

Kiwanis Club of Matthews

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Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world one child and one community at a time.

Who's Who? 2010-2011

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Brenda Mountain

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Past President

Ralph Messera

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Andy Button

Tim Cheuvront

Steve Mitchell

Nancy Moore

Curt Shepard



Say hello to Brad Panovich, Chief Meteorologist, WCNC

An Ohio native, Brad grew up in Cleveland and was always fascinated by severe weather -- thunderstorms, tornadoes, blizzards, and hurricanes. By the time he was 6 years old Brad knew he wanted to be a meteorologist.

While at Copley High School in Copley, he participated in a mentorship program with a TV meteorologist and a National Weather Service meteorologist. He attended Ohio State University because of its meteorology program. In his junior and senior years at OSU he chased tornadoes with fellow students and professors during spring quarter. After OSU he landed a job at the NBC station in Dayton doing the morning shift. He then moved to a smaller market at a FOX affiliate that offered a unique opportunity. They asked Brad to start an entire weather department from the ground up and would be their first chief meteorologist in Traverse City, Michigan.

While attending a weather conference he was asked if he'd like to work in New Orleans. Brad relocated to the Big Easy as the weekend meteorologist at WWL-TV, the CBS affiliate on the Gulf Coast. In 2005 he found himself in the middle of the worst hurricane in U.S. history, Hurricane Katrina. Brad rode the storm out in a cramped conference hall attached to the Superdome and spent two nights in the city before being moved up to Baton Rouge where he stayed for 15 days working for WWL. He went back a week later to work again as Hurricane Rita approached the Gulf coast and stayed another two weeks.

Brad is happy to be a part of the First Warn Storm Team at WCNC-TV. He loves Charlotte and the proximity to the mountains and the beach. He is married to Tammy and they have a son, Kyler, and a dog, Hawk. Brad says even when he's not working, he still follows the weather. He's fortunate to turned his passion into a career. He also enjoys biking, golfing, hiking, and playing soccer and basketball.



THE TROUBLE WITH WEATHER FORECASTING IS THAT IT'S RIGHT TOO OFTEN FOR US TO IGNORE IT AND WRONG TOO OFTEN FOR US TO RELY ON IT. ~PATRICK YOUNG

*A very happy group!
(Compiled over three weeks. Sorry!)*

Tim had a great family reunion and his son, Josh, graduated from high school.

Karen is happy because her daughter turned 17.

Nancy is happy to have Doug in the group. His Happy Dollars make her smile!

John K. is happy because Casey graduated from Matthews Elementary and his 13-year old, Rob, was going to Pinehurst for golf camp.

Mary Ann had a great 47th wedding anniversary and her daughter graduated from elementary school.

Kathy is happy that her daughter closed on her first house. She also wishes all the dads a Happy Father's Day!

Patrick is happy that the Bruins won the Stanley Cup.

Andy returned from his Washington, DC, trip and is happy to report that his friend is all right. He's also happy to be going to the Outer Banks.

Vernon is happy for Tim doing such a great job on the golf tournament.

Bev said that she would be participating in a festival at St. John Neumann.

Steve is happy for Dawn, that his church has a sewer, that he's going to Ireland, and that the Bucs are one game over 500.

Ralph returned from a great time in Asheville.

Rob is happy for Tim working so hard on the tournament, that his daughter graduated from high school, that he's leaving Saturday for Philadelphia with a youth group, and for the story of Brenda's nephew and his wife in the paper.

Curt is going to the mountains for bagpipe school.

Bill is happy to be here!

Next week's speaker

Judy Rose, UNCC Athletics

June Anniversaries

7 - Mary Ann and Dennis Rascoe

18 - Lynn and Steve Mitchell

22 - Susan and Don Bobbitt

27 - Kathy and Jim Hudspeth

29 - Vicky and John Hovis

In and Around Matthews

Saturday, June 25

**Matthews Community Farmers' Market
celebrates 20 years!**

**Summer Concert & Movie Series: Livehouse --
Top 40 variety**

Thursday through Sunday, June 23 - 26

**Matthews Playhouse presents The Sound of
Music**