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The Rotary Club of Charlotte

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DR. NATHAN HATCH Wake Forest University By: Jill Santuccio



Columbia, S.C. – born Nathan Hatch became the 15th president of Wake Forest University in 2005. A history professor by training, Hatch earned degrees from Wheaton College and Washington University in St. Louis and served as a post-doctoral fellow at both Harvard and Johns Hopkins. After accepting a professorship at Notre Dame, he rose through the ranks and eventually became provost.

He also currently serves as chair of the Division I Board of Directors of the NCAA and college athletics was the focus of his talk.

He noted that only in the United States are athletics such an integral part of the higher education experience. With that novelty comes the ongoing challenge of balancing athletics and academics within the context of an overall well-rounded higher education experience.

Athletics have come to be the defining characteristic of such schools as Michigan and Notre Dame and thus, some institutions have become known more for athletics than academics. Similarly, Hatch pointed out that in states or cities that don't have professional NFL or NBA teams, college athletics provide an outlet for avid sports fans. A study has shown there are more college sports fans than professional sports fans in the United States.

He likened athletics to politics (!) in that at times each is noble and idealistic but each also is subject to self-indulgence and corruption. By way of history, he said the NCAA was formed in the early 1900s following the death of five college football players.

He described the reform agenda being set forth by NCAA President Mark Emmert. It includes new academic performance standards for both teams and individuals, higher standards for junior college transfer students, a focus on the well-being of student athletes by the hiring of a chief medical officer, simplifying the NCAA rule book – which Hatch likened to the IRS tax code and reforming enforcement practices.

“The NCAA is a flawed, human organization,” he conceded. Nonetheless, he feels it is moving in a positive direction.

Questions from our Rotarians brought up issues of “one and done” prohibiting student athletes from leaving college after a year to play professional basketball. Hatch illustrated that these rules are driven more by the NBA, who has a vested interest in only having to recruit at colleges rather than at high schools.

Another question about paying college athletes prompted Hatch to point out that college athletic programs range from \$15 million to \$150 million annual budgets. Requiring student athlete pay could be easy for some

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

2012-2013

Program Chair: Ed Driggs

1Qtr Edwin Peacock

2Qtr Colleen Brannan

3Qtr Bob Freeman

4Qtr Bill Constangy

MAY 2013

21st **Youth Merit Awards**

NOTE: meeting will be held at Charlotte Country Club

28th **Frank Whitney**
U.S. District Court Judge

JUNE 2013

4th **Howard Levine**
CEO, Family Dollar Stores

11th **TUESDAY LUNCH MEETING HAS BEEN REPLACED WITH GOVERNOR'S INSTALLATION DINNER FOR LUTHER MOORE ON JUNE 14TH**

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

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institutions; crippling for others. He also highlighted that in the majority of college athletic programs, the football and basketball programs “fund everything else” in athletics: soccer, golf, baseball, etc.

Head Table: Sam Ryburn, Bobby Lancaster, Marilynn Bowler, Tony Zeiss, John Mahaffey, Jill Santuccio; Invocation: Karen Calder
 Visitors & Guests: Ed Pickett; Health, Happiness & History: David Erdman; Song: Gray Langley; AV: Jessica Dupree; Photos: Bert Voswinkel

CLUB NEWS

- **David Zimmerman** welcomed the club’s newest member, **Mark Duncan**. Mark is president of Duncan-Parnell and can be reached at mark.duncan@duncan-parnell.com. Welcome!
- **Mike Rash** continues to show improvement and would appreciate your card: 325 Queens Road (28204). **Karen Simon** is down for three months with her broken elbow and arm. NOTE an updated address for Karen: 137 Creek Side Dr, Mt. Holly (28120).
- Courtyard dedicated in memory of Jamie Kristine Kimble (Jan & **Ron Kimble**’s daughter)...whose tremendous courage, smile and zest for life were matched only by the selfless manner in which she served others. A beautiful tribute to Jamie.
- Congratulations to Elizabeth and **Bill Bartee** on the birth of Mary Margaret Bartee on May 6; Elizabeth Emory Pitts, daughter of Laura and **Charlie Pitts**, will be presented at the Charlotte Debutante Club’s annual ball in November; CPCC President Tony Zeiss and leaders from the German regional chamber of industry and commerce, recognized their first class of students, who are nearing completing of CPCC’s IHK-certified job-training programs.
- Visit www.tossinfourtykes.org to register or learn more about Charlotte West Rotary’s cornhole tournament; visit www.tripsforkidscharlotte.org to learn about Charlotte SouthPark Rotary’s bicycle project.



Congratulations!
Karen Steffens
 Distinguished
 Rotarian
 2012-2013

CHARLOTTE COUNTRY CLUB
2465 Mecklenburg Avenue
Tuesday, May 21, 2013 12:30 – 1:30

Program to recognize and present
 Youth Merit Awards

Directions from the uptown area....
 - Central Avenue to The Plaza
 - Turn left onto The Plaza
 - Just before you reach the 2nd red light, take a right onto Mecklenburg Avenue. Follow Mecklenburg until it dead-ends at Charlotte Country Club.

YOUR TO-DO LIST

- Select your committee assignment at www.charlotterotary.org.
- Roster updates to Sandy by May 20.
- Installation dinner for incoming District Governor Luther Moore will be held June 14 at SMS Catering. RSVP (include guest name) to Sandy.

GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE – BRAZIL

Thanks to all involved with the GSE team from Brazil. They have had a great time! Host families: **Tim Newman, David Tobin, Bill Bradley, Sandy Osborne, Mark Norman**. Vocational visits: Myers & Chapman (**Bob Webb**), Goodwill Industries (**Michael Elder**), CPCC (**George Cochran**), Johnson & Wales (**Mark Norman**), NASCAR Hall of Fame (**Bill Stegelmeyer**), Shopping trip (Rafael Altmayer), Luggage transport (**Herb Harriss**), Courthouse tour (**Bill Constasy**), Whitewater Center (Jack Setzer), SMS Catering BBQ (**Bob & Robert Freeman**), **Marilynn Bowler**, Sandra & **Luther Moore, Angela Mauldin**.

Attendance	<u>05/14/2013</u>	<u>05/15/2012</u>	Membership	New Members: Chris Connelly, Bryan Mermans Mark Duncan
Visitors & Guests	32	50	07/01/2012 316	
Club Members	167	153	05/14/2013 318	
Total Attendance	196	203	Net Increase +2	Resignations: Mike Hummer
Percentage	57.9%			
Birthdays May 21-27		Anniversaries May 21-27		
22 Rick Handford	23 Bob Webb	21 Holly & Chris Rash	23 Nikki & Shawn Keith	
23 Brad Cansler	24 Lynn Johnson	24 Meg McElwain & Frank Turner	25 Jane & Bob Brietz	
24 Helmut Deussen	26 Don Millen	25 Katie & Neal Emmons	25 Judy & Don Wishnek	
		26 Justine & David Tobin	26 Christine & Phil Volponi	
		27 Sandra & Luther Moore	27 Claire & Jerry Coughter	