

PROGRAM



Ron Carlee – City Manager

By: Ed Wadsworth

Ron Carlee was introduced to our club and offered his very passionate perspective on Charlotte and the non-political operational role of city staff management.

Thanks to Patsy Kinsey, who took time out of her busy mayoral schedule to introduce Ron. Before her introduction, she encouraged all to support the upcoming Bond Referendum.

In Ron's opening remarks, Ron noted that by the time he finishes his first year as City Manager next April he will have served three Mayors. To say the least, since he was appointed April 1st he has never been bored. He remarked that in fact with all the positives and involvement opportunities in Charlotte it is inconceivable that anyone could be bored. He is dedicated to promoting a "community vision," which encourages all citizens to be engaged.

Ron's talk focused on three initiatives: economics, ethics, and engagement.

Economics

Ron was born in Arlington, Virginia where crime areas were rampant and economic development was dead. The catalyst for their turn around was the decision to capitalize subway/train transit through the middle of town instead of along highway parameters. That, among others, is a key public capital investment necessary to the sustained economic development of a revised property tax base growth model. Reduced unemployment means more tax revenue so tax rates do not have to increase. Tax revenue cannot be raised by annexing; there is no more county land to annex. Additional revenue must be raised by a re-capitalization of current property via higher density redevelopment of inner-city areas supported by modernized transit. Also, Charlotte is large enough to provide diverse business location opportunities within the county so that relocation companies do not have to look at other options. We have downtown, Southend, Ballantyne, north Mecklenburg, University and other areas for relocation considerations.

Ethics

The city management business model did not exist before 1907. Before then localities had few if any public utilities or services. When the local government model was created to support services, it was a new apolitical operational model unlike the federal political model. Ron views his responsibility as reclaiming that model; that is, handle the political interface out of his offices so that the department heads may operate politically unencumbered.

Engagement

Ron seeks to promote city, state, business and non-profit United Way, Arts and Science, church and civic organizations support and collaboration that result in public operational efficiencies.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

At Charlotte Country Club
October 8th
Dr. Chuck Edwards
The Aging Process
At Charlotte Country Club

October 15th
Roger Crandall
CEO, Mass Mutual

October 22nd
Roger Ackerman
Founder, Coins for
Alzheimer's
Research Trust

October 29th
Steve Cherok
Affordable Care Act

LUNCHEONS Time/Location

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

2013-2014 THEME



Head Table: Brad Crotts, Cindy Wolfe, John Tabor, Rodney Monroe, Joey Godbold; Invocation: Angela Mauldin
 Visitors & Guests: Chris Kemper; Song: Ed Pickett; Health, Happiness & History: Tony Zeiss
 AV: Jessica Dupree & Nikki Keith; Photos: Bert Voswinkel

CLUB NEWS

- DG **Luther Moore** introduced **Frank Deaton**, the club's tenth new member! Frank owns Cunningham Cleaners and can be reached at frankdeaton@bellsouth.net. Welcome.
- Volunteer opportunities: **Classroom Central** – Bill Allen chairs the small group of Rotarians that work at Classroom Central once a month. As teachers complete shopping for FREE school supplies, our club members load their items into the car. Not a hard task. Bill needs about five more volunteers and if you are available October 10 (2:00 – 5:00), we could use your help. **Trips for Kids** – is an organization that collects bikes then trains & exposes underprivileged and at-risk children to all aspects of biking. If you have bicycles you're no longer using, please consider passing them along. They are especially in need of teen & adult sizes. Contact Bike Mike 704-400-2865.

BY THE NUMBERS

Attendance	10/01/2013	10/02/2012	Membership		New Members: Frank Deaton
Visitors & Guests	16	15	07/01/2013	316	
Club Members	162	172	09/25/2013	321	
Total Attendance	178	187	Net Increase	+5	Resignations: Jeremy Canipe, Sheila Bacon
Percentage	56.4%				

Birthdays October 8 - 14

08 Carol Jordan 09 Amy Burkett
 13 Saeed Moghadam 14 Boyd Coggins
 14 Stephanie Hinrichs

Anniversaries October 8 - 14

10 Laura & Charlie Pitts 10 Tracey & Rich Campbell
 10 Laura and Bob Thomas 11 Jane & Chris Thomas
 12 Tammy & Gray Langley 12 Amanda & Tom Stowe
 12 Amy & Edwin Peacock 13 Samara & Anthony Foxx
 13 Martha & Jim Woodward

GOLF TOURNAMENT



This year's interdepartmental competition trophy was awarded to the Police Department. Police Chief Rodney Monroe accepted the trophy from Fire Deputy Chief Pete Key. Chief Monroe went on to say there are four competitions between the Police and Fire Departments....golf, hockey, shooting and baseball; the Fire department holds ALL the other trophies.

KILIMANJARO SUCCESS IN THE FIGHT AGAINST POLIO



Congratulations to **Jerry Coughter**, **Gregg Walker** and **Paul Wyche!**



FOUNDATION BANQUET

Please RSVP

to Sandy if you can attend the Foundation Banquet on Monday, November 11th. The club will cover the dinner costs for Rotarians. The charge for guests will be \$45.

Our speaker is Ramesh Ferris, and as President John characterizes him, “a rock star in the End Polio world.” Governor Luther guarantees you will walk away inspired.

Crowne Plaza Charlotte Executive Park
5700 Westpark Drive, Charlotte, NC 28217
(**The Crowne Plaza off of Interstate 77 and Tyvola Road**)

Reception – 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. – Cash-bar Reception
Program – 6:30 p.m. – Seated for Dinner (Business Attire)



Ramesh with the last child in India to contract Polio



Ramesh with the leaders of the last Polio endemic countries

Ramesh Ferris was born in December 1979 in Coimbatore, India. He contracted polio at age six months and his legs were left paralyzed for life. With no means or access to rehabilitation for him, Ramesh’s mother placed him in Families for Children, a Canadian-founded orphanage, a year later. Soon after, Ron Ferris, Anglican Bishop of Yukon in Canada, and his wife Jan began the lengthy process to adopt Ramesh and bring him over to Canada. With the support of his new Canadian family and after several operations, Ramesh learned to walk with crutches and braces for the first time at age 3.5 years.

Since 2001, after graduating with his diploma in Social Work from Confederation College in Thunder Bay, Ontario, he has been active in his community working with at-risk youths, social welfare recipients and people of varying abilities. In recognition of his work with youth, Ramesh was presented with a Paul Harris Fellowship in February 2008 by the Whitehorse Rendezvous Rotary Club. In 2002, Ramesh returned to India to meet his biological mother and to visit the orphanage where he once lived. During the visit, Ramesh learned of polio survivors who, without the necessary medical attention and supports, were forced to pad their knees with cut-up pieces of tire and crawl on the ground.

After much reflection about his visit to India, Ramesh was determined to raise awareness to prevent Polio from claiming new victims. Cycle to Walk Canada was born, with a focus on Polio Eradication, Education and Rehabilitation. In 2008, Ramesh hand-cycled 4400 miles (7140 kms) across Canada. Along the route, he participated in 350 media interviews and made over 200 presentations at schools, Rotary clubs, churches and various levels of government. This campaign raised thousands of dollars and increased the awareness of polio dramatically.

Ramesh is a Rotarian with the Whitehorse Rendezvous.

NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2014 EXCELLENCE IN LEADERSHIP AWARD

The Rotary Club of Charlotte, The Charlotte Business Journal and the Charlotte Chamber have joined to sponsor a community-wide search in the region. This December, the sponsors will choose the 25th winner of the Excellence in Leadership Award, to be presented January 21st at the Rotary Club.



NOMINATION PROCESS

- 1) REVIEW the qualities of excellence listed below and think about the senior managers you know who exhibit those qualities.
- 2) EXPLAIN how the nominee meets the criteria and why you feel he/she should receive this recognition.
- 3) WRITE your comments on one typed 8 ½" X 11" sheet. Please include a brief biographical sketch of your nominee as well.

DEADLINE - December 15, 2013

RETURN NOMINATIONS to the Rotary Club of Charlotte. Either email sandy@charlotterotary.org or mail to 841 Baxter Street, Ste 118, Charlotte, NC 28202

QUALITIES OF EXCELLENCE

When nominating your choice, list extraordinary achievements citing examples of leadership and how they reflect credit to the manager and his/her organization. Consider the following qualities of a good leader:

Fairness in working with all employees

Visionary leadership

Consistency in judgment and decisions

Flexibility to apply policy in an appropriate manner

Knowledge of work skills and company operations

Perceptiveness of employee and customer needs

Sharing of values and knowledge

Fostering relationships among employees and departments

Communicating goals effectively

Commitment to excellence

Continuing improvement/achievement

Community involvement

PAST RECEIPTS

2013 Wayland N. Cato, Jr., Cato Corporation

2011 Frank Harrison, Coca-Cola Bottling & Co. Consolidated

2009 Thomas (Tom) M. Belk, Jr., Belk Stores Services Inc.

2008 Peter S. Gilchrist, Mecklenburg County District Attorney

2007 Allen Tate, Jr., Allen Tate Company

2006 Luther L. Fincher, Jr., Charlotte Fire Department

2005 Tom Nelson, National Gypsum

2004 Krista Tillman, BellSouth

2003 Michael Marciano, Foundation for the Carolinas

2002 Dr. Tony Zeiss, Central Piedmont Community College

2001 Jerry Orr, Charlotte/Douglas International Airport

2000 Dr. Billy Wireman, Queens College

1999 Harry Brace, YMCA

1998 John Belk, Belk Stores Services Inc.

1997 Hugh McColl, Bank of America

1996 Freda Nicholson, Discovery Place

1995 James Woodward, UNC Charlotte

1994 Johnie Jones, J. A. Jones Construction Co.

1993 Edward E. Crutchfield, First Union Corporation

1992 F. Kenneth Iverson, Nucor Corporation

1991 Byron L. Bullard, Presbyterian Hospital

1990 Bill Lee, Duke Power Company

1989 Leroy Robinson, Belk Stores Services Inc.

1988 A. F. "Pete" Sloan, Lance Inc.





MILLION DOLLAR DINNER

Be part of the first Rotary zone-wide Million Dollar Dinner and in doing so supporting your foundation and all the good work it does here and around the world.

This is part of our zone, which is 15 districts in 6 states from Delaware to South Carolina. Charlotte has been selected to host the event. PDG Firoz Peera is chairing the fundraising effort and President John is chairing the event

The speakers will be RI President Ron Burton and RI Vice President Anne L. Matthews.

Please consider being part of this historic event.