



Scuttlebutt

Thursday, January 14, 2021

President Gavin's notes

Greetings friends,

It was great to see so many of you for our first meeting of 2021. We were treated to a very interesting program from Dr. Bill Leuchtenburg. Let's keep the momentum from last week's great meeting attendance going this week and beyond!

I continue to be impressed by all of the good works that our members do in our community and beyond. I am also reminded of what a strong and wonderful network of friends our club is, and am proud of the support that our members offer one another during difficult times. I appreciate your willingness to remain engaged in our club meetings in a virtual format, and continue to look forward to a time when we can safely resume our in person meetings.

I appreciate all that you do to serve East Chapel Hill Rotary. Together we will strive to thrive despite these uncertain times. I look forward to seeing you soon!

Yours in Rotary,

Gavin Heymann
 President 2020-2021

Announcements

- Our next meal service date at the SECU Family House is 1/21/21. If you are able to serve please use this [Sign-Up Sheet](#).
- The governor has just lowered the sign up age for Covid 19 vaccines to 65 and older. Sign up for the vaccine [here](#).
- The following announcement was sent via email to all NC rotarians in case you missed it:
 The 6 Rotary Districts in North Carolina are joining together to elevate our knowledge about the COVID Vaccine Plan for North Carolina. Staff within the Office of the Secretary for the NC Department of Health and Human Services who are responsible for the response to COVID 19 will join NC Rotarians to lead a webinar to discuss the current status of COVID 19 in our state, the vaccines currently available and coordination as a state for vaccine distribution.

Please join us Thursday, January 21st 1:00pm to 2:00pm on a Zoom webinar by [registering here](#).

- While we had hoped to be transitioning to limited in-person meetings early in the new year, recent COVID trends have hampered those plans. Guidance from our district still strongly discourages in-person meeting, and we agree with this prudent advice. We continue to monitor the situation, and will be poised to meet again physically when it is safe to do so. In the meantime, I ask that you do your best to attend virtually, and reach out to others who may have been absent to encourage them to do the same.

Guests & Visiting Rotarians

January 8, 2021 Meeting



- Speaker Bill Leuchtenburg and wife Jean Ann
- Greg: Lisa Hartung
- Karen Levine's husband
- Dave Maxwell's wife Wendy
- Jim Heavner: Larry Keith In Charlotte
- Jim Heavner: Bill Walker
- Cliff Butler: Linda Butler
- Bob Ward: Ann Ward
- Brian Kileff: Moyra

Visiting Rotarians

- Lyn Blanchard from Chapel Hill Rotary Club

Speakers

January 22, 2021

J.B. Buxton
 Education in North Carolina

January 29, 2021

Ed Roberson
 The Changing American West

Birthdays

John A. King III
 January 16th

Arthur J. St. John
 January 17th

Fred Carpenter
 January 21st

Lida Lewis Coleman
 January 22nd

David Magee
 January 25th

Omar Zinn
 January 25th

William C. Blackman
 January 28th

J Michael Adair
 January 29th

Chadd McGlone
 February 1st

Gerald D. Benson Jr.
 February 4th

John D. Grantham
 February 5th

James R. Starling
 February 9th

David H. Moreau
 February 9th

Cecil Rambarat
 February 11th

David F. Anna
 February 11th

Club Leaders



Gavin Christopher Heymann
 President



Patrick Phelan
 President-Elect



Omar Zinn
 Secretary



Courtney H Knoll
 Treasurer



Christine Diane Jones
 Club Director



Laurie Paolicelli
 Public Image Chair

William B. Aycock II

Sergeant-at-Arms Alan Young

Alan Young did the honors serving as SAA. New Year s resolutions bingo. Club members resolutions include:

- Floss daily
- Get out of town before June 30
- Cut 7,000 email backlog!
- Spend more time outdoors
- Drink more
- Dance like Delite
- Do Yoga
- Less news watching!

May all members  and our country  do well in the New Year. God bless us all, everyone.

January 8, 2021 Speaker - Dr. Bill Leuchtenburg

By Robert Harper Slater



Introduction by Jim Heavner. Discussion of  no politics  rule at club. Some events necessarily touch on politics, often in historical context. Please allow some leeway today to allow Bill to give historical context.

Dr. Bill Leuchtenburg is a UNC professor emeritus, having taught at Harvard, Columbia, NY and Oxford universities. Written more than dozen books. Also, Bill has been a key researcher for documentary filmmaker Ken Burns and has appeared on camera. Knows how to take history and teach it in a way that puts it in context and makes sense.

Bill: Grateful to his wife for all her support, and his son was president of a Rotary club in his hometown.

Topic:  Legacy of FDR in the age of Biden.  How and what can Biden learn from FDR?

Roosevelt appeared in Miami before his inauguration. Assassin arrived early to get a front row seat.

Had to settle for second row. Fired 5 shots. All 5 bullets found human targets, including Mayor of Chicago (who died soon thereafter). Woman in front row shifted her purse and deflected his aim such that Roosevelt was missed. What difference would it have made had the assassin succeeded? Then, and now?

Only 3 presidents rank in presidential polls consistently as great: Washington, Lincoln, and Franklin Roosevelt. Now up to number 2 behind Lincoln. Why does FDR rank so high?

- Because he was at White House longer than anyone else. He broke the taboo against the third term. Served part of a 4th term too
- Led the nation into accepting responsibilities of world power. We were immersed in isolationism when he took office. FDR supported Britain and allies, and laid groundwork for United Nations.
- Guided country to success in WW II. Died April 1945. Churchill told House of Commons:  Had he not acted how he did, when he did . . . a hideous fate might have overwhelmed mankind . . . 
- US first became a major military power during FDR s presidency. Our military was ranked 18 in world at beginning of WWII - smaller than the forces of Greece and Bulgaria. He grew military, pentagon, and oversaw development of atomic bomb. Made our Navy was greater than that of all other nation s combined. Air Force dominant as well.
- His response to the Great Depression of the 1930s. Vast unemployment took a terrible toll on our country and its people.

As FDR is sworn in, NY Stock exchange closed. Almost every bank in country shut down. Industry shattered, farmers desperate. Fear, bordering on panic. Americans had lost faith in almost everything, including themselves and in the future.

FDR deal with these fears directly   the only thing we have to fear is fear itself.  500,000 letters arrived in reply to his inaugural address. His fireside chats helped end the financial crisis. Enacted the New Deal. By far the boldest legislative program the country has ever seen. New banking legislation. An ambitious industrial program. Subsidized farmers. Took country off gold standard. Created Civilian Conservation Corps and TVA. Federal Art and Theatre projects kept novelists, painters, actors, afloat. Securities legislation led to creation of SEC. The FDR gave special attention to the problems of young people. Tuition help by providing part-time jobs through the National Youth Program.

New Deal pick and shovel jobs had an enormous impact. These public works programs changed the face of our land. Story of Bill s visit to Russia  leaders wanted to explore a  halfway house  between total government control a la Stalin, and total free markets. Wanted to learn more about the New Deal as perhaps what they were seeking. Bill asked to be the keynote speaker. Bill took them on a figurative trip across US to show them extent of New Deal legacy. E.g., LaGuardia airport, FDR parkway, Lincoln Tunnel, Blue Ridge Parkway, Chicago subway system, college football stadiums, mammoth dams, Golden Gate bridge, San Francisco zoo. All  and 1000 s more of projects - built under New Deal. Projects that were built in a half dozen years and still with us today.

FDR s theory  government should seek social justice for all Americans. Better the omissions or errors of a government operating out of charity instead of a government frozen in the ice of its own indifference.  The test of our progress is whether we provide enough to those who have too little. 

Wife Eleanor was a champion of women s rights. She was a cabinet minister without portfolio  one of the most influential women of our times.

Presidential successors owed some of their success to FDR  Truman, Eisenhower, Kennedy. Lyndon Johnson was  Roosevelt s pupil.  Great influence on Johnson. Even Nixon borrowed from Roosevelt s experience with price controls. Carter adopted format of fireside chat. Clinton referred to FDR in his inauguration address. FDR buzz during Obama first term. Even Reagan quoted from FDR extensively.

Where is FDR s legacy today? Quoted in Biden s speech accepting his party s nomination. Though broken, each of us can be healed. We can overcome a devastating virus. We can heal a devastated world. We can restore our soul and save our country. Biden s  Build Back Better  program could be a new, albeit lighter, version of FDR s New Deal.

Biden inherits: Health crisis. Economic crisis. Racial crisis. Climate crisis. Crisis of democracy. As Roosevelt said when he took office:  This nation is asking for action, and action now. 



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To view the recording, click here <https://youtu.be/qyhAOQJNkHo>

Zoom Information

This Friday we have a student presentation from our youth services part of rotary.

Topic: East Chapel Hill Rotary Club Meeting

Time: Jan 15, 2021 12:45 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

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East Chapel Hill

Meets at Chapel Hill Country Club

Time: Friday at 12:45 PM