



Scuttlebutt

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Matt Arnold's notes

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Greetings friends,

Our speaker, Harold Brubaker, offered interesting insights on the North Carolina legislative process. His years of experience as a teacher, legislator, NC House Speaker, and now lobbyist have given him a unique perspective. It is wonderful to hear from Tom Jensen and Harold and see our members leave the meetings smiling just as they arrived.

This week we will hear from William Hoos. His talk, *Saving Lives with Entrepreneurship*, focuses on efforts to align business potential with medical research.

Don't forget you can help support the East Chapel Hill International Dental Project in Guatemala and enjoy a special East Chapel Hill Rotary insulated water bottle with a \$100 donation. Register your support [here](#). Thanks!

Have a wonderful week. See you Friday.

Yours in Rotary,

Matt Arnold
 President 2019-2020

Sergeant-at-Arms ♦ Pam Herndon



Pam Herndon organized her presentation into a session in which the group attempted to identify music she played and guess the background story behind each song. The group not only enjoyed the presentation but also learned much. Among the things learned were that Paul McCartney's mother was named Mary, that Dolly Parton wrote a farewell song to break off her relationship with Porter Wagoner (♦I Will Always Love You♦), that Eric Clapton wrote Layla to express his love for another man's wife, and that Carly Simon considered Warren Beatty to be vain.

Announcements

- Jim Heavner reported that Alan Stephenson underwent successful lung surgery and is very optimistic that radiation and chemo therapies will be unnecessary. Alan would certainly appreciate hearing from our members and we look forward to his early return.
- Brian Killeff reported on member Bryan Gilliam who underwent serious surgery but is recovering well. *Brian* anticipates that *Bryan* will be at Friday's meeting with a full update as our Sergeant-at-arms.
- Please continue to keep Dan Rockaway and his family in your thoughts as he heads to Pennsylvania after the passing of his father.
- John Blunk offered an update on the first SECU Family House meal service of the new Rotary year. John is [coordinating](#) this and will be reaching out to members.
- Speaking of Family House, Dianne Smith's tip of the day ♦ If you are out shopping pick up an extra gallon of milk and drop it off to Family House. They can always use it, especially for breakfast cereal.
- Our Peace Fellows start arriving next week and are still in need of a few furniture donations. If you can help, please contact [Scott A. Reynolds](#) at 919.210.3779. Specifically they need:
 - Small dining tables and chairs
 - Den chairs and small sofas
 - Den coffee and end tables
 - small bedroom chests and side tables
 - bed frames
 - table lamps
 - small desks/book shelves
 - kitchen stuff (plates, silverware, glasses, etc.)
- The board will meet here at the hotel on July 30th at 5:30 pm. All interested are welcome.

July 19, 2019 Speaker - Harold Brubaker

Speakers

July 26, 2019

Willy Hoos
 Saving Lives with Entrepreneurship

August 02, 2019

Randi Emerman
 Film Fest 919 - Catch Them Before They Catch On

August 16, 2019

Steve Malik
 NC Football Club - Professional Soccer in North Carolina

Birthdays

John E. Blunk Jr.

July 24th

Timothy Dalton

July 25th

Laurie Paolicelli

July 25th

Michael Munson

August 2nd

Robert Arthur Goss

August 4th

Robert Gonzalez

August 6th

Robert Nelson Maitland II

August 9th

John T. Garman

August 12th

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By John Akin on Tuesday, July 23, 2019

Alan Young introduced our speaker Harold Brubaker. Brubaker is best known for his time serving in the North Carolina General Assembly. He was elected to the North Carolina House of Representatives in 1977 and served both as House Minority Leader (1981-1984) and as the first and only Republican Speaker in the 20th century. Since leaving elected office in 2012 he has been one of the most influential lobbyists in North Carolina. In addition to his work as a lobbyist, Brubaker currently serves on a variety of national and regional legislative committees.



Speaker Brubaker was born and raised in Mount Joy, Pennsylvania. He earned his Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Economics from The Pennsylvania State University and a Masters in Economics from North Carolina State University. He is married to Geraldine B. Brubaker, has two children, Jonathan and Justin, and attends Back Creek Friends Meeting in Asheboro, North Carolina.

Speaker Brubaker took the group through the whole process of creating legislation in North Carolina, from a legislator having an idea to the actual law going into effect. We learned that bills must have three readings, going to at least one committee after the first reading. Possible bills must be reviewed for their financial impact and approved by the Rules Committee before going to the floor for votes. If passed in identical form in both the House and the Senate most bills move on the governor for signature or a veto. If the two chambers end up with bills passed that are not identical a Conference Committee with members from both houses puts together a compromise bill which goes back to both houses for votes.

The Governor has only had veto power in recent years in North Carolina, and even now cannot veto Local or Redistricting Bills or Constitutional Amendments.

One interesting fact mentioned by Mr. Brubaker is that North Carolina Legislators are only paid a salary of \$13,900 annually. They have added to that \$6500 annually for office expenses plus a \$104 per diem for each day spent in session. Most legislators are provided funding for one Legislative Assistant, with Committee Chairs and some other members with heavy workloads being provided more than one assistant.

Speaker Brubaker explained the difference between Recurring and Non-Recurring funding and how each type of expenditure request is treated in the budget process. If the Legislature fails to pass a budget by July 1 of any year, Recurring Expenditures continue at the past year's level but Non-Recurring expenditures are not automatically renewed.

An interesting view expressed by Speaker Brubaker was that 90 percent of legislation is not controversial. He noted that it is the controversial decisions that most of us hear about. He also opined that when there are cameras in the Assembly debate lasts much longer and tends to be more vigorous. He also suggested that the more equal are the numbers favoring and opposing a bill the longer it will take to decide and the more contentious will be the process!

Speaker Brubaker answered questions relating to the people he had been most able to work with, his view of how the present budget impasse will end, what he thinks will happen with respect to legislative salaries, the future of marijuana legalization efforts, funding of the State Health Plan, and the craziest thing he experienced in his legislative career. Among the most interesting emphases in his answers were that he strongly believes people can almost always come to reasonable compromises if they talk and continue to talk, and that hiding under benches in the Chapel is truly strange behavior.

Our next Speaker ♦ William Hoos



William Hoos is a venture partner at Pilot Mountain Ventures and founder and CEO of NQ Oncology. He also advises medical diagnostic, device, pharmaceutical and patient advocate organizations globally on product development and market strategy. Willy has held many roles in R&D and Business Development.

Guests & Visiting Rotarians

July 12, 2019 Meeting



Rotarian Guest

Guest Name	District / Club
Steve Day	Durham
Linda Arnold	Chapel Hill NC

Guests: 2

-  **Kim Grooms**
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-  **John A Perry**
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-  **Robert Nelson Maitland II**
iPast President
-  **Carol J. Rives**
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East Chapel Hill
Meets at Hotel Sheraton

Time: Friday at 12:45 PM