



October 8, 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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## MICHAEL SMITH Charlotte Center City Partners Our History and Our Future



Today it was our pleasure to hear remarks from Michael Smith, President and CEO of Charlotte Center City Partners (CCCP). Since 2005, Smith has been the driving force behind many city changing initiatives. Over the last couple of decades, our then quiet uptown has been transformed into a major destination with a thriving neighborhood and a major employment center.

So what is the vision and objectives of City Partners? CCCP's primary goals are to create jobs, grow investments, and recruit and retain the best talent. Their objectives are to provide research, help recruit businesses, create and deliver events and programs, and provide marketing support. They are our center city's prominent advocate, articulating our phenomenal development story and the plans and optimism for our future.

Our center city is experiencing its most prolific period of growth, now ranked fourth behind New York, Chicago, and Seattle in office building construction. It was not that long ago that uptown had just 16M square feet of office space. Thanks to 5M to 7M added in each of the recent decades, now there is 35M square feet available. Center City's chalk mark boundaries extend to Midtown and South End where currently new construction is 95% leased. Also, as we hosted the DNC and next year the RNC among other larger conventions, our hotels have more than 8000 rooms including 1200 under construction and 1000 planned. The JW Marriott and InterContinental are among the new hotels in planning.

Michael also pointed to the significance of our current ever expanding transportation system, a key catalyst to our successful growth. Our airport is a major hub with direct flights throughout the world. As the Blue Line has transformed the South End with Billions in development, the same is happening as NoDa is transformed and the future Silver Line is completed. The new Gateway Station will create the hub for all local transportation and for Amtrak which will make it practical for an expansion of commuters.

CCCP's near term plans include the exciting completion by the end of next year of a "2040 Center City Vision Plan." Over the next few months the ad hoc committee with its broad representation will be meeting with the Consultant and encouraging input from all stakeholders and citizens. The goal is a roll out concurrently with the new extended plan that consultants will be preparing for the Mecklenburg Park and Recreation Commission about the same time. Our Center City continues to set new prosperity benchmarks.

*Reporter:* Ed Wadsworth; *Head Table:* Michael Norton, John Lassiter, Ron Kimble, Dena Diorio; *Invocation:* Edwin Peacock; *Introduce Visitors:* Wes Sturges; *Photos:* Sandy Osborne; *AV:* Jessica Dupree, Bill Gill, Katie Tyler; *Greeters:* Scott Gakenheimer & Jensen Caudle

## CLUB NEWS

### SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

- Warm clothing donations to support clients served at Crisis Assistance Ministry may be dropped off at Rotary (table set up in the parking deck) October 15 through the 29. Thanks for your continued support of this project.
- One-hour Serve & Learn for a chance to directly engage with guests served at the Men's Shelter. 30 minutes to serve a meal and 30 minute tour of the shelter. October 18, 11:45am-1pm. (Chad Lloyd: [clloyd@mihomes.com](mailto:clloyd@mihomes.com))
- 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))
- 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: [cjlax22@hotmail.com](mailto:cjlax22@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/vi\\_wform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfTZHA3hPruvlGh5RnIKBmSKpLluRNupnl8mGcT5CKjnsErMg/vi_wform?usp=sf_link)

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)

**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	<b>New Members:</b>
10/08/2019	281	
Net Increase	+5	<b>Resignations:</b> Gunda Knese

Visitors	11
Club Members	132
Total	143 (55.5%)

Thanks for bringing a guest: Joe Gass with [Edwin Peacock](#); Julie Eiselt with [Ed Driggs](#); Allen Clark with [John Tabor](#); Jennifer De La Jana with [Carol Hardison](#); Atul Bhula with [Edwin Peacock](#); Nitzan Mosery; Mort Wise; Kondra Rattley with [Chad Lloyd](#); Todd Badgley with [Don Millen](#); Sharai Lavoie with [Kim Brattain](#); Jarvis Moss with [Jeff Atkinson](#)

## CELEBRATIONS

### **BIRTHDAYS (10/16/19 – 10/22/19)**

10/18 Kasey Lankes; Jessica Mallicote; Henry Cantrell  
10/22 Vanessa Stolen

### **WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES (10/16/2019 – 10/22/19)**

10/17 Bryce Chambliss & Jarrett Valete  
10/19 Cheryl & Will Hadley; Diana & Mark Turner  
10/20 Shelley & Chris Kemper

### **ROTARY ANNIVERSARIES (10/16/2019 – 10/22/19)**

04 years – Rex Reynolds  
14 years – Ed Driggs  
21 years – Joe Penner  
23 years – Marilyn Bowler

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

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

10/15 – Dena Diorio, Mecklenburg County Manager, County Priorities

10/22 – Dan Clodfelter, Utilities Commissioner

10/29 – Gene Woods, Atrium Health

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