



Scuttlebutt

Wednesday, February 3, 2021

President Gavin's notes

Greetings friends,

It was great to see so many of you last Friday. We continued our streak of excellent programs with an interesting presentation from Ed Roberson. I am excited about the speakers we have scheduled over the next several months, and I encourage you to keep tuning in. A special thanks to Bill White, who kicked off our reintroduction of the "member minute" to our meetings, giving us a chance to learn a little more about our fellow rotarians.

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 2/18/21. If you are able to serve please use this [Sign-Up Sheet](#).
- Lisa Hartung has been approved for membership by the board.
- Lorenzo Mejia is happy to report that Philip Kirtley, who won 1st place in our club essay contest, also won 1st place in the district competition! Philip is a 7th grader at Philips Middle School, and the son of rightfully proud Michelle and Aaron Kirtley.

Many thanks to Lorenzo and Rob Krieg for their efforts with this contest, and to Will Bunch for representing us at the district competition while Lorenzo was out of town.

- 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.

Sergeant-at-Arms ♦ Juliann Tenney

Juli called on Frank Mannes to give the blessing on our meeting (alas no meal ♦).

Sporting her stunning new glasses, Juli discussed the health care shifts in our lives such as the new facial skin condition called ♦maskne♦. She then told some fine jokes that made us all chuckle. Do you remember the one about the slow golfers? Or the prescient little girl saying her prayers before bed?

January 29, 2021 Speaker - Ed Roberson

By Ghislaine Duhamel



Nick Vaughn introduced Ed Roberson, champion of the American West, who joined us from Colorado Springs where he now works with the Palmer Land Trust and also runs a podcast called ♦Mountain & Prairie♦.

Ed shared his personal journey from Tarrboro, NC. At 17, he fell in love with the Rocky Mtns during a leadership trip. After college, Ed worked as a commercial real estate broker in RTP but when he was offered a job in Jackson Hole during the ranch brokerage boom, his dream of living out west came true. He later went to business school with the idea of becoming a developer and even had an internship in DC but could not envision a life without the mountains. He even climbed Denali (though not to the summit because he was called to escort an injured man back down). He had a

brush with cancer which made him weigh what was important in life. He married, and when the economy crashed in 2008, he went with his wife to Costa Rica for her work and started voraciously reading. ♦The Rise of Theodore Roosevelt♦ by Edmond Morris gave him the vision of what he really wanted to do: work with ranchers but with conservation of land and water resources as a goal; balancing the needs of people but preserving green areas. It was interesting to hear that water is so

Speakers

February 05, 2021

Hugh Stevens
 Open Records & First Amendment Rights

Birthdays

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

Joel Wagoner
 February 19th

Dennis Ellis
 February 21st

Mary Roodkowsky
 February 22nd

Gavin Christopher Heymann
 February 24th

Steve Hess
 February 26th

Ronald C. Link
 February 27th

William H. Bunch
 March 4th

Donald J. Heineman
 March 5th

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

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


scarce on ranchlands around the Arkansas River basin that water access is needed; contracts for purchasing water are necessary to irrigate farmlands. Ed shared a wonderful reading list of books on land use and western history. He has interviewed many of his favorite authors on his podcast. He feels that his work with Palmer Land Conservancy where he is the agricultural conservation manager allows him to fulfill his dream. The photos he shared of the scenery in the Rockies make this easy to understand.

To view the recording click below:





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


Our next Speaker Hugh Stevens



Hugh Stevens is both a nationally known First Amendment and media lawyer and a versatile litigator. For more than 20 years Hugh served as general counsel to the North Carolina Press Association, which designated him as  counsel emeritus  upon his retirement in 2002. In 2003 the Association honored Hugh by selecting him to receive its W. C. Lassiter Award in recognition of his zealous defense of the First Amendment. In 2006 he became only the second lawyer inducted into the North Carolina Journalism Hall of Fame.

Hugh is a founding member and past chair of the North Carolina Bar Association  Section on Constitutional Rights and Responsibilities. In January, 2015 the Section presented Hugh with its John McNeill Smith Award  in recognition of his extraordinary commitment to the ideals embodied in the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of North Carolina. 

Hugh also is a founding board member and past president of the North Carolina Open Government Coalition.

Hugh also is a versatile and experienced teacher. From 1985 until 2002 he taught a  Free Press and Public Policy  seminar at Duke University  Terry Sanford Institute of Public Policy. He also has taught First Amendment and media law at the University of North Carolina School of Law and the UNC School of Journalism and Mass Communication. He currently teaches a First Amendment course at North Carolina State University  Oscher Institute of Lifelong Learning.

Hugh traces his interest in First Amendment law to his experience as an undergraduate at the University of North Carolina, where he served as co-editor of *The Daily Tar Heel* and joined other students leaders in fighting to overturn North Carolina  notorious  speaker ban  law, which forbade left-wing activists and leaders of Communist governments from appearing on university campuses. After completing law school at UNC in 1968, he served four years on active duty as a U.S. Navy JAG officer, during which he honed his trial skills in numerous courts-martial.

Hugh  community involvement includes long service as a director of Community Workforce Solutions, a not-for-profit agency that provides training and employment for physically and mentally impaired persons, and of the Episcopal Housing Ministry, which develops and manages apartments and social programs for low-income residents. His service to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, his *alma mater*, includes membership in the Chancellor  Club, the Board of Advisors to the Center for the Study of the American South, and the Board of Directors of the Friends of the Library, of which he is a past chair.

Hugh and his wife Marilyn have three children and five grandchildren. His hobbies are golf, reading, traveling, cooking and Boston Red Sox baseball.

Zoom Information

This Friday we have Hugh Stevens discussing "Open Records & First Amendment Rights."

Topic: East Chapel Hill Rotary Club Meeting

Time: Feb 5, 2021 12:45 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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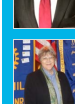
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