

PROGRAM



Mary Tribble **Cue the Ballyhoo...** By: Elly Clary

A challenge for personal change is what Rotary of Charlotte speaker Mary Tribble brought to our first meeting of 2014.

The long-time Charlottean still known for her special events company several years after she sold it detailed her quest for a fuller life that led her to travel the world. Anyone can add meaning, she said, by paying attention to what's really happening.

"What are you holding on to?" she asked. "Is there something you're holding on to so tightly that it's keeping you from what you've been thinking about exploring all your life?"

Rotarian John Galles introduced Mary with a quote from her website: "All you have to do is breathe."

The Miami native and Art History graduate of Wake Forest University called Tuesday's presentation "Cue the Ballyhoo: Creating a Life of Impact and Joy."

In 30 years operating Mary Tribble Creations, Mary produced special events, some with "mortgage-sized budgets."

At these bombastic affairs, there was usually a high point and its anticipation would stand the hairs on her arm. She'd notify her technicians to "cue the ballyhoo." Nearly instantly, "music played, confetti sprayed and all the lights went off. It was a thrilling moment."

Early on, that was enough to sustain her. Later, she realized that though she enjoyed her work, "I really didn't like my life very much."

She took a two-week silent walk in the Sahara Desert. "It was for the first time in my life an opportunity for self reflection," she said. It led her to travel the world, from Peru to India.

Mary decided to stop trying to separate herself from her work. "If you can't be whole anywhere," she observed, "you lose integrity."

So in the latter part of her planning run, she used her job to make a difference. With the help of others, she created events such as the North Carolina Conference for Women and Girls Rock the House.

She suspected she could do more, but was too successful and comfortable to investigate.

A Christmas Eve car wreck left her convalescing at the start of 2008. That coupled with the Great Recession led her to sell her business to a key associate.

At 50, she was questioning her identity.

Former Mayor Anthony Foxx interrupted that when he asked her to plan Charlotte's host role in the 2012 Democratic National Convention. She called that 18-month experience one of her most rewarding.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

January 14, 2014
Molly Wilmer
Barker
Girls on the Run

January 21, 2014
Excellence in Leadership Award
Myers Park
Country Club

January 28, 2014
How I Got Where I'm At

February 4, 2014
Jeremiah Dew
One Voice: A Black History Narrative

LUNCHEONS Time/Location

12:30 Tuesday
Charlotte Plaza
Uptown Hotel
201 S. McDowell

2013-2014 THEME



When it was over, she took a break. A year ago, she moved into a tiny house in Costa Rica with an adopted cat and a beat-up bike for transportation.

She started the book she'd always wanted to write, seeking to answer, "What is the ballyhoo in life; what is it we're trying to achieve?"

Back in Charlotte, Mary is endeavoring to get her finished book published while consulting for her alma mater. Though she confessed she still doesn't know what's ahead, she shared what she does know.

"Whatever I choose and wherever I go, it's going to be OK," she said. "I challenge you to really think about your life going into this year. Think about something you might want to do."

Head Table: Ron Kimble, Meg McElwain, John Galles, Tim Newman, Robert Freeman; Invocation: Jim Kelley
Visitors & Guests: Herb Harriss; Song: Luke Maybry; Health, Happiness & History: David Zimmerman; BBB Moment: Tom Bartholomy
AV: Nikki Keith

CLUB NEWS

• **Hank Donaghy** received a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Boy Scouts; **Cindy Wolfe** was recognized at the Commercial Real Estate Women (CREW) Excellence Awards for Deal of the Year; this week's Better Business Bureau moment covered the Target hack. Per **Tom Bartholomy**, bottom line - if you shopped at Target during the couple weeks in November and December, cancel your debit/credit card and have it reissued; **Herb Harriss** reported the Kiser-Harriss Company turned 50 in early December!

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Endorsed: Martin Waters, Marilyn Bowler

BY THE NUMBERS

Attendance	<u>01/07/2014</u>	<u>01/08/2013</u>	Membership	New Members:
Visitors & Guests	18	15	07/01/2013	316
Club Members	179	165	01/07/2014	316
Total Attendance	197	180	Net Increase	Resignations: Carroll Thomas
Percentage	64.2%			

Birthdays January 14 - 20

16 Joe Gass
19 Charlie Williams
20 Fred Brown

18 Craig Goodson
20 Tony Zeiss
20 Ken Harris

Anniversaries January 14 - 20

17 Joan & Tom Wright
18 Catherine & Bill Browning

ALTO CAYMA MISSION TRIP



Herb Harriss announced the club will be coordinating another Mission Trip to Alto Cayma.

March 20-28

If you are interested in participating, please contact Herb.

hharriss@gmail.com

704-201-4964

CRISIS ASSISTANCE CLOTHING DRIVE

Crisis Assistance
Clothing Drive
3,600 Items

Rotary



Thank you to these members and their companies for participating

Wes Jones
Angela Broom
George MacBain
Karen Calder
Frank Deaton
Bill Griffin
Pender McElroy
Bill Bartee
Saeed Moghadam
Craig Simpson
Brad Picot
Biff Virkler
Jerry Coughter
Denise Hallett
Todd Stevens

Thank you to Chris Kemper and his committee, and Bill Gill for his idea to expand the effort

SALVATION ARMY "RINGING ON THE SQUARE"

Salvation Army
Ringing on the Square
 $\$2,492 + \$431 = \$2,923$

Rotary



Thank you to all that participated and Mark Norman for coordinating the event.

And a special thanks to the sponsors of the Raffle items:

Julie Haack: \$250 Gift Card to Donald Haack Diamonds & Fine Gems
Mark Norman: Lunch or Dinner for 2 in JWU Student Dining Class
John Scharer: Charlotte City Club Lunch for 2
Luther Moore: Belk branded Cooler
Dan Rajkowski: 2 Tickets to a 2014 Charlotte Knights Game in the New BBT Stadium
Brad Cansler: An Electrolux Corded Stick Vacuum Cleaner

CHARLOTTE RESCUE MISSION CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST

Thank you to all that participated and Liz Irwin for coordinating the event for our third year.





NEW PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS

Congratulations to these new PHF's

Paul Harris Fellows
NEW



Robin Freeman
Rob and Margaret Freeman
Todd Arnold
J.C. Cousar
Tom Hodges

Paul Harris Fellows
LEVEL TWO



Mike Hawley

Paul Harris Fellows
LEVEL THREE



Steve Montgomery
John Nicolay
Todd Stevens

Paul Harris Fellows
LEVEL FOUR



Michael Elder

CONGRATULATIONS HANK DONAGHY



Congratulations to Hank Donaghy for receiving a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Boy Scouts of America.

NEW CHARLOTTE WEBSITE

In the next 30 days or so, we plan to launch a new and updated website. We are working on the different pages, and one of the pages will be on visiting clubs around the world.



If you have a picture of
you visiting a club
(outside of NC),
please send us a picture.

We also need to **increase our members on Facebook and Twitter.** Please search us out and join these groups. Thanks



ROTARY LICENSE PLATE



Terri Deboo was the first to take advantage of the club's offer to sponsor a license plate, with her playful "Disney" plate.

If you would like a Rotary License Plate, the Club will pay the \$40 cost (\$10 for the plate and \$30 for the personalization)



To see what is available, go to:

<https://edmv.ncdot.gov/VehicleRegistration/SpecialPlate/Detail?PlateID=64#term=Civic%20Clubs>

ROTARY AND THE ROSE BOWL PARADE



For the last thirty years and all the way back to 1927, Rotary has been part of the New Year's Tournament of Roses Parade.

This year, the float was a candy train. When we launch the new website, you will be able to see all the floats from years past.

Driving the Train is RI President Ron Burton, and in the lab coats are **Peter Salk**, son of Jonas Salk who developed the first polio vaccine, and **Debbe Sabin**, daughter of Sylvia and Albert Sabin – the team that developed the oral vaccine