



# Charlotte Reporter

## The Rotary Club of Charlotte

### June 26, 2012

Charter Date December 1, 1916 Club 6006 District 7680  
[www.charlotterotary.org](http://www.charlotterotary.org)

## Marilynn F. Bowler

### 96<sup>th</sup> President – Rotary Club of Charlotte

By: Ed Wadsworth

I cannot decide if I am more excited about the accomplishments and strategic planning of Ron Kimble's past year tenure, or the continuing enthusiasm and inspiration ahead of us with Marilynn Bowler. We are truly blessed to have these two folks continue the leadership tradition of the 96 years of the Rotary Club of Charlotte.



So what's up with the 2012 - 2013 fiscal year? Whatever your level of rotary involvement the last twelve months, consider doubling up in support of Marilynn.

Please consider starting THIS WEEK, before Friday, call Sandy and write a check for any amount to The Rotary Foundation. Any check you write will be matched by District, so you will get double credit towards your first or next Paul Harris Fellow level, and

our District will match your check amount to the Foundation. Sandy's phone number is 704.375.6816.

Starting next week, think about how you may double up your enthusiasm for the club committee you signed on to, or pick a new one from the "our club" then "committee assignments" links @ [www.charlotterotary.org](http://www.charlotterotary.org). Marilynn's two-word commitment for the coming rotary year is ENRICHING LIVES. She and her committee have refreshed or created many exciting opportunities for our club to continue to make extremely meaningful impacts here or where ever you want to place your energy.

What are the near term focus opportunities?

- Bring a friend to a meeting. We need three or four new members per month to keep our committees full.
- Talk to Carol Jordan if you want to help with our new outreach project in Brazil
- Call Biff Virkler who later this year will be spearheading a new collection drive for Goodwill Industries
- As you drive by your neighborhood schools, look for the flag pole and note the condition of the American Flag. If you think it's worn and needs replacement, call Sandy. We have budgeted dollars for new flags for any school in need. It would be terrific if that line item budget ran out of money and we had to find additional donations.
- Alice Harrison will need support for a collections drive for Hope Haven, a Charlotte chemical addiction recovery facility.

Marilynn remarked that her greatest challenge will be trying to step into the very large shoes of Ron Kimble (she gave him a pair of size 50(+) clowns shoes). He did the most incredible job of leading our club throughout this past year. He set goals and achieved every one of them. In fact in Ron's opening remarks before he turned the gavel over to Marilynn, he thanked us all for his support the last year. In particular, he recognized the following that helped him complete 2011-2012 accomplishments:

- Mac McCarley and Natalie English who will co-chair the 2016 Club Centennial event
- Dave Norman's committee leadership in formulating a five year Strategic Plan
- The Health and Happiness committee who tweaked most week's remarks with a dose of history
- The Social Committee for adding to the variety of events
- The development of a sustainability and succession plan for the annual golf tournament
- The increased participation in The Rotary Foundation and community projects

## PROGRAM SCHEDULE

2011-2012

Program Chair: Marilynn Bowler  
 1Qtr Lynn Wheeler  
 2Qtr John Lassiter  
 3Qtr John Galles  
 4Qtr Cindy Wolfe

### JULY 2012

3<sup>rd</sup> **NO MEETING**

10<sup>th</sup> **Tony Zeiss**  
 President, CPCC

17<sup>th</sup> **Janice Booth**  
 Author, "Only Pack What You Can Carry"

24<sup>th</sup> **Frank Emory**  
 Chairman, Charlotte Chamber

12:30 Tuesday  
 Crowne Plaza – 201 S. McDowell Street

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

- Henry Bostic and members of the Reporter committee
- Terri DeBoo and all that focused on increasing membership
- Liz Irwin for spearheading the Christmas morning breakfast at Charlotte Rescue Mission

Let's be honest, how many of you have thought about offering Sandy a job in your businesses, the only obstacle stopping you, that 300+ Rotarians would be at your throat? As has every President in my ten years as a member, Ron thanked Sandy for letting him work for her and Marilyn said she accepted the President responsibilities only after being assured Sandy will stick around at least one more year.

Please continue your every day prayers for Mitchell Turner and his family (Meg, Frank and Frank IV).

Head Table: Sandy Osborne, John Tabor, Ron Kimble, Marilyn Bowler, Gene Williams, Tom Bartholomy, Terri DeBoo  
 Invocation: Catherine Browning; Visitors & Guests: Jill Santuccio; Health, Happiness & History: Mike Rash & Tony Zeiss; Photos: Bert Voswinkel  
 Song: Biff Virkler, Dumont Clarke & Ed Pickett

<b>Attendance</b>	<u>06/26/2012</u>	<u>06/28/2011</u>	<b>Membership</b>	<b>New Members:</b> George Battle
Visitors & Guests	10	19	07/01/2011 300	
Club Members	158	150	06/26/2012 316	
Total Attendance	168	169	Net Increase +16	<b>Resignation:</b> Todd Hawks, Tom Phillips, Jan Thompson, Ed McMahan
Percentage	55.8%			
<b>Birthdays July 3 - 9</b>		<b>Anniversaries July 3 - 9</b>		
03 Brent Trexler	04 Tom Robertson	06 Phyllis and Bill Gill	07 Penny and Charlie Bones	
04 David Erdman	08 Dale LeCount	09 Barbara and Tom Robertson		
09 Charlie Bones				

### CLUB NEWS

→ Two more club members have picked up their 25'er blue badge – *Phil Van Hoy* and *Bill Stegelmeyer*; nice coverage in the Charlotte Business Journal's Morning Edition for our new club president, *Marilynn*; *Louis Watts* was appointed to the Waste Management Advisory Board by the Board of County Commissioners; *Mark Norman* reached the summit at Mt. Kilimanjaro on Sunday at 7:15 am. Photos and stories when he returns to the States on Thursday; *Jenn Snyder* was named in the Charlotte Business Journal's 16<sup>th</sup> annual Women in Business Achievement Awards; Bob and *Marilynn Bowler* awarded the first Victoria Bowler Volunteer of the Year Award on the final day of Special Olympics Camp Soar. As we all know, Victoria died of breast cancer this past April.

→ The Crowne Plaza will begin an extensive renovation in November. Meaning, Charlotte Rotary is NOT able to meet in the hotel between November and Mid-March. We are working to negotiate space and expect to have a location/locations nailed down very shortly.

### ROTARY SCHOLARSHIP GOLF CLASSIC

September 11<sup>th</sup> tournament at Ballantyne Golf Club!!! Add Mark DeBoo to the list of golfers; The Table is working their magic and presented their first 'installment' of \$1600. *Luther Fincher* says there's more to come; *Bill Gill* and *Wes Clark* are working the sponsor lists and checking off details.

### SIEMENS PLANT TOUR

The preferred date for the Siemens tour has turned out to be July 12. Therefore, Russell Ranson announced we have dropped the 13<sup>th</sup> and everyone with the flexibility for either date will be transferred over to July 12. Registration is available at [www.charlotterotary.org](http://www.charlotterotary.org) until July 3. The tour has also been adjusted to allow a Rotarian to bring one guest.

### UPDATE ON MEG McELWAIN and FAMILY

Baby Mitchell turns four months old on the 28th. He received very strong chemo treatments on Tuesday, rested well through the night and was able to take a bottle at 3:45 am. Meg has set up her office two doors down from Mitchell's room and Little Frank is adjusting to his new schedule. The meal website is fantastic and between Charlotte Rotary, MP United Methodist Church and Avondale Presbyterian, meals are covered every Tuesday, Thursday and Friday well into October. The club is also handling the task of boxing up and moving Meg and Frank to their new home in late July. Contact the Rotary office for additional information. Continued prayers for the Turner/McElwain family.

# **2011-2012 CLUB ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

## **COMMUNITY SERVICE**

Charlotte Tree Canopy Fund - \$1500

- Donation recommended by the Environmental Committee for the restoration of a portion of the tree canopy of Mecklenburg County.

CARTS - \$1000

- Supported District project for Alzheimers

Habitat for Humanity - \$10,000

- Donation to support annual build for Habitat for Humanity; partnered with other Charlotte Rotary clubs

Historic Rosedale Plantation - \$1500

- Donation to assist with development of the nature trail and paths at Rosedale Plantation.

Dictionary Project - \$2,702

- Dictionaries purchased and delivered to third-graders in eight Char-Meck elementary schools

Charlotte International Rotary Club - \$100

- Charter gift to the Charlotte International Rotary Club

Charlotte Evening Rotary Club - \$2500

- Charter night for Charlotte Evening Rotary

Flight of Honor - \$2000

- Project to take WW II veterans to Washington

Charlotte Rescue Mission - \$1000

- Funding to provide speakers in the dining room at Charlotte Rescue Mission

Christmas Morning Breakfast - \$457

- Forty volunteers served breakfast on Christmas morning to people served by Charlotte Rescue Mission

Rotary Scholarship Endowment Fund - \$2837

- Funding for two scholarships for students transferring from CPCC to UNC Charlotte

Dolly Parton Children's Library - \$1000

- Partnered with the Rotary Club of The Jeffersons in support of their literacy project to provides books through the Dolly Parton Children's Library

Crisis Assistance Ministry

- Most successful clothing drive yet to support clients served through Crisis Assistance Ministry

All Charlotte-Club Meeting

- Organized RI President Kaylan Banerjee to deliver the keynote address at the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Annual luncheon.

## **YOUTH**

Senior High Merit Awards - \$10,500

- \$500 scholarship awarded to twenty-one graduating seniors

Seminar for Tomorrow's Leaders - \$950

- Scholarship for two members of the Myers Park Interact Club to participate in leadership training

### VOCATIONAL SERVICE

Classroom Central - \$2250

- Support backpacks project

Junior Achievement - \$1750

- Donation to support JA's Biz Town

Excellence in Leadership - \$272

- Excellence in Leadership awarded to Frank Harrison, Coca-Cola Bottling Co.

### INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

Polio Eradication - \$10,000

- Donation to The Rotary Foundation for Rotary's signature project to eradicate Polio

Rotary District 7680 Fund - \$1500

- Climb to Mt. Kilimanjaro with proceeds benefitting Polio

Youth Exchange - \$5,274

- Support provided to the club's two exchange students from Brazil and Germany

Youth Exchange – Outbound

- Sponsored outbound exchanges for students to Brazil, Czech Republic, and Germany

Club Rotario of Upata - \$1000

- Provided assistance to the residence facility in Venezuela

Matching Grant - \$1670

- Grant to provide equipment to assist with cataract surgery in Surat India

Matching Grant - \$250

- Partnered with Charlotte South Rotary on project to Kitgum, Uganda

Training for Ambassadorial Scholar - \$190

- Lodging and expenses for Ambassadorial Scholar attending orientation

Peace Fellow

- Facilitated paperwork, interviews, etc. for Patricia Shaffer, who was selected as the District's first Peace Fellow

- Bequest Society and Benefactors

- Signed up 14 new Benefactors and 5 new Bequest Society members at The Rotary Foundation

### PERFECT ATTENDANCE

Rotarian and years of perfect attendance

Ralston Pound – 62

John Phillips – 27

Bob Freeman – 12

Charlie Williams - 3

Martin Waters – 61

Tom Robertson – 26

David Anderson – 10

Steve Eanes - 3

Jim Barnhardt – 41

Bruce Darden – 23

Catherine Browning – 9

Elly Clary - 2

Leland Park – 37

Bert Voswinkel – 22

Jerry Walters – 9

Bill Stegelmeyer - 2

Bill Barnhardt – 35

Marilynn Bowler – 15

Sandy Osborne – 7

Bob Webb - 2

Tom Burgess – 35

Robert Freeman – 15

Luther Moore - 5

Vernon Anderson – 33

Jill Santuccio – 15

Pender McElroy - 4

Ronnie Pruett – 28

Dale LeCount – 14

Jessica Dupree - 3