteers are needed.

- *Bell Ringing for The Salvation Army: November 25 through December 13 on Trade & Tryon from 11:30 – 1:30*. Contact [Mark Norman](#) at mark.norman@jwu.edu.

- *Christmas Morning Breakfast at Charlotte Rescue Mission: 40 volunteers needed to serve breakfast*. Arrive by 6:15AM; white (collar) shirt, black pants (bow tie will be provided). Sign up: www.charlotterotary.org, click on Service, last column on the right has a sign-up box. Questions may be directed to Joe Penner, jpenner@medic911.com. IF you are interested in chairing this event next year, please let Joe or Bob Webb (bwebb@myers-chapmen.com) know.



Our club is partnering with [SHARE Charlotte](#) on group volunteering activities.

We would like to SHARE these two opportunities with you:

- *Monday, November 18 10AM-12NOON*

Charlotte Community ToolBank, 2513 S. Tryon St. Charlotte, NC 28203

Help out in warehouse pulling tool orders and restocking returned tool orders, cleaning and maintaining inventory (no skills required), Note: Warehouse is not conditioned so dress for the weather temperature in clothes you don't mind getting dirty. All volunteers must wear closed toe, tie on shoes. Tennis shoes are fine. Opportunity for up to 15 people but even 5 is fine.

To participate, email colleen@branstorm.com

- *Thursday, December 12, 5-7PM, Wells Fargo Atrium Uptown*

SHARE Charlotte and the Charlotte Business Journal are teaming up to celebrate Charlotte businesses who give back with [#BizGivesCLT](#). This event brings together Charlotte's for-profit and non-profit business community to celebrate local philanthropy. We need 5-10 people to staff the event.

To participate, email colleen@branstorm.com

MEMBERSHIP

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

11/12/2019 283

Net Increase +7 **Resignations:** Dusty Holcomb

Visitors 3

Club Members 109

Total 112 (46.6%)

Thanks for bringing a guest: Bill Goodwyn with [Edwin Peacock](#); Clay Woodruff with [Ken Fuquay](#); Jeff Wanner with [Wes Clark](#)

CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS (11/20/19 – 11/26/19)

11/20 Keith Nowokunski
11/22 Kim McMillan; Floyd Davis
11/23 Terri DeBoo; Victor Chen
11/24 Diego Ramon; Jim Woodward
11/25 Mason Alexander
11/26 Clayton Woodard; John Shell

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES (11/20/2019 – 11/26/19)

11/20 Catherine & Art Ringwald
11/23 Sheng Li & Wangzhone Lu
11/26 Debbie & Sadler Barnhardt; Helen & Richard Verkamp

ROTARY ANNIVERSARIES (11/20/2019 – 11/26/19)

01 year – Jennifer Creegan
03 years – Ron Mikels
08 years – Stephanie Hinrichs
17 years – Carol Hardison

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

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

11/19 – Gary Green, Compass Group USA
11/26 – Tracy Dodson, Assistant City Manager, Economic Development
12/03 – How I Got Where I'm At (*Brian Carn, Jessica Mallicote, Mike Wollinger*)
12/10 – Chief Ken Putney, CMPD
12/17 – Music provided by Inreach Singers
12/24 – Holiday – Not Meeting
12/31 – Holiday – Not Meeting

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