

## PROGRAM



**John H. Tabor**  
97<sup>th</sup> President – Rotary Club of Charlotte

It hardly seems that a year has passed since Marilyn Bowler became President of the Charlotte Rotary Club. Her energy and enthusiasm never failed to lift a Charlotte Rotarian's spirits at each meeting. As Marilyn talked about her year, she told us that the club could not operate without Sandy Osborne. Sandy then received a standing ovation from the club. Marilyn went on to thank the Board, the Avenue Chairs, Committee Chairs and every Rotarian for the efforts made during her tenure as President.

Outgoing President Bowler told the club it had been a year of great opportunity and growth. She reflected on some of the highlights of her time as President:

- 1) One of the new projects was to replace battered flags at CMS schools
- 2) Rotarians enjoyed BBB reports from Tom Bartholomy, a new addition to the meetings which was well received by Charlotte Rotarians
- 3) Elsie Garner created and printed a Rotary message for each table each week - a message to remind Rotarians of our history, achievements and contributions to communities
- 4) Biff Virkler initiated a computer and electronics collection for Goodwill Industries
- 5) Hope Haven benefited from toiletries given to residents on Mother's Day
- 6) Checks were sent to local clubs for disaster relief in New York after Hurricane Sandy, Boston after the Boston Marathon Bombing and Oklahoma after the tornado destruction
- 7) Governor Pat McCrory was inducted into the club as an honorary Rotarian and Paul Harris Fellow.

These were just a few of the new positive contributions of Marilyn Bowler's term as President of Charlotte Rotary. No mention of the unending smiles, laughter, energy and pure joy to work with her throughout the year. Her cheerful, bubbly personality is infectious.

As she closed her remarks and thoughts about her year as President, she gave the club a "one-woman" standing ovation.

District Governor, Luther Moore swore in new President, John Tabor who is known by many for his kindness and compassion for others.

President John Tabor told Charlotte Rotarians that the new theme for Rotary is "Engage Rotary, Change Lives." He also said calmly, that he was nervous and scared! He had just returned from the Rotary International conference in Lisbon where he and 20,000 like-minded Rotarians discussed the hopes and dreams for Rotary's future.

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

July 16  
**Dan Murrey**, CEO  
OrthoCarolina

July 23  
**Bobbie Shields**  
Interim County  
Manager

July 30  
**Fred Cole**  
Dept. of Agriculture,  
GM Charlotte  
Farmers Market

## LUNCHEONS Time/Location

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

## 2013-2014 THEME



Tabor promised to continue to build upon the strong foundation of past presidents and fellow Rotarians. He said our club will embrace the 2013 Rotary Theme along with some of his personal themes and challenges for members of the club:

- 1) Changing members into Rotarians – accomplished by energizing, encouraging and educating Rotarians
- 2) Meet early and talk about 5 minutes at each meeting about Rotary, objectives, goals and what is happening around the world
- 3) Spread the word to this community about who we are and what we do to give back to the community
- 4) Asked that each member read the Reporter to stay abreast of announcements, meetings, initiatives and projects
- 5) Challenge members to be more philanthropic with the goal of having all Charlotte Rotary members become Paul Harris Fellows in the next 4 months.

John went on to say that Charlotte Rotary was a member of a six-state zone, Zone 33. There are 34 zones across the world. Zone 33 will have a \$M fundraising dinner in November that will be held in Charlotte and asked that we think about what we could do to contribute.

President Tabor thanked everyone in advance for all the work that will be done within the community and the club in the coming year and said that in the tradition of Past President Marilynn Bowler during the transition months, he adjourned the meeting early. Stay tuned for another exciting year for Charlotte Rotary.

## CLUB NEWS

- **Stephen Smith** is the new executive director for Charlotte Family Housing, an agency working to end growing family homelessness; **Tony Marciano** was photographed while attending the Association of Gospel Rescue Missions annual meeting in Phoenix; congratulations to **Meg McElwain** and Magnolia Marketing as they celebrate 10 years of business.
- The political season is upon us..... **Edwin Peacock**, candidate for Mayor; **Ed Driggs**, candidate for District 7 Charlotte City Council; **Eric Davis**, candidate for Charlotte Mecklenburg School Board.
- Condolences are extended to **Neil Burkhead**, who lost his father, Louis, on July 2, 2013; it was really good to see Lila and **Mike Rash** on Tuesday; Baby Mitchell (**Meg McElwain**) continues treatments at Hemby Children’s Hospital. His blood count is on the rise and Meg is hoping they will be home before the end of the week.
- **John Tabor** recognized Rick English as the club’s newest Paul Harris Fellow. Rick celebrated his ninth birthday on Tuesday and is possibly the first to receive his medallion while standing on a chair!

## BY THE NUMBERS

<b>Attendance</b>	<u>07/09/2013</u>	<u>07/10/2012</u>	<b>Membership</b>	<b>New Members:</b>
Visitors & Guests	16	21	07/01/2013	316
Club Members	161	172	07/09/2013	316
Total Attendance	177	193	Net Increase	0
Percentage	55.9%			<b>Resignations:</b>

### **Birthdays July 16 - 22**

16 John Snyder  
 21 Bob Brietz  
 22 Jim Thomas

### **Anniversaries July 16 - 22**

18 Ruth & Ken Samuelson  
 21 Sheila & Todd Bacon  
 19 Joy & Ken Poe  
 22 Sandra & Ronnie Bryant

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

**WEBSITE and SOCIAL MEDIA:** We will begin shortly updating and rebranding the Website, along with efforts toward better social media outreach. We have a couple volunteers, and could use a couple more. Please let John or Sandy know if you are available. It should be a 2 month effort.

**ALZHEIMERS RESEARCH:** This year we will be looking to support Alzheimer's Research in a big way. We believe this touches everyone in one way or another. We are looking for several people **with a passion** to help pursue efforts toward this cause. This will be a 4-6 month effort.

## RECYCLE YOUR ROTARIAN MAGAZINE



Please don't throw out your **Rotarian Magazine**. Let's us it to promote Rotary or inspire new members. Please consider the following:

Take your old Rotarian Magazines to offices that have magazines in waiting rooms – your dentist, your doctor, your own waiting rooms, wherever. (Let us know if you have other waiting rooms.)

Bring your magazines to our Rotary luncheons. We can give them to potential new members.

Let us know of any other ideas for using these recycled magazines

This is a free Public Relations opportunity – Spread the Word.

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## LUNCHEON PHOTOS



Sandy, Marilyn with Mike and Lila Rash



Gov Luther inducts President John



New Paul Harris Fellow Rick English (Natalie's son)



Mike and Lila Rash



Ed Wadsworth with Katie Milhouse and her exchange sister from Spain



President John becomes the club's 97<sup>th</sup> President



Past President Marilyn with the new Big Cheese . . .



Natalie and Rick



New member Natalia Russo



Bess Pickett (Ed's daughter) and Tony Zeiss



Stephanie Hinrichs with Governor Luther



Brenda Lea with guest Shelby Riburn



Ed Driggs and Allie Tabor



Past President Marilyn's lapel pin fit for a Duchess