



September 22, 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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JUSTICE MARK A. DAVIS A Brief History of the North Carolina Supreme Court

Zoom Link: <https://vimeo.com/460658506>



In keeping with the judicial theme of the day, John Tabor used his allotted Health and Happiness time to share a succinct, yet highly informative, history of the United States Supreme Court. Justice Mark Davis followed up with an in-depth synopsis of the North Carolina Supreme Court, with a focus on the machinations and impact of the Court during the period from 1986-1995.

Justice Mark A. Davis, a Fayetteville native and graduate of UNC Chapel Hill (both undergraduate and law school) and Duke University (LLM), was named Associate Justice of the North Carolina Supreme Court by Governor Roy Cooper on March 11, 2019. Prior to that, he served as an Associate Judge on the North Carolina Court of Appeals, was a Special Deputy Attorney General in the North Carolina Department of Justice and was in private practice with Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice. He also served as a law clerk to the Honorable Franklin T. Dupree, Jr. in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina and was General Counsel in the Office of the Governor for two years. Justice Davis is the author of a recently published book, *A Warren Court of Our Own: The Exum Court and the Expansion of Individual Rights in North Carolina*.

What began as his graduate thesis for the LLM program at Duke quickly morphed into much more. While serving on the North Carolina Court of Appeals, Justice Davis noted that many of the cases cited in matters before him were decided during the period 1986-1995. The Supreme Court at that time was largely Democrats, led by Chief Justice James Gooden Exum, Jr. Davis describes Exum and his fellow Justices as “luminaries,” large personalities prone to spirited philosophical debates which were liberally sprinkled throughout the written opinions of the Court. Under Exum’s leadership, the North Carolina Supreme Court expanded civil rights, reconsidered existing criminal justice procedures and increased available remedies in torts law. He likens these impacts to the Warren Court of the 1950s and 60s, an era in which the decisions of the Judiciary resulted in significant changes in constitutional law, particularly

in the areas of race relations and criminal procedure.

Although focused on the findings of the North Carolina Supreme Court during a specific time frame, Justice Davis also shared the history of the Court since its inception in 1799. Given recent events in the United States Supreme Court, we could all benefit from the historical context of our Judiciary, both local and national. Time to add Justice Davis' book to your reading list!

Written by Suzanne Bledsoe

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: Reminder that the club's golf tournament will be held Monday, September 28 which means there **WILL NOT BE A ROTARY ZOOM CALL ON TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 29.**

YEAR UP CHARLOTTE: Year Up Charlotte will need four volunteers to help (virtually) coach students for their Elevator Pitch competition. This gives students a chance to practice introducing themselves professionally and answering the "tell me about yourself" prompt. **Chad Lloyd** (chad.lloyd@yahoo.com) needs to hear from you **by October 2nd**. The event will actually be held October 16 from 8:30AM – 9:45 AM. Please reach out to Chad for details.

CLASSROOM CENTRAL: The next volunteer event at Classroom Central will be held **October 6** and seven volunteers are needed. Catherine Bracey (csbracey@aol.com) coordinates this event and please reach out to her. COVID guidelines are strictly enforced and you must let Catherine know you can participate. No one is allowed to just drop by.

BLOOD DRIVE: October 8, 2020 – 10AM-3PM – SMS Catering – 1764 Norland Rd.- Sign up below. Thanks to **Don Millen** for being the first to sign up for this event. 39 people are needed to make this happen – please consider donating blood and you must pre-register.
<https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=UptownRotary>

NC MED ASSIST & SECOND HARVEST FOOD BANK: **Jerry Coughter** joins members of the Dilworth SouthEnd Rotary to help out at NC MedAssist every other Tuesday, and they also work with Second Harvest. If you can help with either, reach out to Jerry (jcoughter@uncc.edu) and he can provide details/dates.

THE NO-LONGER SECRET RETIREMENT FUND: It is not my style and rather embarrassing to be asked to include this note, but here goes: Contributions to the Sandy Osborne Retirement Fund can be sent via check to Edwin Peacock, 1115 E. Morehead, Charlotte (28204); or via Venmo @Edwin-Peacock or Zelle @ 704-968-5789.

GREG REGAN: Greg has been named to the SC Board of Accountancy to serve as an *Expert Reviewer* in cases where South Carolina CPAs were alleged to have "failed to conform to the standard of acceptable and prevailing accountancy practice and, if the work is found to be substandard, determine whether the failure rose to the level of gross negligence in the practice of public accounting, and proffer an opinion and testify at disciplinary hearings as to whether the CPA or CPA firm exercised the reasonable degree of care and skill expected of an accountant or accounting firm practicing in South Carolina."

MEMBERSHIP

07/01/2020 259 *New Members:*

09/22/2020 250

Net Increase -9 *Resignations:* Robert Daughtridge, Tom Burgess, Kevin Poet, Amarja Webb

67 people on the zoom call

CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS (09/30/2020 – 10/06/2020)

MacBain, George IV (GEORGE)	01 October
Otte, Jason Leigh (JASON)	03 October
Hawley, Michael S. (MIKE)	04 October
Klingman, Richard L. (DICK)	06 October

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES (09/30/2020 – 10/06/20)

Kelley, James K. (JIM)	Joan	10/01
Fuquay, Kenneth D. (KEN)	Terry	10/02
Brannan, Colleen C. (COLLEEN)	Scott	10/02
Joyner, Matthew R. (MATT)	Betsy	10/03
Giang, Lori B. (LORI)	Mike	10/03
McCullough, Thomas Joel (T.J.)	Michele	10/03
Handford, Richard C. Jr.(RICK)	Beth	10/06

ROTARY ANNIVERSARIES (09/30/2020 – 10/06/2020)

Howard, II, Charles A. (CHUCK)	09/30/14	6
Atkinson, Jeffrey R. (JEFF)	10/04/16	4

UPCOMING PROGRAMS (utilizing Zoom)

09/29 – Will not be meeting – golf tournament will be held 09/28

10/06 – Dr. Tom Hanchett, Charlotte History 101: Queen, King, Duke, Crown

10/13 – Alexys Taylor, Charlotte Programs – Unity Project

10/20 – Christopher S. Lawing, Charlotte Signs Project

10/27 – Live from the Double Door Inn documentarians