



Scuttlebutt

Tuesday, August 6, 2019

Matt Arnold's notes

Wednesday, July 31, 2019

Greetings friends,

Many thanks to Randi Emerman, with a nice assist from Art Chansky, for offering us an inside look at Film Fest 919 that took off just last year. Attendees to the first festival got an early look at Academy Award-nominated films including *Green Book* and *Roma*. This year looks to be another very special event.

The folks at SECU Family House report that July saw more than 200 volunteers serve 22 meals. Many of those serving are East Chapel Hill Rotary members. Thank you all and please consider joining us for our next club meal date on Thursday, August 15th. A link to the sign-up is included in the announcements below.

Omar and Tim have teamed up to organize our Rolling Tailgate on September 13th. The Tar Heels have sold out their season tickets. This promises to be a truly fun evening.

This is our service project busy season with both the Teacher Supply Store and the International Dental Project right around the corner. There are numerous opportunities to volunteer and support both projects. Follow the links in the announcements or visit our web site ECHRotary.org.

This week, another special opportunity as we hear from Congressman David Price. Now serving in his 15th term representing the 4th District, Representative Price will offer an update on the district and Washington, DC.

Remember that this Friday *adventurous* East Chapel Hill Rotarians will be meeting at the [Hampton Inn in Carrboro](#).

Have a wonderful week. See you Friday.

Yours in Rotary,

Matt Arnold
 President 2019-2020

Sergeant-at-Arms ♦ Lorenzo Mejia



Lorenzo provided all of us with sterling examples of his wit! In addition, he also brought his own laugh track, and that was probably a good thing. He also tried to explain the jokes, but it was a tough crowd.

Announcements

- Please Note: Our August 9th meeting will be held at the Hampton Inn, 370 E Main Street in Carrboro. **You will need the parking pass, print the attached document and place in window. Park on 4th or 5th floor.**
- Pat Phelan and Tim Smith report that the Teacher Supply Store volunteer sign-up is going well, but we can always use additional help. [Sign up here](#) and [Donate here](#).
- The Guatemala Dental Project continues to move forward ♦ please consider donating to this effort. Receive an East Chapel Hill custom water bottle with any [\\$100 and larger donation](#).
- Omar Zinn reports our planned September 13, 2019 UNC vs Wake Forest rolling tailgate party is approaching. You can register [online](#). Bus ride, Ticket, Tailgate all for \$95. we need 30 for this to make so please sign up quickly.
- Our next SECU Family House dinner service is on August 15th. You can [sign-up](#) to volunteer and/or bring part of the meal.

August 2, 2019 Speaker - Randi Emerman

By John E. Blunk Jr. on Tuesday, August 6, 2019

Speakers

August 09, 2019

[Congressman David Price](#)
 Update from Capitol Hill

August 16, 2019

[Steve Malik](#)
 NC Football Club - Professional Soccer
 in North Carolina

August 30, 2019

No Meeting

Birthdays

Robert Gonzalez
 August 6th

Robert Nelson Maitland II
 August 9th

John T. Garman
 August 12th

Robby Oakes III
 August 25th

Brian Andrew Chacos
 August 27th

Donald W. Reinfurt
 August 30th

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 August 30th

Brian Stabler
 September 2nd

Earl Chesson
 September 3rd

Daniel Rockaway
 September 5th

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Randi Emerman, our speaker this week has been in the film industry for over three decades. Her experience lies mostly with putting on film festivals. After 20 year as CEO of the Palm Beach International Film Festival, she re-located to Chapel Hill to begin putting together the Film Fest 919. It is now in its second year, and will be at the Silverspot Cinema in October.



After researching potential markets, Randi settled on Chapel Hill as the site for film festival in the fall, due to its potential for dollars and leisure activities, as well as ease of travel from Europe, New York City, or Los Angeles. There was also a goal of not competing with any of the festivals, in Durham, Carrboro or Winston-Salem. When she originally began looking at Chapel Hill as a location, there was no venue available to host the festival, as this was before Silverspot opened.

The first year was 2018, and it was a success, even though it was run on a shoe string budget. With 3200 people attending over the course of the festival, the films that were shown garnered a total of seven Oscars. That will be a hard act to follow.

The programming will not be finalized until closer to the event, but the Festival program will include levels of access, a large tent outside the theater for mingling with industry personnel and others who are involved with the film industry. It will also include a program for local Movie/Theater students who are interested, giving them a chance to meet and network with others in the industry.

Her goal is to start small, gain awareness, and to use Telluride as an example to increase exposure of the festival through the film industry press. The goal is to aim along the lines of Sundance, with its \$183 million in economic impact last year, or the Palm Beach festival with its 1200 rooms booked during the festival.

Randi was accompanied by Art Chansky, the sports journalist and author, who also spoke briefly and eloquently on why he is supporting Film Fest 919, and its potential for Chapel Hill and its brand. He sees it as important to enable the town to compete with Raleigh and Durham, by shining a spotlight on Chapel Hill.

Our next Speaker David Price



David Price represents [North Carolina's Fourth District](#) - a rapidly growing, research-and-education-focused district that includes parts of Orange, Durham, and Wake counties. He received his undergraduate degree at UNC-Chapel Hill and went on to Yale University to earn a Bachelor of Divinity and Ph.D. in Political Science. Before he began serving in Congress in 1987, Price was a professor of Political Science and Public Policy at Duke University. He is the author of four books on Congress and the American political system.

Price currently serves on the House Appropriations Committee and is the Chairman of the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Subcommittee. He also serves on the House Budget Committee and is also a member of the Appropriations subcommittees on homeland security, State Department, and foreign operations. He is a recognized leader in foreign policy, serving as the Chairman of the House Democracy Partnership, which he initiated to help strengthen parliaments in emerging democracies. In North Carolina, David's constituents know him as a strong supporter of education, accessible health care, affordable housing, clean air and water, and improved transportation alternatives.

David is a native of Erwin, Tennessee. He and his wife Lisa live in Chapel Hill and are parents of two children and two grandchildren.



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Meets at Hotel Sheraton

Time: Friday at 12:45 PM