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Mayor Pat to Governor Pat?

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John Lassiter acknowledged in his opening remarks that Pat McCrory needs no introduction to our Club, given his long and successful history of public service in our community. What you may not know is that Pat was raised in Guilford County and graduated from Catawba College with degrees in Education and Political Science. He began his career in Charlotte, joining Duke Energy's management training program which allowed him to experience, from the bottom up (he actually dug ditches and climbed poles!), the culture and services of one of the largest electric power holding companies in the United States. He attributes much of his success and philosophy of life to what he learned from Bill Lee, former Chairman and CEO of Duke.

Pat's appetite for public service was whetted with a successful two term stint on the Charlotte City Council followed by seven consecutive terms as Mayor of Charlotte. During his tenure as Mayor, Pat led Charlotte's efforts in economic development, infrastructure, transportation, public safety and education. Charlotte experienced explosive growth during this time with job growth in the tens of thousands. Pat's leadership success was motivated by his strong desire to see Charlotte become an economic hub for transportation, banking, manufacturing, energy and tourism, as well as a clean and safe place to live.

At the recent memorial service for Bill Friday, another great leader in our state and country, Pat was reminded of the lessons he has learned from leaders like Bill Friday, Bill Lee and others whom he has had the privilege to know and work with. He believes in and practices the power of conversations where the ultimate goal is to identify issues and offer solutions, working together as a cohesive team. He espouses teamwork as a way to accomplish goals, acknowledging that the best leaders are those who value the efforts of the team over those of any one individual. And, he remembers and lives by the words of his father who encouraged Pat to fulfill his potential in all endeavors and never be satisfied with the status quo.

As Governor of our great state, Pat seeks to lead North Carolina to its full potential, building a model for education, transportation, and economic infrastructures that will be second to none. Accomplishing this successfully will require conversation and dialogue with and amongst committed citizens and leaders across the state. A team approach is critical to this success and Pat is prepared to take the lead in collaborations with all constituencies represented.

Pat closed his remarks with words of gratitude: "Thank God we live in North Carolina."

And, being the public servant (and candidate) that he is, he reminded us to exercise one of our most cherished freedoms by loudly proclaiming: "Get out and vote!!"

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

2012-2013

Program Chair: Ed Driggs

1Qtr Edwin Peacock

2Qtr Colleen Brannan

3Qtr Bob Freeman

4Qtr Bill Constangy

OCTOBER 2012

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

20th **Thanksgiving**
Program

12:30 Tuesday

Crowne Plaza – 201 S. McDowell Street

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

CLUB NEWS

- **Lynn Wheeler** introduced **Kelly Mirt** as the club's tenth new member. Kelly is VP advertising at the Charlotte Observer and can be reached at kmirt@charlotteobserver.com.
- The club's support with the clothing drive for Crisis Assistance Ministry resulted in the collection of 4,317 items (as of last week). **Russell Ranson** wrapped up the drive on Tuesday and thanked his team – **Herb Harriss, Karen Bentley, Julie Haack, Jenn Snyder, Bill Bartee, Bill Allen, Bill Stegelmeyer, Bryan Adams, Charlie Bones, Chris Kemper, George Wilson, Henry Bostic, John Weber, Marcus Lee, Rick Handford, Stephen Smith, Tom Robertson, Will Barnhardt**, and of course, everyone who brought in donations. Thank you, Russell.
- It was good to see **Jenn Snyder** – crutches and all, and also former member **Hope Lanier**. **John Lassiter** recognized **Pender McElroy** with the North Carolina Bar Association's Citizen Lawyer Award, which recognizes lawyers who provide exemplary public service to their community; **Terri DeBoo** has been selected to the Charlotte Chamber Board of Directors for the Class of 2015.
- **President Marilyn** announced October 24 is World Polio Day and said we should all be proud to be part of an organization dedicated to eradicating polio from the world.
- **Meg McElwain** has Team Mitchell walking in the CureSearch Walk (Freedom Park) on November 3. Click on the link for information, donations, and signup: <http://www.curesearchwalk.org> and click on Team Mitchell.

REMEMBER

- The November 6 meeting has been cancelled so everyone has the opportunity to attend the November 8 Foundation Banquet.
- Twenty-four have signed up to attend the November 8 Foundation Banquet at Embassy Suites (Concord Mills exit). The club will pick up the meal cost (\$45) for the ROTARIAN to attend. Guests/spouses are invited and you will be invoiced for their portion. Past Rotary International President Ray Klingensmith is the keynote speaker. Registration opens at 5:15PM, cash bar, dinner at 6:45. Let Sandy know if you plan to attend.
- For every ticket purchased on-line for the Southern Christmas Show (www.southernchristmasshows.com) a donation of \$1 will be sent to the Rotary Peace Centers. Show runs November 8-18, 2012 at The Park Expo and Conference Center.
- Hold on to your outdated computers, cords, monitors, keyboards, power supplies and printers for the club's collection/recycling project that will be held in April. Contact **Biff Virkler** or **Michael Elder** with questions.

IN MEMORY

E. K. Fretwell, Jr. passed away October 18, 2012. E. K.'s accomplishments are quite extensive and he enjoyed a long career in education, which included serving as Chancellor of UNC Charlotte from 1979 to 1989. He served as president of the Rotary Club of Charlotte in 1994-1995 and is currently an Honorary Member. E. K. was predeceased by his wife, Dorrie and is survived by four children and several grandchildren. Funeral services will be held Friday, November 16 at 2:00pm at Myers Park Presbyterian Church. The family will receive friends at a reception at the Clubhouse of The Cypress on Thursday, November 15 from 3:00 – 4:30pm, and then again following the service at the church. The Club will make a donation to the UNC Charlotte Foundation.

ROTARY'S MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Rotary International is to provide service to others, promote integrity, and advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through its fellowship of business, professional, and community leaders.

FOUR-WAY TEST

Of the things we think, say or do

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

Attendance	<u>10/23/2012</u>	<u>10/25/2011</u>	Membership	New Members: Kelly Mirt
Visitors & Guests	40	18	07/01/2012 316	
Club Members	173	161	10/23/2012 317	
Total Attendance	213	179	Net Increase +1	Resignation: Pat Gray, John Howman, Curtis Watkins
Percentage	60.6%			

Birthdays October 30-November 5

01 Bradford Picot
 02 Carroll Thomas
 04 Julie Haack
 01 Michael Elder
 02 Sheila Bacon

Anniversaries October 30-November 5

31 Sarah and George Page
 03 Beth and Tony Zeiss
 04 Susan and John zumBrunnen
 02 Carolyn and Chase Saunders
 04 Joyce and David Laws
 05 Page and Ed Kizer