

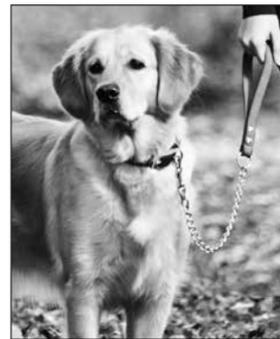
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## Leadership Triangle Honors Randy Voller

**R**andy Voller, former Mayor of Pittsboro, was awarded the Goodman Award for Community Service from Leadership Triangle at the organization's 25th Anniversary Gala.

Voller was a Goodman Fellow who participated in the program in 2011. He was accompanied to the event with friends and family and some of the alumni of Leadership Triangle from Chatham County.

His award was based on his service to Chatham County and the Triangle Region as well as work on two major regional projects: the Jordan Lake Partnership and the sanitary sewer connection between the Town of Pittsboro and Sanford.

Voller's leadership and work with former Chapel Hill Mayor Kevin Foy, former Carrboro Mayor Mark Chilton, current Orange County Commissioner Barry Jacobs and Hillsborough Mayor Tom Stevens as well as former Chatham County Commissioners George Lucier, Carl Thompson and Tom Vanderbeck led to the creation of the Jordan Lake Partnership, which will eventually provide clean drinking water for hundreds of thousands of Triangle residents from a new regional water treatment plant located at Jordan Lake.

In addition, Voller's vision and advocacy for the major regional sanitary sewer line project that will connect Pittsboro to Sanford involved a number of board members and staff over the years—especially former Sanford Mayor Cornelia Olive, current Sanford Mayor Chet Mann and Mayor Pro-Tem Sam Gaskins and current Pittsboro Mayor Cindy Perry, town board member Michael Fiocco and Town Manager



Bryan Gruesbeck.

Voller accepted the award from Jes Averhart, the Executive Director of Leadership Triangle and Jim Goodman, who has been the CEO and President of the Capital Broadcasting Company for over four decades.

Voller was nominated for the award previously by Chatham County School Board member Del Turner and nominated in 2017 by his wife Lesley Lanidis and a past chair of Chatham County Economic Development Corporation, Jamie Nunnally.

He was supported at the event by longtime friend and former Chair of the County Commissioners, Dr. James Crawford, who said "Leadership Triangle brings together people who are interested in our region and committees. I value the time that I spend at their events. It was an honor to see my good friend and community advocate, Randy Voller, be recognized for his work in public affairs."

— Leadership Triangle

TOP FROM LEFT: William Russell, Beth Turner, Kevin Russell, and James Crawford

BOTTOM FROM LEFT: Viktoria Voller, Meredith Voller, Randolph Voller, and Lesley Lanidis

## An Immigrant's View From Under the Statue's Shade

by Luis Melodelgado.

With Pittsboro's dramatic uplift vis-à-vis massive Chatham Park, were things to maintain course, once the architectural dust settles visitors heading south on main street would still be greeted by the stiff gun-carrying white Confederate soldier ("the statue", ahead). "Hi y'all" — if it could, it'd say, "welcome to rising Pittsboro NC, home of the Old South." As of late, a shy momentum has started — and also has been rebuked — to consider moving Pittsboro's copper-lined soldier out of the county's administrative center. The statue issue, seemingly

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## Adventuritis Strikes the Young and Lasts a Lifetime

by Joe Jacob

Do you have a sense of adventure, and if so, what is it? Perhaps you drive to the beach for a weekend getaway or maybe to the mountains. Your adventure might be taking a local 100-mile bike ride or a day-long hike on one of the trails scattered throughout our rapidly expanding urban environment. For two young men at the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill, their adventure began in 1980 with a canoe trip down the Haw River from near its beginning to its end. They wanted to paddle the Haw before the Jordan Lake dam was built. When they reached the confluence of the Haw River with the Deep River, they continued down the Cape Fear River all the way to Wilmington, NC.

The trip had a profound effect on their lives. Lynn Featherstone and Chuck Brady went on to found the Haw River Assembly, an organization dedicated to protecting the river and the water quality of Jordan Lake. Lynn has been active

in the Assembly's environmental advocacy work ever since and has been on many paddling adventures in the northern hemisphere. Chuck went on to be a flight surgeon for the Navy's Blue Angels and later flew in a space shuttle mission before moving to the west coast.

In 2007, two more adventurous college students, this time from Elon University, duplicated Lynn and Chuck's canoe trip down the Haw River during their senior year spring break. Their trip was a little different. Before launching at Haw River State Park in Guilford County, Matt Steible and Nolan Wildfire went to the two springs near Reidsville, NC where the Haw River originates and collected a jug full of the spring water. When they arrived at the confluence of the Haw and Deep Rivers, they poured the spring water into the Deep River; a tradition developed by the Haw River Assembly to symbolize that some day the Haw River will flow that clearly again.

Like Lynn and Chuck, both Matt and Nolan suffer from adventuritis, yet another one of my many made-up terms which

I think need no explanation. After both taught for a couple of years at Hawbridge Charter School in Saxapahaw, NC, they each wound up in Alaska for a while. Before returning to the University of Tennessee to get his doctoral degree, Nolan worked for a guide company taking college-age students on soft adventures. Matt fished for salmon with a world famous Iditarod musher before joining the Air Force's elite rescue team. He plans to return to Alaska salmon fishing when his Air Force hitch is up. Unfortunately, I have lost track of Nolan, but I have a feeling he is living up to his last name of Wildfire.

By the way, did I mention that adventuritis is an incurable, life-long ailment that usually begins when you are very young? It sometimes goes into remission, but not for very long. My parents became aware of my ailment the day I was rescued from an attempt to paddle a telephone pole down the Mississippi River near my boyhood home in New Orleans.

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