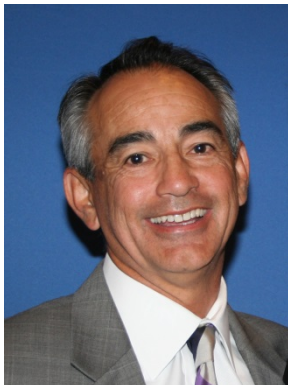




October 7, 2014



George M. Baldwin **Piedmont Natural Gas**

Natalie English introduced our speaker, George Baldwin, who is Managing Director – Government Relations & Sustainability at Piedmont Natural Gas a utility headquartered in Charlotte which serves NC, SC, and TN. In this capacity, he oversees the company's Government Relations Team and provides public policy direction for the company in its three state service region, and in Washington DC. Additionally, he oversees the company's sustainability and economic development activities.

Mr. Baldwin serves on the American Gas Association's Legislative Committee, the NC Energy Policy Council, the NC Community College's Foundation Board, Appalachian State University's Board of Visitors, the NC Military Foundation, the NC Chamber of Commerce Board and other professional organizations. He received a Master of Environmental Management degree from Duke University's Nicholas School, an MBA from Campbell University, and a Bachelor of Science degree in Marketing and Management from Appalachian State University.

George opened with a quote from Daniel Yergin, a Pulitzer Prize-winning author, "As we've seen again and again throughout history, expectations in the energy industry have been upended by technology, and that's exactly what has happened here. It took 20 years to reach the point of a breakthrough on shale and it quickly became clear that this was not something on the fringes, but something that would have major consequences not only for North America but for the global gas market."

George aptly discussed the disruption of gas supplies and the impact of fracking on the delivery and cost of natural gas over the near future. While conventional supplies have appeared to be rather consistent, the unconventional supply of new gas is growing and so, it has been pushing gas prices downward, especially in North America. He pointed out all the access locations for conventional and non-conventional drilling of natural gas and shale gas.

He went on to describe that North American sources are likely to provide the largest access to natural gas production followed by the Middle East, Asia, Europe, South America, Africa and Australia.

One of the uppermost objectives of Piedmont Gas Is "a business approach that integrates economic, environmental and social stewardship into our business to create value for our communities and for our shareholders. Since its founding in

1952, Piedmont Gas has demonstrated this commitment to sustainability over its entire existence.

George was especially open to an abundance of questions, answering each with full and complete descriptions.

Written by: John Galles

Head Table: Elizabeth Harrison, Kathy Boone, Tony Zeiss, Natalie English, Jenn Snyder, Alex Browning; Invocation: Meg McElwain; Visitors & Guests: Ken Poe; Song: Ed Pickett; Health, Happiness & History: Natalie English; AV: John Tabor & Jessica Dupree; Photos: Bert Voswinkel

Club News

Thanks to **Catherine Browning** for arranging the Flu shot clinic. Forty-seven brave souls were vaccinated; **Bobby Lancaster** returned to Rotary this week after having a triple bypass nine weeks ago; **Fred Brown** retired from Carolinas HealthCare System last week and you'll want to make note of his updated email contact: fredtbrown@aol.com.

Passing along an important tip everyone can use to check their donation history with The Rotary Foundation...www.rotary.org; click on The Rotary Foundation header; you will see a box on the right that says "what do you want to do;" click on the drop down box and scroll down to "view my giving history." There are two different screens – one shows your total and the second view is a line by line of when the donation was made. This is a great resource.

Foundation Banquet: **Denise Hallett, Luther Moore, Mark Markanda, Martin Waters** and **Tony Zeiss** have signed up to attend the Foundation banquet, which is coming up on October 25. There is typically a good turnout for this event and if you plan to attend, please let Sandy know ASAP. RI President Nominee John Germ will be the keynote speaker and the event will be held at the Embassy Suites in Concord; tickets are \$50 per person; reception at 6:00 and dinner at 7:00.

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS (10/14/14 – 10/20/14)

10/14 Boyd Coggins, Stephanie Hinrichs
10/17 Bob James, Omar Kazzaz
10/18 Henry Cantrell
10/19 George Page

UPCOMING ANNIVERSARIES (10/14/14 – 10/20/14)

10/14 Ellen McIntyre & Bill Morrison
10/16 Linda & Michael Hurlbert
10/19 Cheryl & Will Hadley, Diana & Mark Turner
10/20 Shelley & Chris Kemper

ATTENDANCE

Visitors & Guests	13
Club Members	168
Total Attendance	181
Percentage	57.9%

MEMBERSHIP

10/07/2014	323
07/01/2014	317
Net Increase:	+9

New Members:

Resignations: Jessica Brasington, Charlie Ibach, David Engler

VISITORS ON 10/07/14

Norma Burgess, Patrick Wolkfill, Donald Ferry, Dale Halton, Fred Wagner, John Bradshaw, Yana, Andrew Savant, Kim Parati, Robin Gibson, Janet England, Richard Simmons

UPCOMING LUNCHEONS (www.charlotterotary.org and click on the events tab)

10/14/14 – Karl Rudisser, Blum

10/21/14 – Senator Richard Burr

10/28/14 – Anne Tompkins, US Attorney, Western District of NC **Charlotte Country Club**

Photos from the Luncheon





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