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The Rotary Club of Charlotte

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Lt. Governor Walter Dalton

By: Rick Handford



Walter Dalton gave a speech that was fast-paced, wide ranging in subject matter and both informative and entertaining. He began with recognition for a number of our members, and complimented the City of Charlotte on a successful Democratic Convention that presented both the city and the state of North Carolina in a very favorable light to a worldwide audience. Not only was the convention a success in terms of its primary purpose, but also as a recruiting forum for some 35-40 companies that were present at the event.

His wife of 41 years, Lucille, was present and was introduced by the Lt. Governor as his best decision, evidence that he knows how to make good decisions. In addition to serving as a school teacher and school board member (named NC school board member of the year in 1998), she served as president of the Sir Walter Cabinet, an organization for spouses of members of the General Assembly and the executive and judicial branches of the NC government.

Mr. Dalton recognized the involvement of Rotary in building strong communities, and pointed out that strong communities are important to the well-being of small businesses. One of the best ways to support small businesses is to make their communities better. He feels a strong connection to Rotary, as his father was the president of a Rotary Club in his hometown of Rutherfordton. After the unexpected death of his father when he was eight years old, he recalls that members of Rotary were there for him and got him involved in hunting, fishing, and sports. In addition to the Rotary members that helped him along the way, he is grateful to Paul Harris, also a lawyer, for founding Rotary International and proving that lawyers can do some really good things!

He believes strongly in the importance of public service, and told a story about how his father, who had also served in the NC Senate, helped a small community bring the first paved road into that community, opening it to doing business with the other parts of the state and significantly growing its economy. He spoke to a group in that community some thirty years later, and there were still members of the audience that remembered the day that the road was paved and his father's involvement in it.

He was elected Lt. Governor at a very difficult time in 2008, and immediately went out on a "listening tour" to learn what he could do to help small business. Hearing that small businesses were being placed in the position of financing big businesses that were extending their payment terms, he started and got funding for a small business assistance fund that provided bridge funding for small businesses to be able to finance their receivables, allowing many of them to stay in business.

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

2012-2013

Program Chair: Ed Driggs
1Qtr Edwin Peacock
2Qtr Colleen Brannan
3Qtr Bob Freeman
4Qtr Bill Constangy

OCTOBER 2012

- 2nd **Bill Diehl**
Partner - James, McElroy & Diehl
Attorneys at Law
- 9th **Climb to Kilimanjaro**
John Tabor and Macon
Dunnagan
- 16th **Chris Jones**
District Governor
Rotary District 7680
- 23rd **Pat McCrory**
Republican Gubernatorial
Candidate

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

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The Lt. Governor was ably introduced by Pender McElroy, who noted that Mr. Dalton had earned his BS and JD degrees from UNC Chapel Hill, and that in addition to founding a successful law firm he had served in the NC Senate from 1996 until his election to his current position in 2008. In addition to his many other accomplishments, he authored the Innovation in Education Act, which among other things created the early college program, admitting high school freshmen into a five-year program that results in them earning a technical degree or acquiring two years of college credit toward a more advanced degree. The program has been very successful, and has been recognized nationally by the Gates Foundation and the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.

As noted above, the talk covered much more ground than can be related in this forum. For more information, go to www.ltgov.state.nc.us/bio/default.aspx and www.daltonfornc.com/. Our thanks to Walter Dalton for a most enjoyable speech.

Head Table: David Erdman, John Galles, Marilynn Bowler, Pender McElroy, Mark Erwin, Charlie Williams; Invocation: John Snyder
Visitors & Guests: Ed Pickett; Song: Gregg Walker; AV: Jessica Dupree & Nikki Keith; Photos: Bert Voswinkel

CLUB NEWS

- **Robert Freeman** introduced **Brad Cansler**, the club's ninth new member of the year. Brad is the senior manager/warranty with Electrolux Major Appliances, North America and can be reached at bcansler@gmail.com. Welcome Brad.
- A clinic will be set up to administer Flu shots next Tuesday – 11:30-2:00; \$25 and Medicare is accepted.
- The District is looking for candidates to apply for the Group Study Exchange. Think of young professionals between the ages of 25-40 that would be eligible as a Team Member. Interested Rotarians may apply to serve as Team Leader. The date again – March 25, 2013 – April 23, 2013 – exchange with Santa Catarina, Brazil. Questions/suggestions may be directed to Paul Schmidt, schmidt@paulschmidtcpa.com.
- Bill Loftin is searching for someone to host Juan Carlos, who attends Charlotte Country Day. If interested, contact Bill at bill@loftinco.com.
- **Chase Saunders** was selected by his peers as one of The Best Lawyers' 2013 Lawyer of the Year; **Tony Zeiss** presented a program to the Hood Hargett Breakfast Club on Charlotte's plan to become an international business hub.
- This year's **drive to support Crisis Assistance Ministry** will be conducted during the month of October. Beginning next week, articles may be dropped off in the parking lot of the Crowne Plaza. Items needed: warm clothing for men, women, children; sheets, blankets, towels; pots and pans....anything related to maintaining a household.
- **Ron Kimble**.....we're all so glad to have seen you at Rotary this week!

CLUB SOCIAL - OCTOBER 4 - N.C. MUSIC FACTORY

Forty or so have signed up to attend next week's club social at VGBG, located in the NC Music Factory. Colleen Brannan is managing this event and she needs a head count THIS FRIDAY. The gathering is from 6:00 – 8:00 PM; you'll be served '3 mains/3 sides/drink ticket' and the cost is \$15 in advance; \$20 at the door. You can pay on the club's website (www.charlotterotary.org) using the pay pal account, or with cash/check to Sandy.

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>09/25/2012</u>	<u>09/27/2011</u>	Membership	New Members: Stephen Smith, Bobby Lancaster Brad Cansler
Visitors & Guests	15	golf	07/01/2012 316	
Club Members	168	tournament	09/25/2012 319	
Total Attendance	183		Net Increase +3	Resignation: John Binkley, Dan Ramirez, Chip Scholz
Percentage	59.2%			
Birthdays October 2 - 8		Anniversaries October 2 - 8		
03 Karen Price	03 Jenn Snyder	02 Colleen and Scott Brannan	02 Karen and Darren Price	
04 Mike Hawley	05 Richard Bullard	03 Betsy and Matt Joyner	03 Carla and Harry Workman	
05 Bill Underwood	06 Dick Klingman	06 Beth and Rick Handford	06 Angie and Daryl Larner	
08 Carol Jordan		08 Linda and Bob Hagemann		