



September 17, 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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CHAS FAGAN Master Artist/Sculptor



Stories associated with art works can be as revealing as the creations themselves, Charlotte artist Chas Fagan believes.

The self-taught sculptor and painter has produced scores of likenesses of celebrated people, past and present. He learned fascinating facts about his subjects and he shared some for Rotarians.

Astronaut Neil Armstrong was passionate about the need for humans to pursue knowledge. "If we stop learning, we're no longer human," Fagan said Armstrong told him.

Armstrong shared a serious situation with the module that made him the first human to moon-walk. A rocky primary landing target forced Armstrong and fellow astronauts to find an alternative. As they zeroed in with time and fuel dwindling, the lunar landscape seemed to undulate like a shaken rug. Fuzzy vision complicated set-down. Armstrong figured out the module's approach angle stirred up significant moon dust.

Armstrong told Fagan about this in interviews for a larger-than-life sculpture at his alma mater, Purdue University. Years later, Fagan sculpted Armstrong in a flight suit for his hometown of Wapakoneta, OH. The pose was selected by Armstrong's fellow astronauts and his son.

For Charlotte's Trail of History, Fagan produced a statue of Captain James Jack. The captain is on horseback, riding to present resolves signed by Mecklenburg patriots to the Continental Congress in Philadelphia a year before the Declaration of Independence. Tavern owner Jack was in his forties, but he successfully delivered the document that could have meant hanging for him as well as the signers.

Five years later, Fagan discovered, British General Lord Charles Cornwallis marched his troops on Charlotte during the Revolutionary War. Cornwallis burned Jack's tavern to the ground, then torched Jack's house, killing his father.

Also for Charlotte, Fagan sculpted early settler Thomas Spratt and King Haigler, chief of the Catawba Indians. Spratt and Haigler fought together and resisted the

British in the War of Independence.

Fagan has lived in Charlotte with his wife and children since 2002, but he was born in Belgium and spent formative years in rural Pennsylvania. He earned a degree in Soviet Studies at Yale University.

"But art was always there," he explained. When he was 11, an old lady of Hungarian heritage who was a family friend "declared that I was an artist," he said. "She would show me something from National Geographic and say, 'Draw this.'"

Fagan told other stories he gleaned while preparing for his works.

Getting to know Josh Miner, who brought Outward Bound to the United States, Fagan learned of what Miner called his "government-paid trip across Europe" in World War II. The acclaimed educator was a decorated captain who travelled in a lead jeep with Gen. George Patton's Armored Field Artillery.

Former CIA director Porter Goss, who survived a suspected poisoning by Soviet agents, insisted Fagan place a likeness of Pope John Paul II in the background of his portrait. This was to honor the role the Pope played along with President Ronald Reagan and British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher in defeating the Soviet Union to end the Cold War.

Though Fagan's works feature the likes of Joan of Arc, George Washington, Rosa Parks, Martin Luther King Jr. and Mother Teresa, he's not done.

He's creating a large statue of President Reagan that Berlin wants for the anniversary of the fall of its infamous wall. And he plans to sculpt Charlotte native and renowned evangelist Billy Graham. That statue will stand on the state capitol grounds in Raleigh.

Reporter: Elly Clary; Head Table: Mike Wollinger, John Lassiter, Edwin Peacock, Julie Haack; Invocation: Suzanne Bledsoe; Introduce Visitors: Herb Harriss; Photos: Sandy Osborne; Greeter: LJ Stambuk, Bryan McAllister, Mary Grace Lostetter

CLUB NEWS

ROTARY FOUNDATION – ARCH KLUMPH SOCIETY

History of the Arch Klumph Society: Arch C. Klumph joined the Rotary Club of Cleveland, Ohio, USA, in 1911. He was the 1916-17 Rotary president, the organization's sixth. Addressing the 1917 convention in Atlanta, Georgia, he eloquently promoted the idea of "endowments for the purpose of doing good in the world." That year, the Rotary Club of Kansas City, Missouri, USA, made the first gift, of \$26.50, to the fledgling fund. When the endowment had grown significant enough to require administrators to manage it, The Rotary Foundation was born, and Klumph was selected as one of its first trustees. The Arch Klumph Society was created in 2004, during Rotary International's 2004-05 centennial celebration, as a meaningful way to recognize the Foundation's highest-level donors. The society's first dinner was held the following year. Today, members' portraits, engraved in glass plaques, hang in the Arch Klumph Society Gallery at Rotary International World Headquarters.

What Is the Arch Klumph Society: Named after the sixth president of Rotary, the Arch Klumph Society was established to acknowledge and recognize The Rotary Foundation's highest tier of donors — those who have contributed **\$250,000** or more during their lifetime. Members have the opportunity to be formally inducted into the society and to have their name, portrait, and biographical information displayed at Rotary International World Headquarters. Membership in the Arch Klumph Society is lifelong. Along with specific AKS recognition pins and pendants, members receive several other benefits commensurate with their generosity. Contributions can be made in a variety of forms, such as cash, securities, real estate, and planned gifts.

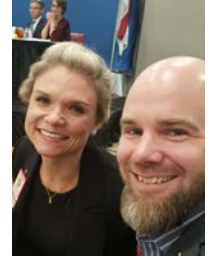
Join me in thanking and congratulating [MARK MARKANDA](#)...our District's 7th Arch Klumph Society member and our club's first member.



Thanks to [Chris Kemper](#) for introducing [Diego Ramon](#) as the club's newest member. Diego has been an account executive with Mutual of America for seventeen years, working with 401(k) sales, plan design, and administration. He was born in Bogota Columbia, grew up in Richmond, and moved to Charlotte in January of 2019 to open the Charlotte office. Diego and Denise have four children – Halsey, Nate, Bryce, and Hannah. He earned his BA from Barton College and will be a great addition to the club. Welcome! diego.ramon@mutualofamerica.com



Next up was [Nancy McNelis](#) to introduce [Brooke Reddington](#). I will say, there was quite the flare with this introduction! Brooke's husband, Michael, is a member of the Waxhaw Weddington Rotary Club and he joined Brooke to make this moment very special with a beautiful bouquet of flowers and a kiss. Brooke is chief human capital officer for the YMCA of Greater Charlotte and oversees all of the HR, leadership development and talent acquisition functions for 5,000 employees. Two-year old son, Gabriel is the light of their life. Brooke earned her



business degree from her hometown University of Alabama and continued on to earn her MBA with a specialization in Human Resources. Welcome! Brooke.reddington@ymcacharlotte.org

The 17th Annual Rotary Scholarship Golf Classic is a wrap and the raffle items were drawn on Tuesday. Thanks to those that offered up lots of great stuff:

- (2) Original Watercolor (painted by [Wil Bosbyshell](#)), valued at \$100 – [Graham Wilson](#) and [Edwin Peacock](#)
- Dinner at The Palm, valued at \$100 ([Terri DeBoo](#)) – [Sam Ryburn](#)
- AutoBell Car Wash, valued at \$495 ([Chuck Howard](#)) – [Herb Harriss](#)
- Two Panther Tickets/Club Seats, valued at \$800 ([Dale Halton](#)) – [Clayton Woodard](#)
- Luca 7 Strand "Hermes Paris" orange leather bracelet, valued at \$475 ([Julie Haack](#)) – [Kevin Logan](#)
- Dinner at Charlotte City Club, valued at \$100 ([John Scharer](#)) – [Wayne Shirley](#)
- Pottery by Scott Anderson, valued at \$295 ([Elizabeth Teagarden](#)) – [Sandy Osborne](#)
- Jesse Brown Outfitters, valued at \$100 ([Bill Barteo](#)) – [Bert Voswinkel](#)
- Blumenthal Performing Arts tickets, valued at \$150 ([Dale Halton](#)) – [Kevin Poet](#)
- Charlotte Ballet tickets, valued at \$118 ([Dale Halton](#)) – [Wayne Shirley](#)
- (2) Belk Gift Card, valued at \$250 ([Luther Moore](#)) – [Susan Nestor](#) and [Bert Voswinkel](#)
- Mini Wavy Disc Earrings, valued at \$425 ([Bryan McAllister](#)) – [Greg Hatcher](#)
- Charlotte Knights, valued at \$215 ([Dan Rajkowski](#)) – [Wil Bosbyshell](#)
- Hightop Table & Chairs, valued at \$1000 ([Fred Wagner](#)) – [Rex Reynolds](#)

[Chad Lloyd](#) gave a reminder to everyone about The Independence Fund's event going on this week for the Mothers and Daughters of Wounded Veterans. If you are able to help with set-up and serve lunch from 12-2pm on 9/19/19 (6-8 volunteers) or transport participants to the airport on 9/22/19 (6-8 volunteers), let Chad know or sign up below. Thanks to [Catherine Bracey](#) and [Robert Shaw](#) for volunteering with [Chad](#).

https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-independence-fund-volunteer-opportunities-tickets-70836871991?aff=utm_source%3Demail%26utm_medium%3Demail%26utm_campaign%3Dnew_event_email&utm_term=eventurl_text

The opportunity to participate in the Clown Corps for the Thanksgiving Day Parade has been taken off the table – thanks to [Colleen Brannan](#) for bringing this opportunity; maybe next year.

Lee Tabor continues her work with the Queens University of Charlotte Rotaract Club. Club President Anthony Raftis and Club Secretary Paulette Jimenez visited this week and this group is well on their way to making a difference. They are looking for a speaker at their November 5th meeting. Please email Anthony (raftisa@queens.edu) if you can make this happen.

MEMBERSHIP

07/01/2019 276 **New Members:** Bobby Stochl, Jensen Caudle, Brooke Reddington, Diego Ramon
09/17/2019 285
Net Increase +9 **Resignations:**

Thanks for bringing a guest: [Biff Virkler](#) with Renea Robinson; [Terri DeBoo](#) with Jason Otte; [Roger Sarow](#) with Jack Di Rochi; [Julie Haack](#) with Andrew Badolato, Louis Herbert and David Murray; [Greg Hatcher](#) with Christine Melvin and Stephen Guardipee; [Bill Barte](#) with Christopher Lawing; [Jennifer Woods](#) with Graham Treacle; [Kim Brattain](#) with Lori Katzenstein; [William Bradley](#) with Woodson Bradley; [Lee Tabor](#) with Anthony Raftis and Paulette Jimenez

CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS (09/25/19 – 10/01/19)

09/26 Tom Burgess
09/27 Harriman Jett
09/29 Lee Tabor, JC Cousar, Henry Batten
10/01 George MacBain

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES (09/25/2019 – 10/01/19)

09/28 Michelle and Vernon Menard
10/01 Joan and Jim Kelley

ROTARY ANNIVERSARIES (09/25/2019 – 10/01/19)

05 years – Chuck Hood
57 years – Helmut Deussen

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

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

09/24 – Bob Morgan, Director of Public Affairs, Robinson Bradshaw
10/01 – Dr. Ray Hodgson, Life and Death in Nepal
10/08 – Michael Smith, Charlotte Center City Partners
10/15 – Dena Diorio, Mecklenburg County Manager, Quarter Cent Sales Tax
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](#)