



# Charlotte Reporter

## The Rotary Club of Charlotte

### January 8, 2013

Charter Date December 1, 1916 Club 6006 District 7680  
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## Seminar for Tomorrow's Leaders

By: Jim Kelley

Luther Moore introduced our speakers, Debbie Corbett and Steve Baune, to present our program on Seminar for Tomorrow's Leaders (SFTL), which is sponsored by District 7680. Debbie is a member of the Mecklenburg County South Club and is the District Chair and a facilitator for the Rotary SFTL program. She is the Founder and President of Ready Set Grow which is a professional counseling and consulting organization. She is a graduate of Texas A & M University and has been a teacher, entrepreneur, high school guidance counselor and counselor in private practice. She serves as the board chair for Girls on the Run of Union County.



Steve is also a member of the Mecklenburg County South Club who has been a mentor for the SFTL program. He is an engineer by training and holds an MBA from the Rochester Institute of Technology, worked 27 years for Eastman Kodak and retired as the General Manager and VP of US Consumer Sales. Steve moved to Charlotte in 1998 and he joined Coats North America as CEO. In 2002, he became President of CPAC Imaging, a chemical company based in Atlanta. After the company was sold in 2010, he joined Gibson Guitar Corporation in Nashville as its President of North America from which he retired. Steve is a volunteer school counselor and is Chairman of the Beds for Kids, a nonprofit whose mission is to provide beds and other essential furniture to families in need in Charlotte. He also does fundraising for Grameen Bank, a microfinance bank with a branch in Charlotte.

SFTL is a leadership training program for teens. The focus is to help teens learn how to work with team members, to maneuver the waves of life and to ignite the teen's capacity. Most managers receive training at age 42 when they have already been supervisors for ten years. There are so many missed opportunities from that lack of training at an earlier age. This program helps the teens make better decisions and develop their interpersonal skills.

SFTL is a four day program in the summer that includes class work and experiential exercises. The program includes self reflection, games that help the teens learn, role playing, small group discussions, solo exercises and next step planning. There is a strong evaluation program in place that looks at measureable results in 13 different leadership capacities. The Center for Creative Leadership in Greensboro helped develop the program with Rotary. This year, after a five year transition plan, Rotary is organizing the program on its own. The program is held at Catawba College and includes 70 to 80 students at a price of \$475 per student.

## PROGRAM SCHEDULE

2012-2013

Program Chair: Ed Driggs

1Qtr Edwin Peacock

2Qtr Colleen Brannan

3Qtr Bob Freeman

4Qtr Bill Constangy

### JANUARY 2013

15<sup>th</sup> **Stephanie Bias**  
Seniors' Health Insurance  
Information Program  
Meeting at Myers Park  
Country Club

22<sup>nd</sup> **Excellence in  
Leadership Award**  
Myers Park Country Club

29<sup>th</sup> **Beth Wood**  
NC State Auditor

### FEBRUARY 2013

5<sup>th</sup> **Congressman  
Robert Pittenger**

12<sup>th</sup> **Jack Truong**  
CEO, Electrolux USA

12:30 Tuesday

Crowne Plaza – 201 S. McDowell Street

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/42974089870/>

SFTL needs 30 adult volunteers to be mentors, facilitators, fundraisers, sponsors, and board committee members. If you are interested and would like to be involved in any way, contact Debbie ([debbcorbett@gmail.com](mailto:debbcorbett@gmail.com)) or Steve ([seb1624@gmail.com](mailto:seb1624@gmail.com)).

Head Table: Gregg Walker, Wells Van Pelt, Marilyn Bowler, Luther Moore, John Snyder; Invocation: Lisa Mask; Photos: Bert Voswinkel  
Visitors & Guests: Bill Bradley; Health, History & Happiness: David Erdman; Song: Ed Driggs; AV: Jessica Dupree & Nikki Keith

## **CLUB NEWS**

→ Sympathy is extended to **Tom Cottingham** and family following the death of Tom's father, Tracy Cottingham, Jr., on January 4. Mr. Cottingham passed away peacefully at his home in Fayetteville at the age of 91 and funeral services will be held January 9<sup>th</sup> in Fayetteville. (Tom and Jeanie Cottingham, 836 Colville Rd, Charlotte 28207). It should also be noted that two past presidents of the Rotary Club of Charlotte passed away over the holiday period. Dr. Hoke Nash, Jr. served as club president in 1979-1980 and passed away December 11, 2012. Richard Hagemeyer served as club president in 1990-1991 and passed away on December 29, 2012 at the age of 95.

→ **Frank Martin** read this week's Rotary message: Introduce a friend or business colleague to Rotary today; invite them to lunch here next week!

→ Mentions in the Observer, Charlotte Business Journal and Greater Charlotte Biz: **David Zimmerman** gave advice on how to make a trade or consumer show work. With the success of Southern Shows, I'd say he has the answer to that question. It was revealed that **Harriman Jett** is a member of the Horace Williams Philosophical Discussion Group, a distinguished group of notable Charlotte citizens who meet monthly to hash out facts, stats and opinions about current issues. **Dale Gillmore** has been appointed to the Charlotte Chamber Board of Directors. Dale's company name has also changed to Boatsman Gillmore Wagner PLLC. **Dan Rajkowski** was recently promoted to executive vice president and chief operating officer for the Charlotte Knight; **John Lassiter** contributed to an article on the rise in hiring of lawyers; **Jim Woodward** discussed the importance of the Ph.D. for continued growth in research and service in an article on the Charlotte Research Institute at UNC Charlotte.

→ **Mark Norman**, a ten year supporter of Classroom Central, was in the volunteer spotlight recently. In fact, if you are interested in volunteering at Classroom Central on a monthly basis, contact committee chair **Bill Allen** ([archcons@bellsouth.net](mailto:archcons@bellsouth.net)) for details. You can also help solve an immediate need by donating books – old or new. Just get them to Rotary and Bill will ensure they are passed on.

→ **Liz Irwin** coordinated a group of 45 volunteers who served breakfast on Christmas morning at Charlotte Rescue Mission. **Tony Marciano** is very grateful to Charlotte Rotary and family members for providing such wonderful community service.

→ **Luther Moore** had the honor of recognizing **Charlie Williams**, who achieved 50 years of membership in Charlotte Rotary on December 19, 2012. Charlie joins the ranks of the "Golden 50" group, which includes **Ralston Pound** (64 years), **Martin Waters** (62 years), **George Page** (62 years), **Charlie Ibach** (60 years) and **Jack Smylie** (50 years). Luther presented Charlie with his gold name badge and his Level Two Paul Harris Fellow pin. Charlie's grandfather was a Charter Member when the club was formed December 1, 1916. Charlie's father was club president in 1944-1945 and introduced Charlie to the club in 1962. And, Charlie sponsored Luther's membership into the club in 1998. Congratulations Charlie!

→ Thanks to Scott and **Katie Tyler**, who are hosting exchange student Juan Carlos through March. Contact Matt Joyner if you are able to provide hosting in April/May/June.

→ Congratulations to Kelly Weatherman and **Tim Newman**, who were married January 5<sup>th</sup>.

→ **Chase Saunders** presented a volunteer opportunity for the First Canopy Project – a project to plant 22 trees at Southside Park @ Toomey Avenue on February 23 from 9:00 am to Noon. If you'd like you like to join the 24 already signed up, contact Chase or Sandy.

→ **Posting for membership:** **Nikkita Whitenburg (Nick)**, Optimism Matters (Business coach), sponsored by Byron Bullard and endorsed by Luther Fincher and Don Steger; **Trip Savery**, Greater Media Charlotte, WBT AM/FM, WLNK-FM (Radio, commercial management), sponsored by Marilyn Bowler and endorsed by Kevin Pitts and Jenn Snyder.

<b>Attendance</b>	<u>01/08/2013</u>	<u>01/10/2012</u>	<b>Membership</b>	<b>New Members:</b>
Visitors & Guests	15	18	07/01/2012 316	
Club Members	165	197	01/08/2013 315	
Total Attendance	180	215	Net Increase -1	<b>Resignation:</b> Bill Meanor, Janice Booth, Lee Connellee
Percentage	58.9%			
<b>Birthdays January 15 - 21</b>		<b>Anniversaries January 15 - 21</b>		
16 Joe Gass	19 Charlie Williams	17 Joan and Tom Wright	18 Catherine and Bill Browning	
20 Fred Brown	20 Tony Zeiss			
21 Steve Meachum				