



Charlotte Reporter

The Rotary Club of Charlotte

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Rotary District Governor Chris Jones

By: Jim Kelley



President Marilyn introduced our speaker, Chris Jones, who is currently district governor of District 7680. Chris has been an active Rotarian for over a decade, belonging to a Rotary club in Maryland before moving his family to the Lake Norman area where he immediately joined the Lake Norman-Huntersville Rotary Club. He was president in 2008-2009 then served the next year as an assistant governor. He followed in the very large footsteps of immediate past district governor, Allen Langley, for this 2012-2013 year.

Chris is a graduate of the Rotary Leadership Institute, a multiple Paul Harris Fellow, a Foundation Benefactor and a Bequest Society member. He was instrumental in establishing the Davidson and Afton Village Sunset Rotary Clubs. He hosted a Rotary exchange student from Poland during the year of his Rotary Club Presidency and he is also a member of the International Fellowship of Motorcycling Rotarians and of Rotary's International Hosting and Travel Fellowship. Chris started his presentation by congratulating us for being the 37th largest club in the US. He welcomed us with a Japanese greeting in honor of our international president Sakuji Tanaka. Chris is focusing on the two goals of our international president - peace through service and growing quality members. He challenged us to look at the reasons why we joined Rotary and why we are still members of Rotary today. He asked us to use the answers to those two questions to attract and recruit new members. Nationally only 12% of Rotarians invite someone to join Rotary every year. He challenged us to double that for next year.

Chris made the case that Rotary is relevant. Rotary sponsors Rotary Peace Fellows who are leaders promoting national and international cooperation, peace, and the successful resolution of conflict throughout their lives, in their careers, and through service activities. Fellows earn a master's degree in international relations, sustainable development, peace studies, conflict resolution, or a professional development certificate in peace and conflict studies. The Duke-UNC Rotary Center is one of six Rotary Peace Center Partner Universities worldwide

Rotary is also relevant in its work with disease prevention and treatment, particularly polio. After 25 years of hard work, Rotary and its partners are on the brink of eradicating this tenacious disease, but a strong push is needed to root it out once and for all. It is a window of opportunity of historic proportions. Reaching the ultimate goal of a polio-free world presents ongoing challenges, not the least of which is a hundreds of million dollar funding gap. Of course, Rotary alone can't fill this gap, but continued Rotarian advocacy for government support can help enormously. According to Chris only four countries in the world have yet to eradicate polio and those countries are making great progress.

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

2012-2013

Program Chair: Ed Driggs

1Qtr Edwin Peacock

2Qtr Colleen Brannan

3Qtr Bob Freeman

4Qtr Bill Constangy

OCTOBER 2012

23rd **Pat McCrory**
Republican Gubernatorial
Candidate

30th **Major Sherie Pearsall**
Head of Police Academy

NOVEMBER 2012

6th **CANCELLED** so
Members can attend
District Foundation
Banquet on 11/8/12

13th **Cheryl Richards**
Dean, Northeastern University's
Charlotte Campus

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

Chris said Rotary is relevant through its newly developed Rotary Showcase program. Rotarians are improving lives in communities around the world every day through thousands of service projects. Through Rotary Showcase, members are able to browse projects to explore the good work that Rotary clubs are doing locally and globally. Rotary Showcase is a source of great ideas and best practices. Chris said we can place information about our work with Crisis Assistance Ministry and Goodwill on the showcase section of the Rotary website. Most of these special projects have been started by one member of Rotary and then expanded. Chris said we each individually have great power for good – what he called the power of one.

Chris closed out his presentation with two final questions for our reflection – Who is the next person who can make a difference, the next Power of One? If a police officer arrested you would he or she have enough evidence to convict you as a Rotarian?

Head Table: John Tabor, Sandy Osborne, Marilyn Bowler, Tom Bartholomy, Ron Kimble, Luther Moore; Invocation: Stephen Smith
Visitors & Guests: Bob James; Health, Happiness & History: David Zimmerman; Song: Pam Jepsen; Photos: Bert Voswinkel

CLUB NEWS

→ **Jenn Snyder** has had a tough week and was scheduled to have her fourth (!) cast put on Tuesday. President Marilyn read Jenn’s note of thanks to the club for the support, cards, emails and phone calls. Prayers for **Hank Donaghy** who is scheduled to have a corneal implant on Friday; **Sheila Bacon** is back at work and gradually improving after last week’s eye surgery; Congratulations to Mary Constangy and Eric Darrenkamp, who were married August 11. Mary is the daughter of Debbie and **Bill Constangy**.

→ Thanks to **Katie Tyler, Russell Ranson, John Cantrell** and **Julie Haack** for their efforts to emphasize the importance of supporting Crisis Assistance Ministry. This group is hoping to see piles of the Harris Teeter bags at the collection tables next week.

→ Group Study Exchange (GSE) candidates for team leader or team member should be discussed/directed to Paul Schmidt, schmidt@paulschmidtcpa.com.

→ Matthews Rotary Club invites you to the 8th Annual Fall Festival on Saturday, October 20 in Stumptown Park, located in Historic Downtown Matthews. The event features live music, a chili cook-off, bike ride and children’s play area. Festivities begin at 11:00am.

COMPUTER COLLECTION/RECYCLING PROJECT

Biff Virkler and **Michael Elder** laid the background for a club project that officially kicks off next April. Charlotte Rotary will partner with Goodwill Industries to conduct a computer recycling project that meets a need most of us can relate to...what do you do with old computers? Did you know it is against the law to throw computer equipment in the landfill?

We’re several months away from starting this project. It is being mentioned today to (1) let you know this is coming up and (2) to ask anyone planning to buy new computers over the holidays, to hold on to your old stuff until the April drive. A preview of what will be eligible for recycling: computers, monitors, keyboards, cables, power supplies, printers (including all ink and toner cartridges), and printers. Hard drives will be erased by Goodwill. More to come on this important environmental project!

FOUNDATION BANQUET – NOVEMBER 8, 2012

Charlotte Rotary is CANCELING the November 6 meeting to give everyone a chance to attend the District’s Foundation Banquet, November 8th at the Embassy Suites (near Concord Mills). Charlotte Rotary will pick up the cost (\$45 per person) for ROTARIANS planning to attend. Contact Sandy if you plan to attend.

Attendance	<u>10/16/2012</u>	<u>10/18/2011</u>	Membership	New Members:
Visitors & Guests	16	18	07/01/2012 316	
Club Members	140	158	10/16/2012 316	
Total Attendance	156	176	Net Increase	Resignation: Pat Gray, John Howman, Curtis Watkins
Percentage	49.8%			
Birthdays October 23-29		Anniversaries October 23-29		
23 John zumBrunnen	24 Tom Stowe	23 Sandy and Jim Osborne	25 Katherine and Jim Thomas	
24 Jerry Walters	24 Charlie Greer	27 Durenda and Tom Bartholomy	27 Tonya and Dusty Holcomb	
25 Jim Kelley	27 Bob Knight	27 Daphne and Tom O’Brien		
27 Bill Griffin				