



September 1, 2015

Dr. Harris Pastides University of South Carolina



Today we had the pleasure of hearing from Dr. Harris Pastides, who, since 2008, is the 28th President of the University of South Carolina. Prior to joining the university's faculty as dean of the Arnold School of Public Health, Pastides was a professor of epidemiology and chairman of the Department of Biostatistics and Epidemiology at the University of Massachusetts Amherst. He received his master's in public health and his Ph.D. in epidemiology from Yale University.

Since becoming President, the University has experienced remarkable growth and positive change. The freshman classes have grown continuously while this year posting the highest average SAT scores (1500) in university history. USC's Honors College has been recognized as the No. 1 public honors college in the nation, and they were recognized as the only Carnegie top-tier university in South Carolina. In addition, Carolina's Promise capital campaign has successfully exceeded its \$1 billion goal through gifts and pledges from more than 120,000 donors. He was quick to point out his football team has had three 11 win seasons and the baseball team won back to back College World Series in 2010 and 2011!!

Charlotte is now home to over 9,000 alumni and is home to more freshmen than any other city outside South Carolina. Today 7% of total undergraduates are from NC and 22% of those are from Charlotte. Currently the University serves over 48,000 students located on 8 campuses at 14 locations system wide. During Dr. Pastides tenure as President, he is most proud of the 68,507 degrees awarded from all 8 campuses and the unique ways USC has brought college to more students.

Recognizing the continuing competition for students and revenue, USC has created new academic models that promote greater access and affordability. The Palmetto College was created in 2013 to offer a high quality USC online baccalaureate degree completion program as well as regional campuses in Lancaster, Sumter, Union and Salkehatchie. This has been most successful: 1,452 students having enrolled in one of seven online bachelor degree completion programs, to date 385 have earned bachelor degrees and more than 10,000 seats have been filled in the 320 online course offerings since 2013. He is a big proponent of students getting out of college in 4 years or less to help them reduce the overall cost of their education. The debt student's face today is huge for many and if they change majors no more than one time and use the AP credits from high school as "a down payment," they can save their parents and themselves some real dollars.

In the never ending quest for money due to shrinking state funds available, they have partnered with IBM, Flour and Boeing to form public/private relationships. This includes the IBM Center for Applied Innovation of which Flour is advising and supporting. Boeing has invested in the McNair Center partnering with the University to create the next

generation of aerospace technology. Cyber will be the next initiative to be announced soon.

Dr. Pastides has been selected as the Chairman of the NCAA and their primary focus is to reserve the college structure for the student athlete in the 21st century. He went over the Gamecock Student Athlete Promise which will include 4 year scholarship and lifetime degree guarantee, cost of attendance, academic excellence, health care, personal and career development and up to a \$3-5,000 annual stipend to help with personal expenses many student athletes cannot afford. He estimated the economic impact of USC athletics is \$199 million and creates 2,329 jobs annually to the Columbia metro area.

It was obvious to me Dr. Pastides has a real passion for his students welfare and is an exceptional advocate for his University. Great program today.....GO HEELS!!

Speaker Write Up: George MacBain

Head Table: Travis Vance, Charlie Bones, Natalie English, Colleen Brannan, Carol Jordan, David Erdman; Invocation: Carol Hardison; Visitors & Guests: Julie Haack; Song: Luke Maybry; Health, Happiness & History: John Tabor; AV: Nikki Keith & Jessica Dupree; Photos: Tom Blocker & Harriman Jett

Club News

Membership chair **Jerry Coughter** introduced **Jennifer Marshall** as the club's eleventh new member for the year. Jennifer is the business development manager for Brookdale Senior Living and can be reached at jmarshall4@brookdale.com. Welcome to Charlotte Rotary.

Bill Barnhardt was recognized as a Major Donor, which is a cumulative donation to the Rotary Foundation for \$10,000. Bill extended a challenge for others to seriously consider this same commitment. You will learn more about this opportunity at the November 3rd meeting when our current Major Donors and hopefully, several new donors will be recognized.

FLU SHOTS will be available at the September 15th meeting. Thanks to **Catherine Browning** for making the arrangements; Dr. John Connaughton will present his quarterly forecast for the NC economy on September 9, UNC Charlotte Center City – 11:30 – 1:00 and lunch is provided. RSVP: [Babson Capital/UNC Charlotte Economic Forecast](#); **Bob Phifer** is listed in The Best Lawyers in America 2016.

Lisa Mask has had surgery for breast cancer and begins radiation in about two weeks. Also remember **Marcus Lee's** mom who is going through chemo.

100 Service Projects

Volunteers for Project #3 – Heart Walk. Rotarians, spouses and families needed for the 2.5 mile walk in Uptown Charlotte to raise funds and awareness for cardiovascular diseases and stroke. September 19, 9AM at 3rd & Poplar next to Romare Bearden Park. **This event needs a coordinator.** **Terri DeBoo**, **Lee Tabor** and **John Tabor** have signed up to walk and we need several others.

VISITORS ON 09/01/15

Greg Reagan, Lauri Eberhart, Yannicu Stubde, Amy Sullivan, Kay Peninger, Ray Killian, Jr., Kathy Drumm, Mark Seeley, Brittany Kicklighter, John Cullum, Molly Hedrick, Carroll Gray, Tarun Macik, Carl Zimmerman, Carolyn Beoris, Ryan Herbin, Mike Anderson

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS (09/08/15 – 09/14/15)

09/08 Wes Jones, Patricia Shafer, Tom Blocker

09/09 Tony Pinkard, Colleen Brannan, Tom O'Brien

09/11 John Armistead, Bryan Adams, Harry Daugherty

09/12 Jeff Jackson

09/13 Cheryl Banks

09/14 Bryan Mermans

UPCOMING ANNIVERSARIES (09/08/15 – 09/14/15)

09/09 Robin & Tom Gibson, Karen & Eric Bentley

09/10 Libby & Alan Simonini

09/11 Meg & Bryan Adams

09/12 Linda & Elly Clary

09/14 Elsie & Will Barnhardt

Visitors & Guests	21
Club Members	173
Total	194
Percentage	61.3%

MEMBERSHIP

06/30/2015 319

09/01/2015 324

Net Increase: +5

New Members: Jennifer Marshall

Resignations:

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

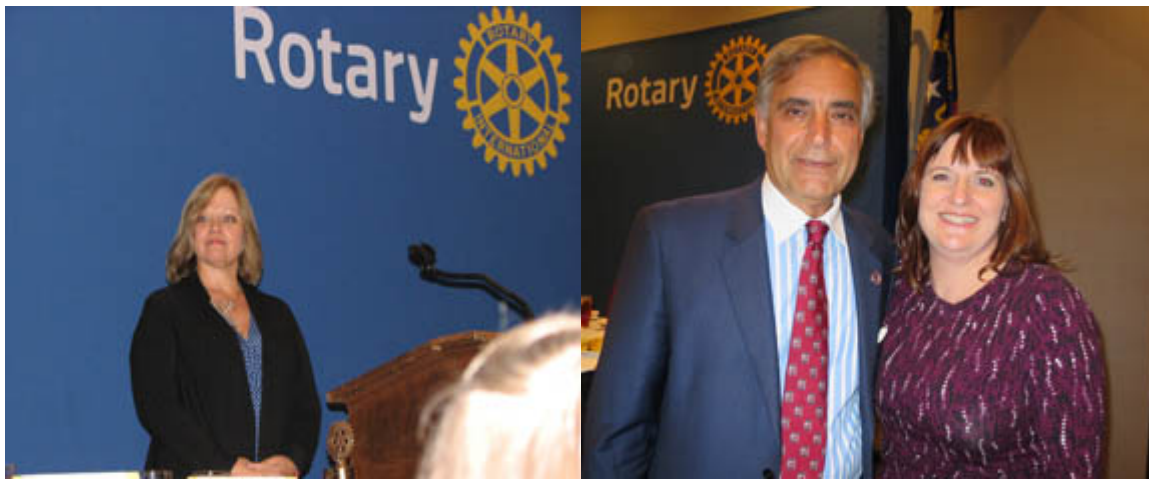
09/08 – Daniel Levine, Levine Properties, First Ward Redevelopment Update

09/15 – Dan Lebowitz, Exec. Dir., Center for Study in Society, Northeastern University

09/22 - Carla Tweddale, President, Lillypad Haven (human trafficking problem in Chlt)

09/29 – GOLF TOURNAMENT – MEETING IS CANCELED

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