

Rotary



Club of Charlotte Providence

The Weekly Rundown

April 6 - Mike Hill - UNCC Director of Athletics



Chancellor Philip L. Dubois announced the appointment of Mike Hill as the seventh director of athletics in Charlotte 49ers' history, Feb. 28, 2018. Hill, formerly Executive Associate Athletics Director for External Affairs at the University of Florida, assumed his responsibilities on March 15 and was introduced at a public news conference on March 6.

"I am completely humbled by this opportunity to lead the Charlotte 49ers," said Hill. "The campus and facilities are spectacular, but what impresses me most are the people. I can't wait to return to the city that has so many special memories for me and get to work."

"Mike has a deep background in a highly successful athletic program from a 'Power Five' conference, so he has played lead roles in hiring and working with highly successful head coaches, negotiating multi-million dollar media agreements and facilities naming rights, and being on point in external relations for the Gators. But we were equally impressed by his sports administration experience and his dedication to the welfare and personal development of student-athletes," Dubois noted.

Hill succeeds Judy Rose, who has served as Director of Athletics since 1991. Rose announced her retirement after 28 years as AD in January, effective June 30, 2018.

Hill comes to the 49ers after a nearly 25-year career with the University of Florida Athletic Association. He has spent the last six years as the Gators' Executive Associate Athletics Director for External Affairs. He served as the chief marketing officer and brand manager and oversaw revenue development. As a primary advisor to the Director of Athletics, he helped lead searches in the hiring of head coaches. He either led searches, helped hire or managed several head coaches, including Mike White and Billy Donovan (men's basketball), Urban Meyer and Dan Mullen (football) and Amanda Butler (women's basketball). He was the direct supervisor for men's

Club Meeting

Charlotte Providence
Meets at Maggiano's Little Italy
and Via Zoom (see details in
Meeting Directions)
4400 Sharon Rd
Charlotte, NC 28211
Time: Thursday at 12:30 PM

Club Leaders



Mark Daniels
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basketball and men's tennis at Florida. He also served on the administrative fundraising team that developed strategies, cultivated donors and secured major gifts. He chaired the 100 Years of Florida Football fundraiser that generated \$6.1 million for endowment. He also created the Florida Football Ring of Honor. He coordinated marketing and promotions campaigns for 21 sports and managed corporate partner relationships with Nike, Pepsi and Gatorade. He supervised the communications department and oversaw ticket operations.

He negotiated the \$8.5 million naming rights agreement for Exactech Arena at the Stephen O'Connell Center and negotiated multi-million multi-media rights agreement with Fox Sports/IMG. He created the Innovation Working Group that awards grants to employees and departments who submitted proposals to solve organizational challenges with cutting-edge solutions.

First hired as the Marketing Coordinator in 1993, he became the Director of Marketing and Promotions in 1996 and was promoted to Assistant Athletics Director for Marketing in 2000. In 2002, he took over as Assistant Athletics Director for External Affairs and was promoted to Associate Athletics Director for External Affairs in 2005. In 2010 he was named Senior Associate Athletics Director for External Affairs and in 2012 was promoted to his role as Executive Associate Athletics Director.

In his capacity in the Gators' Department of Athletics, Hill served on the University of Florida Branding Steering Committee, had a six-year stint as the chair of the Southeastern Conference Marketing Directors and served on the SEC Fan Experience Working Group. He has been on the Climb for Cancer Board of Directors since 2009.

Prior to joining the University of Florida, Hill was an Assistant to the Athletics Director at Ball State and served as Assistant Executive Director of the Blockbuster Bowl from 1990-92. A 1990 graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, he earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science and Communications. He worked as a student assistant in the school's Sports Information Office from 1988-90.

For his part, Hill, who has a personal background with the Carolinas, sees the move to the 49ers program as a trip home.

"This is personal for me," noted Hill, who grew up in Clemson, S.C. and attended the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. "This is home."

He attended the Charlotte Hornets first basketball game. He's a Carolina Panthers football fan. He watched the 49ers 1977 Final Four game vs. Marquette from his grandparents living room, in Charlotte. He's seen the Avett Brothers perform 16 times (Seth Avett attended UNC Charlotte).

While Hill may see the move as a trip home, his sights are set not on where he landed but on where the 49ers are headed.

"We're not in it to be ordinary. We're in it to be extraordinary," Hill said. "Gold is the standard."



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Mecklenburg County
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Birthdays



Harley A. Ellinger Jr.
April 7th



David T. Frame
April 20th



Donald P. Roberts
April 21st



Richard S. Felkner
April 25th

District Leaders



Kamlesh (Kam) Chandan
District Governor



Debra L. Corbett
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DG - Nominee



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**IMAGINE
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Join Charlotte Providence Rotary for HYBRID Meeting from Maggiano's!

- For those that are comfortable meeting in person, we will meet at Maggiano's at Southpark Mall for lunch at 12:30 PM, followed by the Rotary Club program, ending promptly at 1:30 PM.
- We're excited to be back in the CENTIOLI room on the 2nd Floor at Maggiano's.
- For those unable to or not ready to meet in person, the meeting will be simulcast via Zoom.
 - [Join Zoom Here](#)
 - Meeting ID: 881 5229 2289
 - Passcode: 197574



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Service Update:

More details coming soon! But save these dates!

Hero Bag Packing on TBD
 Grist Mill Clean Up Day on 04/29/2023
 Interact Career Panel on TBD (April)

Have you volunteered or donated to a charity with financial or in-kind gifts? If so, click [HERE](#) to let us know!

Supporting our Rotary members affected by the earthquakes in Türkiye and Syria

A message from Kamlesh (Kam) Chandan:

Turkey and Syria were struck by a devastating earthquake on February 6th that has killed tens of thousands of people, destroyed thousands of homes and other structures, and left people across the region without shelter in bitterly cold winter weather. The main natural gas line was broken, so electricity and heating is the biggest issue at the moment.

Our Rotary Friendship Exchange Partner D2430 and two neighboring Districts need your help. Many Rotary members are asking how they can support.

Here's how to have the greatest impact:

- Rotary Club of Huntersville Happy Hour is partnering with Rotary Clubs in Gaziantep leading the rebuilding effort in the Gaziantep region with a Global Grant. Tax deductible donations can be made [online](#). See attached to learn more.
- ShelterBox provides shelter, essential items and technical assistance to help some of the world's most vulnerable people recover and rebuild their homes after disasters. Donate online at <https://www.shelterboxusa.org/turkey-earthquake/#donate>
- [Aquabox](#) is a Rotary led organization. Aquabox responds by sending its AquaFilters and humanitarian aid, working closely with selected aid agencies and distribution partners who ensure that the aid reaches those most in need. You can set up your own fundraising campaign or donate on our JustGiving page: www.justgiving.com/campaign/Aquabox. If you prefer you can donate directly via their website: www.aquabox.org/donate-online

Thank you in advance for what you have done for Rotary and what you will do for Rotary.

Joint Rotary District Conference

I hope you are ready for the BIGGEST AND BEST CELEBRATION of the Imagine Rotary year - the **Joint Rotary District Conference from May, 5th - 7th, 2023**. This Conference is designed for ALL Rotarians, Rotaractors, Interactors, and friends and family.

DACdb registration link [Register NOW](#) for Rotary District 7680/7690 Joint District Conference
or send your REGRET that you cannot attend by [clicking here](#).

Prior week's meetings have been recorded on Zoom and you can find the replays here --> <https://vimeo.com/user115899696>

CPR Meetings Upcoming Presentations

April 13 - Club Assembly

**April 20 - Dena Diorio - Mecklenburg County
Manager**

April 27 0 Dr. Todd Herman - Mint Museum

May 4 - Meg Fencil - Sustain Charlotte

May 11 - TBD

May 18 - Warren Cooksey - DOT Transportation Updates

May 25 - TBD

