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## DAN CLODFELTER A Primer on the North Carolina Utilities Commission



Dan, a native of Thomasville, N.C., is no stranger to public service. We are fortunate to have a man with his credentials (Davidson College, Oxford University, and Yale Law School) and experience (35+ years in private law practice and service on the Planning Commission, Charlotte City Council, NC Senate, and as Mayor of Charlotte) as a member of the North Carolina Utilities Commission. One of 7 commissioners, with only 4 seated, Dan was appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the General Assembly to serve a 6 year term beginning in July 2017. Dan said that his current service in this role is the most difficult and demanding of his career and, after his brief but thorough primer on the purview of the Commission, it is easy to understand why.

The North Carolina Utilities Commission (“the Commission”), an agency created by the General Assembly to regulate rates and services of all investor owned public utilities in North Carolina, is the oldest regulatory agency in the state. The regulatory oversight of the Commission began with the regulation of railroads in 1891 and has evolved over time to include companies that provide electricity, residential telephone service, natural gas, water, wastewater, movement of household goods, buses, brokers and ferryboats. It employs a staff of 58, operating on and \$8M budget funded by fees paid by the regulated utilities and, to a lesser extent, the Federal government. As an administrative board of the General Assembly, the Commission is accountable to the General Assembly and subject to legislative oversight by the Joint Legislative Utility Review Committee. It is authorized to stipulate rules and regulations and fix utility rates per the Public Utilities Act. The Commission also functions in a judicial capacity, with all the powers and jurisdiction of the North Carolina Judiciary as it relates to all subjects over which it has jurisdiction by law. The ultimate purpose of the Commission is to protect the interest of the public, with the provision of adequate service at reasonable rates. This encompasses fair and reasonable determinations for both public utilities and their customers.

Entities subject to regulation under the jurisdiction of the Commission include investor owned electric companies (Duke Energy Carolinas, Duke Energy Progress, Dominion Energy North Carolina), natural gas distribution and pipeline

companies (Piedmont Natural Gas, PSNC Energy, Frontier Natural Gas, Cardinal Pipeline, Toccoa Natural Gas), residential local (not long distance or date/internet) telecommunications providers, waste and wastewater systems providers (except municipalities), and transportation companies (household good carriers, ferryboat operators, passenger carriers.)

Dan shared some interesting statistics around the operations of the Commission and the utilities they oversee. During the 12 month period ending June 30, 2019, the Commission conducted 8,248 proceedings and 63 hearings. They reviewed and responded to 17,176 filings, issued 3,171 orders and have an open docket of 653 cases. He also pointed out that the business model of many of their constituencies is changing for a variety of reasons. This adds to the workload of the Commission and requires innovative and forward thinking solutions.

Dan, it is not hard to see why you said this is a challenging role you are playing in service to our great state. We thank you for your willingness and ability to do so.

*Reporter: Suzanne Bledsoe; Head Table: Jason Otte, John Lassiter, Ron Kimble, Dumont Clarke; Invocation: Carol Hardison; Introduce Visitors: Jeff Atkinson; Photos: Sandy Osborne; AV: Bill Gill, Tom Bartholomy; Greeters: Reggie Johnson & Catherine Bracey*

## CLUB NEWS



## THE MEN'S SHELTER

Thanks to volunteers [Ed Kizer](#), [Luther Moore](#), [Cheryl Banks](#), [David Zimmerman](#), [Chad Lloyd](#), [Joe Gass](#), and [Mike Ranson](#)

## YEAR UP AT CPCC

Thanks to volunteers [Edwin Peacock](#), [Robert Daughtridge](#), [Chad Lloyd](#), [Tom Cottingham](#), and [Mike Hawley](#)



[Paul Wyche](#) and his teammate won GOLD in the race walk event at Providence Estates OlympiActs competition against four competing Acts communities at Tryon Estates in Columbus, NC.

Click on the link to read a great story and inspiration challenge – [Mike Hawley](#) and [Bob Bowler](#)  
**The Inspiration Challenge: We asked 4 people to take their role models to coffee.**

**Terri DeBoo** shared a great story in her Happiness report on Tuesday:

“There was a boy whose family was very wealthy. One day his father took him on a trip to the country, where he aimed to show his son how poor people live. They arrived to a farm of a very poor family and they spent several days there. On their return, the father asked his son did he like the trip.

Oh, it was great dad – the boy replied. Did you notice how poor people live? Yeah, I did said the boy. The father asked his son to tell in more details about his impressions from their trip.

Well, we have only one dog, and they have four of them. In our garden there is a pool, while they have a river that has no end. We’ve got expensive lanterns, but they have stars above their heads at night. We have the patio, and they have the whole horizon. We have only a small piece of land, while they have the endless fields. We buy food, but they grow it. We have high fences for protection of our property, and they don’t need it, as their friends protect them.

The father was stunned and could not say a word. Then the boy added: Thank you dad for letting me see how poor we are.”

### **SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES**

- Tuesday, October 29 is the last day you can drop off warm clothing to support clients served at Crisis Assistance Ministry. Look for the table set up in the hotel’s parking deck.

- NC MedAssist RUN/WALK to raise funds to benefit low-income, uninsured residents across NC...Saturday, October 26, 9AM race start, Olde Mecklenburg Brewery. [www.medassist.org](http://www.medassist.org). (Lori Gaing: [lgiang@medassist.org](mailto:lgiang@medassist.org))

**Colleen Brannan** has provided an opportunity: Northeastern University-Charlotte invites our Club members to a free breakfast event on Oct. 30 featuring Lending Tree Founder & CEO Doug Lebda along with other FinTech leaders. While the event is free to attend, due to limited space you must register in advance [here](#) <https://conta.cc/2neisdB>

- **Queens University Rotaract Club** Networking Event is November 13, 6:00pm – 7:30pm. This will be a chance for students to interact with Rotary members from various career backgrounds. Their goal is for 25 members from Charlotte Rotary to attend! <https://forms.gle/9XmMyeQt6MAHTtki7>

- **Queens University Rotaract Club** on 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.

- Classroom Central committee needs more volunteers. This group meets the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month and their task is to get school supplies selected by teachers loaded into their car. Five volunteers are needed to cover each shift: 2:30–4:00pm and 4:00-6:00pm. (Clyde Robinson: [cilax22@hotmail.com](mailto:cilax22@hotmail.com))

- Special Olympics of North Carolina need adult volunteers for their annual Fall Tournament November 1-3. Particularly needing 25 volunteers to help be hotel greeters/hosts on Nov 1<sup>st</sup> 2pm-5pm. Volunteer sign-up link [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfTZHA3hPruvlGh5RnIKBmSKpLluRNupnl8mGcT5CKjnsErMg/vie/wform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfTZHA3hPruvlGh5RnIKBmSKpLluRNupnl8mGcT5CKjnsErMg/vie/wform?usp=sf_link)

**Foundation Banquet:** Everyone should have received an email from the District about the **Foundation Banquet**. Please consider supporting and attending this event that will be held at the Ballantyne Resort & Hotel on November 15. Additional details: 6PM fellowship & cocktails; 7PM dinner with keynote speaker Larry Lunsford (*Past RI Director and Current Aide to RI President*); program to conclude at 9:15PM; cocktail attire, \$65/person or \$120/couple. Registration available at [www.dacdb.com](http://www.dacdb.com) (or ask Sandy to register you). **Noelle Culler** and **Bill Gill** are working with the District Banquet committee – thanks to both!

## MEMBERSHIP

07/01/2019 276 **New Members:** Jason Otte, Joe Gass  
10/22/2019 282  
Net Increase +6 **Resignations:** Gunda Knese, Bobby Stochl

Visitors 4  
Club Members 124  
Total 128 (53.4%)

Thanks for bringing a guest: Danielle Goeron with [Greg Hatcher](#); Dana Fenton with [Ron Kimble](#); Isaiah Bannister with [Cheryl Banks](#); Mort Wise

## CELEBRATIONS

### BIRTHDAYS (10/30/19 – 11/05/19)

10/31 Jennifer Woods  
11/01 Robert Daughtridge  
11/04 Julie Haack  
11/05 Travis Vance

### WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES (10/30/2019 – 11/05/19)

11/02 Carolyn & Chase Saunders  
11/03 Beth & Tony Zeiss  
11/04 Debra & Larry Broome; Susan & John zumBrunnen  
11/05 Rae Ann & Patrick Baker; Vanessa & David Stolen; Page & Ed Kizer

### ROTARY ANNIVERSARIES (10/30/2019 – 11/05/19)

01 year – Scott Gakenheimer (in this club) and Mike Ranson  
02 years – Jim Hintz (in this club)  
05 years – Greg Hatcher  
09 years – Nikki Keith  
22 years – Robert Freeman  
26 years – Charlie Greer  
27 years – Jim Kelley  
29 years – Katie Tyler  
30 years – Al Allison  
32 years – Ken Poe  
36 years – Gene Williams  
37 years – Don Carmichael  
41 years – Brent Trexler  
44 years – Sadler Barnhardt

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

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

10/29 – Gene Woods, Atrium Health  
11/05 – Radio Personalities Ace & TJ, and Adam  
11/12 – Greg Forest, US Marshal, Western District NC

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