



Scuttlebutt

Wednesday, August 21, 2019

Matt Arnold's notes

Wednesday, August 14, 2019

Greetings friends,

It was great to have Jessica McDonald back at the club and hear about her winning score on Thursday. We were *especially* fortunate to have Steve Malik jump in to do the call. Malik also offered an very thorough update on the proposal to develop a downtown stadium and entertainment complex in Raleigh.

Earlier, I sent out a note reporting on Brian Stabler's health concerns. I have recieved updated information indicating that the problem is limited to his toes. This is obviously still very difficult. Please keep Brian in your thoughts and prayers.

Pam Herndon reports that the SECU Family House \$25,000 grant proposal still needs *lots* of votes on the *Neighborhood Assist* voting site. Click to [vote from August 14-24](#) for this wonderful opportunity.

This week, with the Teacher Supply Store, we turn our attention to youth services. We will hear about Rotary Youth Exchange from Scott Reynolds and then from Adela Stevens who just returned from her exchange year in Belgium. We will receive a progress report on our Interact club at East Chapel Hill and we will also hear from our Assistant Governor, Carol Rives.

Have a wonderful week. See you Friday.

Yours in Rotary,

Matt Arnold
 President 2019-2020



Sergeant-at-Arms Dicky Baddour



On Friday, August 17, East Chapel Hill Rotarians gathered at the Sheraton Europa for food, fellowship, and service. The fare from the savory Sheraton kitchens included tender flank steak, green beans, yellow rice, and a pasta dish that appeared to be shrimp but upon close inspection wasn't. All in all, a fine meal.

Bill White offered a moving blessing that had many wondering how long he served in the ministry. His blessing including those suffering physically and financially, soldiers in our armed forces, and those who are especially on the hearts and minds of members.

Dick Baddour served as a Sergeant-at-Arms. Dickie took us on a musical journey through some of the great lyrics of the 50's and 60's including:

The Platters: Smoke gets in Your Eyes

- The Shirelles: Will You Still Love Me Tomorrow?
- Little Richard: Tutti Frutti, oh Rootie, Wop bop a loo bop a lop bom bom!
- The Everly Brothers: Wake Up Little Susie (friends will say ooh-la-la)
- Elvis Presley: You Ain't Nothing but a Hound dog (I thought you was high-class)

The point? What are we to do when a lovely flame dies and smoke gets in our eyes, when a lover has departed by the time the night meets the morning sun, when we don't get the respect we think we deserve, when friends make fun of us saying ooh-la-la and when we're founding wanting and not high-class? The answer: let it be. Just let it be, as Paul McCartney's mom told him in a dream.

Pam Herndon made a request that members go online and vote to help family house win a grant for a new kitchen. To do so go to <http://www.neighborhoodassist.com/entry/2024195>. Just like Chicago politics, Pam encouraged members to vote early and often.

Pat Flanagan reminded that our Teacher Supply Store event starts this weekend at noon Sunday on the Staples loading dock. Once again ECHR volunteers have turned out *en masse*. A few volunteers are still needed next week for cashiers and parking lot duties. Weather next week promises to be cool and refreshing; surely not more of this heat and humidity. Go online to volunteer.

Omar Zinn announced that a few seats are available for UNC vs Wake football game trip on Friday, September 13th. Bus will leave from the Sheraton after the weekly meeting and will be back by 11:00 pm. This event will be a great way to introduce prospects to the club.

Speakers

August 23, 2019

Adela
 Youth Services - A Youth Exchange Experience First Hand!

August 30, 2019

No Meeting

September 06, 2019

Mayor Pam Hemminger
 State of the Town

Birthdays

Robby Oakes III
 August 25th

Brian Andrew Chacos
 August 27th

Donald W. Reinfurt
 August 30th

Frank Maness
 August 30th

Brian Stabler
 September 2nd

Earl Chesson
 September 3rd

Daniel Rockaway
 September 5th

Chris Richards
 September 6th

Robert Spransy
 September 12th

Lawrence Walter Roufail
 September 12th

John R. Frick
 September 13th

Mike Clayton
 September 14th

Nicholas Matthew Vaughn
 September 16th

Courtney H Edwards
 September 16th

Fred W. Kiger
 September 18th

Jodi Magness
 September 19th

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Announcements

- We are ready to purchase tickets for our *Rolling Tailgate*. We will keep registration open [online](#) and will do our best to purchase additional tickets if more folks sign-up. Bus ride, Ticket, Tailgate on your bill, all for \$95. Guests are welcome.
- 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](#). Remember, one of our members has pledged to match the first \$1,000 in donations.
- Pat Phelan and Tim Smith ran a very successful Teacher Supply Store. We will hear a report on Friday. Thanks to all of our volunteers and those providing additional financial support.
- Nominations for District Governor, 2022-2023 may be made now through September 25, 2019. Nominations may come through club-supported resolutions. Please contact Matt Arnold if you wish to make a nominations after securing the nominees approval.

August 17, 2019 Speaker - Steve Malik

By Robert Harper Slater on Wednesday, August 21, 2019

Dan Rockaway introduced our speaker (as well as his daughter and soccer star Jess McDonald of the 2019 FIFA World Cup winning US women's national team). Our speaker was Steve Malik, who is currently Executive Chairman of Medfusion, a Cary, NC company that provides healthcare communication solutions, the principal in a venture capital firm, and the owner of the North Carolina Courage women's professional soccer team. Steve is a former winner of the Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year award.

Steve spoke to the large real estate development in Raleigh he is planning with partner John Kane (developer of North Hills Shopping Center and surrounding uses in Raleigh). Unable to gain political alignment on the previously proposed capital site, this much-larger development along South Saunders Street in Raleigh will stretch from I-40 to downtown. To be known as Downtown South, it will be a live, work, play environment that will include a 20,000-seat soccer stadium, a destination central park that ties beautifully to an existing greenway, 1,700 multifamily units, 1,200 hotel beds, plus vast amounts of office and retail space. Unlike Greensboro, Winston-Salem, Rocky Mount and other smaller cities, Raleigh has no downtown stadium, an embarrassment he intends to remedy.

While Chapel Hill is a mecca of great sports events thanks to UNC Chapel Hill, not much is happening in Raleigh other than pro hockey. Raleigh will never get an NFL or MLB (boring) team, and we have great basketball with UNC and Duke. Soccer needs to be Raleigh's next thing, especially with all the youth participation in the Triangle. Raleigh is one of 12 cities competing for one of two professional men's soccer franchises to be awarded by MSL. The notion that Charlotte has already won to the exclusion of Raleigh was not warmly received by the speaker. Claims of full attendance at the recent exhibition in Charlotte involving Arsenal of the English Premier League were exaggerated (making it easy to get a hot dog at concession stands). Malik believes Raleigh is still in the running (as long as we show we will have a stadium) and he gets up every day to try and make professional men's soccer here a reality. But he made clear that Downtown South, including the stadium, will go forward regardless of whether Raleigh wins an MSL soccer franchise. The stadium will see plenty of other uses including concerts, lacrosse and rugby matches.

The economic impact of Downtown South on the City of Raleigh, and particularly on South Raleigh, will be massive and even after lodging tax increases net accretive to city and state coffers. The property tax alone on the land involved will go from \$175,000 to \$20mm. Right now, Malik is the primary investor in this project. Once he sorts through the economics, he expects he will be looking for 20-30 investors. Stay tuned.

Fun fact: it was opined that the North Carolina Courage could beat the reigning FIFA World Cup champion women's national team. But, since seven Courage players play for the national team, playing such a match would be an impossibility.



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East Chapel Hill
Meets at Hotel Sheraton

Time: Friday at 12:45 PM