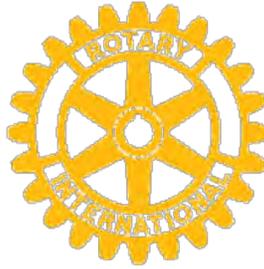


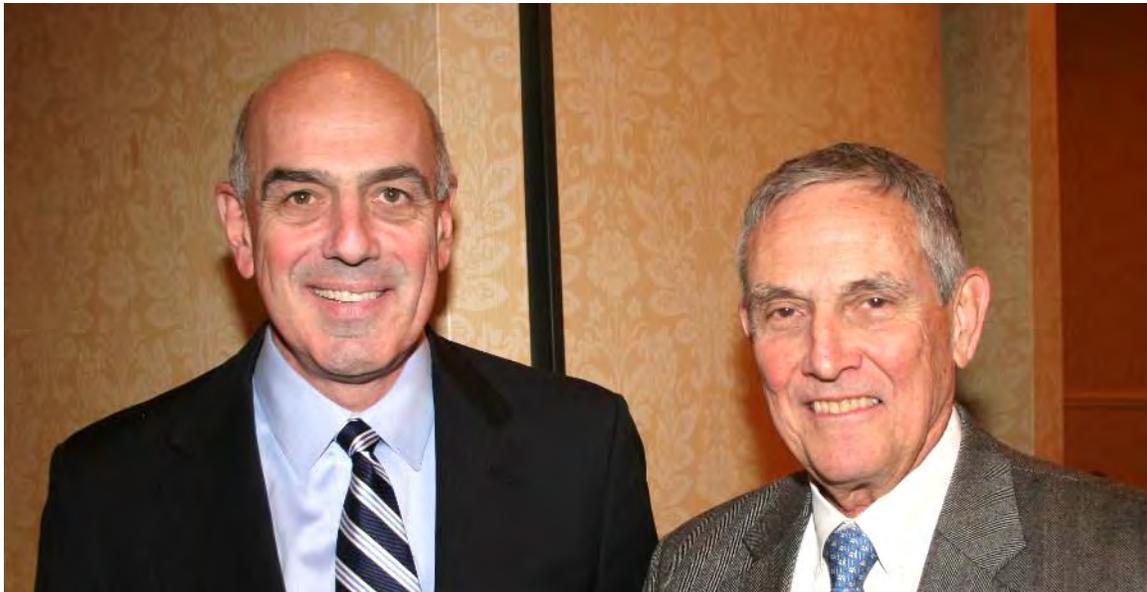
Late last year, Rotary International created a new brand with logos, website, and emails. It is a new cleaner look. Charlotte Rotary is following their lead. We are testing new looks and below is one version for our newsletter. **Please let us know what you think.**

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REPORTER

February 11, 2014



Jeff Heller (left) with former Airport Director and Charlotte Club member Jerry Orr (right)

Program: Jeff Heller with Norfolk Southern and the Charlotte Intermodal Center

Jeff Heller, Group Vice President, International Intermodal at Norfolk Southern Corporation, provided us a very interesting overview of Charlotte's new Intermodal freight train facility and how it interfaces with their international system.

Construction has just been completed on the new \$92M facility next to the airport, less than two years after the groundbreaking during Jerry Orr's airport authority leadership. It replaces the now closed uptown 40 acre facility near the Noda community. This new, easily expandable facility built between two runways, will be capable of 200,000 lifts per year. Although most "intermodal" freight transportation is between trains and trucks, the location of the new facility next to the airport provides synergies for all Charlotte freight business growth. It is also less than ½ mile from our interstate system, which helps reduce Charlotte's truck traffic congestion. This new facility accommodates the opportunity for a two mile train with 300 cars to be unloaded without decoupling it.

Norfolk is one of the nation's largest transportation companies, operating approximately 20,000 route miles in 22 states. The primary ports it serves near Charlotte are Charleston, Savannah and Jacksonville. Jeff commented that often major shippers use rail as the primary mode of inventory shipment. Even though a three day truck shipment may take four by rail, given the significant cost savings, the extra day does not matter if you are constantly replenishing material inventories all the time.

Norfolk's network is east coast only, terminating at the Mississippi River. However, operational agreements with other rail companies provide seamless shipping through North America. The same train may start in LA and end up in Charlotte. Even though in route it may be operated by different rail companies, only the crews change as it crosses rail company boundaries. Because the rail companies lease the train cars and locomotives from common equipment companies, equipment expenses are prorated easily over the contracted routes.

Report by: Ed Wadsworth

EVENT PR

[Article by the Observer](#)

[Charlotte Chamber Video](#) with Chase Saunders

Our Meeting Location is Under Construction

Please be patient with us as the hotel goes through renovations to our meeting space. If you did not attend Tuesday, be prepared to enter the hotel through pool access door on the ground level and the middle door on the top parking deck level (ballroom level). We are meeting in the smaller ballroom and to help with providing more room, we will be doing away with the head table during this time.



Charlotte Rotary on VIMEO

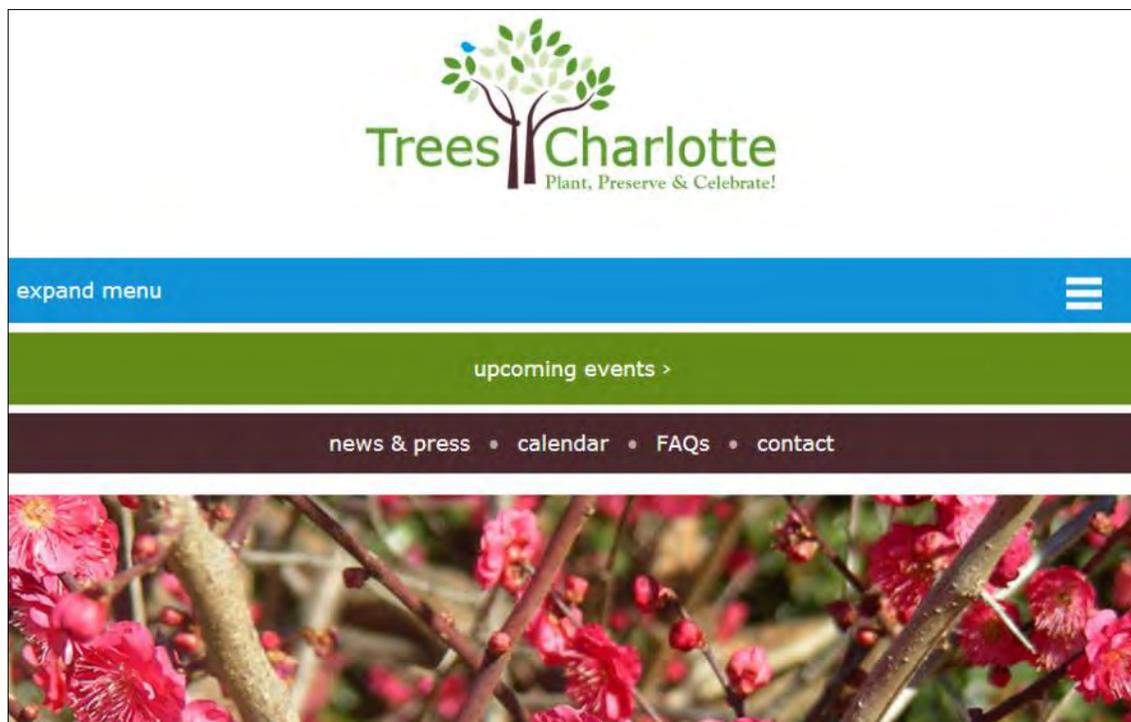
We have started a Vimeo page for videos.

Visit at: vimeo.com/user24733153

The newest Video shows Past District Governor Graham Wilson participating in a National Immunization Day in Ethiopia. Graham was there as part of the Ethiopian Water Project that our club is participating in. Click on the image to watch:



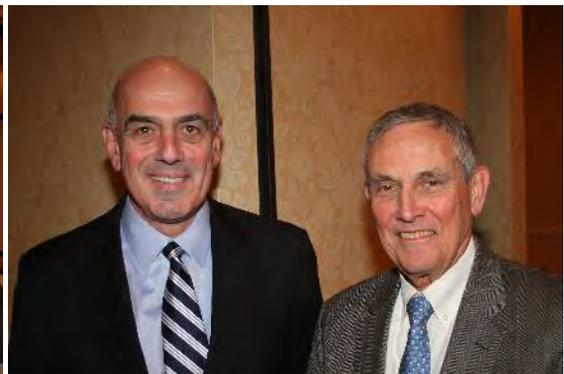
Tree Planting – February 22nd 9:00 to 12:00



Charlotte Rotary, along with our District will do a tree planting event on February 22nd at Martin Luther King Middle School in the NoDa Area. The date coincides with Rotary's birthday the following day. We plan to plant 300 to 400 trees. Bring your families. Bring your friends. Bring Membership prospects. It is easy to register – go to www.treescharlotte.org and follow the instructions or email or call Phil Volponi volponipc@gmail.com 704.574.0439

Photos from the Luncheon





Other Club News and By The Numbers

Hank Donaghy introduced Tim Flanagan as the club's newest Rotarian. Tim is president of HF Financial/Mass Mutual and can be reached at tflanaganjr@financialguide.com.

Claire Erb, who served as the club's secretary between 1996 and 2002, passed away February 3rd from breast cancer. Claire is survived by her husband, Ed and two sons and their families.

Keith Nowokunski reports Mark Vitner of Wells Fargo Securities will be speaking at the February meeting of the Charlotte Economics Club on February 18. His topic will be "North Carolina Manufacturing; Past, Present and Future" and will cover the history of NC's manufacturing sector through its ascent, decline and current renaissance. Please see www.charlotteeconclub.org for details.

Congratulations to Terri DeBoo, winner of Macy's "Go Red" Total Makeover through their partnership with the American Heart Association's effort to promote awareness of women's heart disease.

Buddy Chatfield is retiring from The Cypress and Charlotte Rotary on February 14th. He will be moving out of Charlotte and is working to introduce Steven Kerley to the Rotary group.

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

19 Warren Kean
20 Brian Gibson
22 Lynn Wheeler
23 Kevin Pitts
25 Cynthia Marshall
26 Steve Montgomery
26 Will Hadley
27 Jerry Coughter
28 Rob Wright

UPCOMING ANNIVERSARIES

20 Terri & Mark DeBoo
23 Joy & Hunter Widener
24 Denise & Michael Hallett
25 Tina Weinberg & Sam Ryburn
28 Jean & Joe Penner

ATTENDANCE

Visitors & Guests	26
Club Members	132
Total Attendance	158
Percentage	48.4%

MEMBERSHIP

01/21/2014	318
07/01/2013	316
Net Increase	+2

New Members: Nancy McNelis, Tim Flanagan

Resignations: Bruce Walker, Heidi Frankson

MEETING PARTICIPANTS

Head Table: Ronnie Pruett, Rich Campbell, John Tabor, John Galles, Hunter Widener, Bryan Mermans; Invocation: Meg McElwain; Visitors & Guests: Tom Hodges
Health, Happiness & History: Tim Newman; AV: Nikki Keith; Photos: Bert Voswinkel

UPCOMING LUNCHEONS

February 18, 2014 - John Cleghorn
Caldwell Memorial Presbyterian Church

February 25, 2014 - Rick Gaskins
President, Catawba Riverkeeper
Our Precious Water Source

March 4, 2014 - Jack Ellenburg
S.C. Ports Authority
Location: **Myers Park Country Club**

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Website: NEW Visual Index

To help people find the pages they might be interested in easier, we have added a Visual Index to the website. It is now part of the main menu. Click on it and see most of the pages on the site. [Try it out.](#)



The Head Honchos

Ever wonder who are the Head Honchos of Rotary? Rotary International and Rotary Foundation are run separately for good governance.

Who are the RI Officers and Directors?

- We have 15 Directors plus the President, President-Elect, Vice-President, Treasurer and the General Secretary. [Learn more](#) [pdf 1.6mb]

Who are the Rotary Foundation Trustees?

- We have 16 in total including the chairman. [Learn more](#) [pdf 1.2mb]



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