



September 1, 2020

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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## MIKE HILL Athletic Director – Charlotte 49ers



Elly Clary introduced our speaker– Mike Hill is the athletic director at UNC Charlotte and that has made him uber busy. The Charlotte 49ers plan to play football this season and Mike has been dealing with COVID-19 protocols for practice now as well as competition in just 11 days. And that's while wrestling with scheduling changes after some projected opponents decided not to compete.

But being busy is nothing new for Mike. Since coming aboard at Elly's alma mater in February 2018, he's hired six new head coaches, a deputy athletic director and an executive athletic director. Oh, and he's changed the athletic logo to a more modern look.

Along the way, the Niner football team achieved its initial winning season and played in its first bowl game. And the men's basketball team regained its relevancy with a winning campaign.

Mike came to us from the University of Florida, where as executive associate athletic director he had a hand in hiring football coaches Urban Meyer and Dan Mullen and men's basketball coaches Mike White and Billy Donovan. He knows what a big-time university sports program looks like. And that's what we 49ers see as we peer in the mirror.

Mike was excited to talk about the 49ers. He is proud of what they have accomplished with sports during the five or six months of COVID. They have great momentum going with their athletic program and the university. In just 18 months he has hired six new coaches – baseball, two in tennis, softball, football and basketball.

**Ron Sanchez**, the head basketball coach, inherited a team that had a 12-year drought with no post season playing and had only won six games the previous season. This year they had 16 wins. They beat Davidson and Wake Forest and had the freshman player of the year in the conference. The football team had

five wins in 2018 but needed a jolt of energy so **Will Healy** was hired. The team won seven games and went to its first bowl game. **Robert Woodard** was hired as the baseball coach from UNC Chapel Hill. The team went from a 21-31 record to a 14-13 record. In softball he hired a new coach after a previous coach had been there 30 years. **Ashley Chastain** had been the national pitching coach of the year at Ole Miss and pitching is critical in softball. Softball was 15–35 the previous year and this year was 14-13 before the season was cancelled. In tennis, both programs under the leadership of **Kyle Bailey** for men and **Anthony Davison** for women are now in the top 50 nationally.

Now UNC Charlotte sports are dealing with both the pandemic and racial justice. With COVID, they are being safe and testing three days a week. They are very sensitive to the racial justice concern as most of their 400 athletes are African Americans. He and his coaches listen to their athletes and are looking for ways to affect some meaningful change. They have formed a committee of head coaches, staff and athletes to focus on education, information and improvement of the situation.

Due to the pandemic, UNC Charlotte sports are losing millions of dollars and are also incurring an additional \$3 million in testing expenses. While they have cut their budget by 10%, they have not lost any of their 120 staff as other universities have. The revenue for their \$31 million budget comes primarily from student athletic fees but also from season tickets, annual funds, sponsorships and conference revenues.

Written 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.

**GOLF TOURNAMENT:** The golf tournament will be here in 27 days. Please take care of the following ASAP: send your team names to Sandy; register if you plan to play; and submit payment.

**ROTARIAN MAGAZINE:** Page 28 of the September issue of Rotary Magazine details how Rotary Youth Exchange programs can change a life. **Karen Steffens** experienced the benefit of Youth Exchange early on and has devoted many, many years to keeping this program front and center in her life. Page 58 features an article highlighting peace through projects submitted by **Patricia Shafer** - Rotary Peace Fellow and member of the Rotary Club of Charlotte.

**BLOOD DRIVE:** **Terri DeBoo** has confirmed the club's second blood drive will be held October 8 at SMS Catering. Stay tuned for details.

**PROCESS IMPROVEMENT:** Transitioning the role of the club's executive secretary is underway and **Colleen Brannan** is spearheading the effort to think about how areas of importance to the club will be handled - the Reporter, how we welcome guests, keeping in touch with members, the new member orientation process, or any other part of the job – please pass your thoughts along to Colleen – [colleen@branstorm.com](mailto:colleen@branstorm.com).

**INVOICES:** Reminder this is the last month of this Rotary quarter and your invoice payment for Jul/Aug/Sep is due. Invoices are sent through the database and the email delivery address looks like this: Osborne Sandra C ([mailservice@dacdb.com](mailto:mailservice@dacdb.com)). If you haven't "accepted" this as legit email, please do so.



**CLASSROOM CENTRAL:** A bunch of great Rotarians volunteering at Classroom Central this week. Thanks to Catherine Bracey, Herb Harriss, Katie Tyler, Joe Morris, Glenn Bouley, Bill Gill, David Anderson, Stuart Hair, Joy Poe, Jim Hintz and Paul Wyche for jumping in.

## MEMBERSHIP

07/01/2020 259 *New Members:*  
 09/02/2020 252  
 Net Increase -7 *Resignations:* Robert Daughtridge, Tom Burgess

77 members on today's Zoom call

Guests: [Mike DeAmicas](#) invited Scott Casey; [Stuart Hair](#) invited Jeremy Treadaway; [Elly Clary](#) invited Danny Watts & Dick Stilley; [Kim Brattain](#) invited Erik Spanberg & Dave Mildenberg; [Kim McMillan](#) invited Bill McMillan; and [John Shell](#) invited Dennis Bunker

## CELEBRATIONS

### BIRTHDAYS (09/09/2020 – 09/15/2020)

Shaw, Robert R. (ROBERT)	09 September
O'Brien, Thomas F. (TOM)	09 September
Brannan, Colleen C. (COLLEEN)	09 September
Armistead, John L. III (JOHN)	11 September
Adams, George Bryan III (BRYAN)	11 September
Carn, Brian Keith (BRIAN)	11 September
Verkamp, Helen K. (HELEN)	12 September
Banks, Cheryl R. (CHERYL)	13 September
Chambliss, Joel Bryce (BRYCE)	15 September

Campbell, Richard L. Jr. (RICH)	15 September
Campbell, Ronald H. (RON)	15 September
Tyler, Kathryn B. (KATIE)	15 September

### WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES (09/09/2020 – 09/15//20)

Simonini, Alan C. (ALAN)	Elizabeth (LIBBY)	09/10
Adams, George Bryan III(BRYAN)	Meg	09/11
Clary, Ellison (ELLY)	Linda Gallehugh	09/12
Barnhardt, William Bangle (WILL)	Elsie	09/14

### ROTARY ANNIVERSARIES (09/09/2020 – 09/15/2020)

Sturges, Wesley W. (WES)	09/09/14	6	0	6
Thomas, Robert C. M. (ROB)	09/09/97	23	0	23
Clark, Ann Blakeney (ANN)	09/11/17	3	0	3
Cains, Parker B. (PARKER)	09/13/16	4	0	4
Meckler, Steven A. (STEVE)	09/13/05	15	0	15

### UPCOMING PROGRAMS (utilizing Zoom)

- 09/08 – Courtney Layne & Ed Hawes, The Mayflower Society
- 09/15 – How I Got Where I'm At (*Kevin Poet, Reggie Johnson, Michael Norton*)
- 09/22 – Michael Kahn, Charlotte Checkers
- 09/29 – Will not be meeting – golf tournament will be held 09/28