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January 4th Meeting

The club had a great turnout for the first meeting of the year. Pete Beck brought the meeting to order. Micah Fox gave the invocation and led us in the pledge of allegiance. We wished Sammy Ballard a belated Happy Birthday before Randy Perkins introduced his guest and prospective member, Steve Jones, the new CEO at VantageSouth Bank. The board was reminded that it will meet next Tuesday from 11:15 until Noon.

Valentines Day Dinner

Bonnie Whitaker, our Club Administration chair person, reminded the club that a club Valentines Dinner is planned for Monday night, February 14. The location is still undecided. We can use the Downtown Bistro in Gibsonville, but other options are being considered. Deva Reece offered to contact the Breakfast Club to see if they would like to join us. Each member is asked to provide a Theme Basket as a fund raiser. These baskets will be auctioned the silent way at the dinner. Bonnie plans to display the baskets at Truliant Credit Union and allow bids from any interested parties the two weeks prior to our dinner in order to broaden the support base. Club members will have the last shot at winning the baskets on the 14th. Everyone needs to get his or her basket to Bonnie by February 1st with a list of what is in it and a suggested starting bid amount. We will not have a lunch meeting the following day, February 15. For all the details, [click here](#).

Guest Speaker: Carlene Morton, Co-Chair of Alamance Reads 2011

Before introducing our speaker, Bonnie Whitaker gave a brief bio - Williams HS grad, UNCG alumnus with a degree in accounting, married 30 years to the same man, two children - a son and a daughter, and branch manager of the Truliant Credit Union. Sounds like a life well-lived.



Our speaker, [Carlene Morton](#), is the Co-Chair of [Alamance Reads 2011](#). She and Linda Barron have led the way in choosing a book that the entire county is encouraged to read - The Pleasure Was Mine by Tommy Hays. This book is suitable for high

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school age and up. Carlene is a long-time lover of books, having been a librarian for many years, as well as being an author in her own right, having published two children's books.

Alamance Reads began in 2004 as a result of a program launched in the state of Washington that has spread across the country. The selection process for the book chosen was simplified this year under Carlene's leadership. Ten readers reviewed a number of books, narrowing the list to ten. These ten were submitted to a group of 35 who voted on the book that was eventually chosen. The book had to be interesting to a large and diverse reading audience. The author had to be living and willing to speak locally for a reasonable fee. The book also had to have some sort of regional appeal and application.

Debbie Porch, the lone female at the Power Table, represented their group which held the winning ticket. She kept up the tradition of picking the wrong card, drawing the four of diamonds. The King of Clubs and the money in the pot is safe for at least another week. We have over \$600 in the pot now.

The meeting was adjourned after reciting the Four Way Test.

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Board News

The Board of Directors met on January 18th, a week later than originally planned because of the snow. Below is a list of relevant discussion and decision points.

- The board resolved to send a check for \$1000 to the Lexington Rotary Club as our club's portion to support their Global Grant #25203 in partnership with Mercy Ships. This money will come out of our International Projects Account and will not affect our other projects being coordinated by Master Lee and the Club Projects Committee.
- Our board agreed to support Britton Toothman as she pursues getting approval to launch a new Rotaract Club at Elon University.

January 18th Meeting

32 of our membership of 52 turned out for the lunch meeting today. Britton Toothman, the president-elect of the proposed Elon University Rotaract Club visited as Steve Carter's guest. We were also blessed to see Greg Westcott and Kathy Hackshaw back from extended times away

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due to business obligations. Birthday good wishes were extended to those having their special day this month. No one is celebrating an anniversary in January.

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Guest Speaker: Crystie Beroth, Young Life

Joseph Williams was responsible for the program this week. He is the CEO of New Directions International, a Christian ministry founded by his father, J.L. Williams. Joseph grew up in Burlington and attended Williams High School. He graduated in 1991 and now resides with his wife in Graham. Our club participated with NDI in a recent Packathon event by donating \$1000 and sending workers. The next Packathon will be the only one NDI does in Alamance County this year, and it will be in Lamb's Chapel gym on May 12-14. Rotary members can email Joseph for more information if they want to individually participate or get involved through their business.



Our speaker, Crystie Beroth, works with Young Life at Williams High School. Young Life is an international organization that has been around for seventy years. It operates in every state and fifty countries, ministering to some one million high school students. Here in Alamance County the ministry has been around since 1998 and operates in five area high schools. Young Life is a volunteer-based "relational outreach ministry for high school students" that seeks to "go where kids are" in order to forge relationships in order to "earn the right to be heard." Their volunteers are expected to spend at least fifteen hours per week in direct contact with students. Club meetings are held each week and are designed to attract students by combining "organized chaos" with a gospel presentation. More dedicated students are invited to attend Campaigners meetings for more in depth instruction. Each summer a camp is offered where students can get away from distractions and experience a loving atmosphere in which to hear the gospel. Crystie indicated that area high schools have opened their doors to the ministry because their volunteers

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are adult "eyes and ears" on campus among the students. Most of the volunteers are recruited from area universities. Williams has around 80 to 100 students coming to weekly club meetings. Western has from 50 to 80. The ministry is funded by local donors. The next fund raising banquet will be held at the Ramada Inn on February 24.

Beth Powell had the winning lottery ticket but drew the ten of clubs, leaving the King of Clubs and the money in the pot is safe for at least another week. We have over \$600 in the pot now. Beth announced that there will be a meeting at City Hall tonight to cap off the Firetruck Project. Britton Toothman mentioned that she would like to work as an intern in a local business.

The meeting was adjourned after reciting the Four Way Test.

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January 25th Meeting

After President Beck brought the meeting to order, Peter Barcus led us in prayer and the pledge of allegiance to our flag. Pete Beck introduced two guests from OE Enterprises, Jim Albright and Karen Leedy. There were no birthdays or anniversaries to announce this week. Sid Little ably filled in as *secretarius emeritus* in Carolyn's absence.

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Guest Speakers: Lisa Roberson and Tommy Hill, OE Enterprises

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Sammy Ballard pulled a "fast one" today by failing to show up for his guest speakers. Lisa Roberson claimed he was in Wilmington on a sales venture. However, he did get Micah Fox to introduce the speakers. We asked them to please share some interesting biographical information about Sammy, since he was not present to perform this duty. Sammy, as most of you know, is the sales guru for Carolina Shredding Authority, a subsidiary of OE Enterprises. Micah informed us that he is also the official mascot of the Eastern High School War Eagles. Lisa chimed in that Sammy was able to get their brand new GPS equipped shredding truck stuck under a bridge. The GPS was not able to calculate truck height versus bridge height and issue a proper warning to stop. Tommy Hill added that at a recent CPR training event Sammy ate three plates of food before Tommy had to stop the meeting to make sure everyone else got some. Apparently Sammy is very good at doing comedy with inflated latex gloves as well. The lesson learned is that it is a dangerous thing to not show up when you have program responsibilities, but it is entertaining for the rest of us.

Lisa Roberson, Program Services Manager, began the presentation by telling us a little about her organization. [OE Enterprises](#) provides training and rehabilitation for adults with disabilities. Its mission is to create opportunities for personal and professional growth. It is a private NPO that has been in existence for some 35 years, offering production services, contract services, and job placement. Their most recent additions to the contract services department is Carolina Shredding Authority and a brand new janitorial service.

Tommy Hill, Director of Placement Services, took a few minutes to share how OE Enterprises comes alongside individuals with disabilities to train, place, and assist them to gain and keep jobs in the marketplace, all at no charge to the business involved. OE Enterprises has many business partners in the community and clients working in a great variety of jobs. Clients are referred through Vocational Rehabilitation, mental health, by parents, and group homes. Mr. Hill stated that normally their clients show a high level of dedication to their jobs once placed.

Beth Powell announced that Priscilla Vaz, a Rotary Peace Scholar at Duke/UNC Rotary Peace Center, will be the speaker this week at the Graham Rotary Club. They will welcome any

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Rotarians and guests that might like to attend this meeting. This is a perfect chance for a make-up. The Graham Rotary Club meets Thursdays at 12:30pm at the Graham Civic Center.

Peter Barcus let the club know that Hospice's year-round store will open soon and maintain regular hours Tuesday through Saturday each week from 10 am until 5 pm. Donations can be scheduled for pickup or dropped off at the new location. This new facility will supplement the existing clothing store located in the Burlington Outlet Center.

The King of Clubs eluded capture again; so, the pot is still growing.

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February 1st Meeting

After President Beck brought the meeting to order, Mike Hebert led us in prayer and the pledge of allegiance.. Ed Woodall introduced two guests Bret Moran and Keith Strickland. Lucien Roughton visited from the SW Durham Rotary Club. Birthday greetings were extended to John Beshel, whose special day is February 2. Francois Masuka offered himself as a future program speaker to educate the club on the opportunities involved with working with international students.



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Guest Speaker: Mick Mixon, Voice of the Carolina Panthers



Ed Woodall, who is married to Danielle and has two children, Sophia and Evan, had the program responsibilities for the meeting. Ed has been in banking for 20 years and is currently employed by Carolina Bank. He introduced our speaker, Mick Mixon, the voice of the Carolina Panthers.

Mick, whose boyhood dream was to be a sports announcer, has been in the business since 1980. A graduate of UNC Chapel Hill's school of journalism, Mick is also the drummer in two bands, Franklin Street and Mick and the Ultras. He has long been associated with Woody Durham and the Tar Heel Nation and in 1985 took over responsibilities to do play-by-play announcing for the Carolina Panthers. He was named the Sportscaster of the Year in 1999, 2004, and 2009.

Mick entertained the club with humorous stories that somehow were made to fit into his comments about the Panthers. He was very upbeat about the team's prospects in the coming season under new head coach Ron Rivera. He mentioned that the new coaching staff is full of energy and much younger than the previous cast. Following his remarks, several from the club plied him with questions and were rewarded with either Panthers cap or a t-shirt. Mick offered to come back some time to share stories about the Tar Heels.

Lloyd Carter had the winning lottery ticket but drew the jack of diamonds, leaving the elusive King of Clubs at large for at least one more week. Peter Barcus announced that the pot has grown to \$711.

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Board News

The club's board of directors met today for their regular monthly meeting. Here is a summary.

A resolution was passed to formally adopt the Club Projects Committee's remaining two projects for the Rotary year. A donation of \$1400 will be made to the Junior Police Academy and a donation will be made to the Burlington Sister Cities Program for the same amount, pending those two organizations sending us paperwork acknowledging the purpose for which the money will be spent.

The funding for these two projects will come out of the club's general fund, leaving a substantial amount in the Club Projects Fund that is designated for future Matching Grants.

President Beck will work with Master Lee and Beth Powell to try to arrange a meeting at which Charles Allen can tell the club more about the Rotary Foundation and the Future Vision Grant Program.

The Club Projects Committee will begin to work on next year's projects which will take place under the Mac Williams Administration with the goal of submitting grant requests before July 1, 2011.

February 8th Meeting

After President Beck brought the meeting to order, Julian Griffin opened with prayer and led the club in the pledge of allegiance.. John Brooks visited from the Alamance Breakfast Rotary Club. Randy Perkins introduced his guest, Mark Swing, the owner of A Cut Above Tuxedo Rentals. Mark is interested in becoming a member. Lloyd Carter introduced his son Bryant who attended as his special guest. Birthday wishes were extended to Kathy Hackshaw, whose special day is February 10.

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Guest Speaker: Steven Way, ARMC Lifestyle Center



Lloyd Carter, who is about to celebrate his 49th wedding anniversary with his lovely wife Ethel, had the program responsibilities today after switching dates with Betty Andrews. Lloyd has two sons, Wesley and Bryant, and has been an employee of Rich and Thompson Funeral Home for some 53 years. He is now the president and general manager, after having begun mowing the grass. Lloyd introduced our speaker, Steven Way, who is part of the staff at the [ARMC Lifestyle Center](#).

Steven, a native of Alamance County who attended Williams High School and later matriculated at Appalachian State University, has an exercise science degree. He told the club about the various services provided by the Lifestyle Center.

HeartTrack Cardiac Rehabilitation Program

LungWorks Pulmonary Rehab

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Diabetes Management

Medical Nutrition Therapy

Occupational Health Services

Massage Therapy

Fitness Mapping

The Lifestyle Center has two gyms, one more supervised than the other, which are available to be used by people in their various programs. The Forever Fit program is open to anyone in the community. Other classes on various topics are also presented for minimal cost and are advertised in the paper.

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Board Decisions

The board voted to establish a policy that our club will set aside \$1000 each year to help pay for District Conference expenses. This money will be divided equally among those from our club who attend to help cover, as needed, the registration, motel, and food costs associated with the event. The individual should pay first and then submit their receipts to the treasurer for reimbursement.

February 22nd Meeting

After President Beck brought the meeting to order, Katie Dukeshire opened with prayer and led the club in the pledge of allegiance. Two members of the A.C.C. Rotaract Club visited today, Alex Duffie and Tyshuun Lumpkin. They both shared briefly with the club after being introduced. President Beck presented them with a banner from our club to take with them. Tom

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Manning's guest, Frank Strohlein of D&S International, was introduced next and welcomed as a prospective member. Birthday wishes were extended to Chuck Stedman and Julian Griffin. Anniversary congrats were given to Lloyd and Ethel Ann Carter who will celebrate their 49th this week. President Beck reminded the club that the District will have its annual conference March 31 until April 3 in Wilmington this year. Members are encouraged to attend. Lastly, Bonnie Whitaker was recognized for the outstanding job she and her committee did in planning and executing our recent Valentines Dinner Fundraiser.

Guest Speaker: Peter Barcus, Executive Director of Hospice and Palliative Care Center of Alamance-Caswell



Peter, giving evidence that he may have multiple identities, introduced himself today as our guest speaker. He was born in San Diego, the son of a Marine who also graduated of the Naval Academy. As a result of his father's military career, Peter lived in Camp Lejeune, NC for a while, but later settled in Iowa where his Dad was a professor at Iowa State. Peter came back to NC in 1986 to work with Hospice in Goldsboro. In 1990 he moved to Alamance County to become the executive director of Hospice here. He is the proud father of six children aged 9-19, five of whom are daughters. (Do they make one-size-fits-all wedding dresses?) Peter has been a Rotarian for 12 years, nine of which have been with our club, where he has served as President.

Peter recounted to the club how much things changed after WWII regarding where people die. Before that conflict, most people died at home, but with the proliferation of government funded hospitals following the war and with the development of health insurance as a product, more and more people spent their dying days in hospitals, which are ill equipped to facilitate a "good" death experience. By 1970 only 20 percent of patients died at home, close to family. In 1974 the first Hospice was begun in Connecticut to help rectify the situation. It was so effective and popular that Hospices began to spring up around the country, the first in NC being in Winston-Salem in 1978. Hospice of Alamance admitted its first patient in 1982. In 1988, at the request of county officials, service was extended into Caswell County. In 1989 Faye Boswell began her remarkable stint as the fundraiser-in-chief for Hospice of Alamance-Caswell, and through her efforts more than 11 million dollars have been raised to help build the present facilities which will soon have 22 rooms to house the terminally ill.

To be eligible for service from Hospice, a patient must have life expectancy of six months or less as certified by a physician and must live in the approved zip code area, which includes Alamance

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and Caswell Counties and part of Eastern Guilford and Western Orange. Most patients live at home and receive services from visiting RNs, social workers, chaplains, and nursing assistants. Half of the 230 patients die in the Hospice Home. Funding comes through private and government health insurance programs, but those without resources are still served since Hospice is a non-profit. Fund raising dollars offset the costs of serving those without insurance and the expenses incurred with running a 24/7 facility.

Hospice's budget for 2011 is \$15 million, and it employs 196 people. Hospice is involved in serving around fifty percent of all who die in the county. Hospice works with the patient and the family providing emotional, spiritual, financial, and practical care assistance. In addition to health care services, the non-profit also provides grief counseling to anyone who wants and needs it at no cost. For those who need long-term rehabilitation and care or temporary skilled services, Hospice can provide that through its Lifepath Home Health division.

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March 1st Meeting

After President Beck brought the meeting to order, Mike Hebert offered a prayer and led the club in the pledge of allegiance. Two breakfast club Rotarians visited today, John Brooks and John McDonald. President Beck reminded the club that the District will have its annual conference March 31 until April 3 in Wilmington this year. Beth Powell and Debbie Porch plan to attend and represent our club. Brad Moser invited club members to support the Williams High School Girl's Basketball Team in their pursuit of the state championship by traveling to the game in Fayetteville on Friday and by donating to the school booster club to help subsidize their stay in Fayetteville.

Guest Speaker: Dan Danieley, Director of the Burlington-Alamance Airport Authority

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Pete Beck, our club president, was responsible for the program today. Before introducing our speaker, he told the club that he is the proud father of four children and has five grandchildren. His daughter married a Dutchman and lived in Holland for twelve years. Her youngest was born deaf. After receiving a cochlear implant there, Marie and her husband, Anton, decided to move here so that Mercy Anne could receive the best possible speech therapy at CASTLE in Durham. After three years there, she is now integrated into the public school system and is doing well. Pete said he has pastored Liberty Church long enough to know better, for over twenty years. He mentioned that he and the church have launched a new ministry called *Journey* through which they are attempting to learn how to be more effective at reaching our community which is becoming increasingly post-Christian. Pete also announced that his first book, *Seeing God's Smile When Life Is Difficult*, will soon be published. To conclude he informed the club that he met his wife, Martha, in the seventh grade and has been married to her for almost 38 years.



Our speaker today was Dan Danieleley, the Director of the Burlington-Alamance Airport Authority. He belonged to our club for several years but had to temporarily drop his membership because of his new responsibilities as part of the Governor's Logistics Task Force. What began as a one-year commitment has now extended for an extra year and keeps Dan quite busy as the chair of the Best Practices Sub-Committee. Dan let the club know that our state is looking at ways to take advantage of the widening of the Panama Canal that will allow more deep water ships to dock and unload at available Eastern ports. North Carolina currently has no such ports, but is looking into ways to rectify this situation, including establishing an inland port that can receive goods from Tidewater, VA's existing port.

The second part of Dan's presentation was dedicated to informing us of the many ways airports and air traffic affect our state and county economically. Sixty-five percent of all air traffic is business related. In the decade from 1996 until 2006, the business at our regional airport has increased exponentially. The addition of Honda Aero and the runway extension are positioning us for even greater economic growth in the near future and beyond. Honda Aero's engines will be sold to other jet manufacturers besides Honda, which will increase demand. When Honda opens their engine service facility, even more business will come our way as jets fly in for maintenance. The average salary at Honda Aero is \$62K, well above that for the area.

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Board News

Our board of directors today upped our commitment to help club members attend the annual district conference, unanimously passing a resolution to reimburse the first six individuals who apply to the treasurer for up to \$500 each toward conference expenses, including registration and hotel costs, upon submission of receipts to the treasurer.

March 8th Meeting

After President Beck brought the meeting to order, Micah Fox offered a prayer and led the club in the pledge of allegiance. Two Rotarians visited today, Dexter Barbee from the Graham club and Dick Fisher, a member of the Burlington Rotary Club. Deva Reece introduced his guest and prospective member, Dick O'Donnell. Beth Powell introduced another prospective member, Dr. Betty Morgan from Elon University. Both submitted a membership application after the meeting. Next week will be the first reading of their names before the club. President Beck reminded the club that the District will have its annual conference March 31 until April 3 in Wilmington this year.

Jamie Killorin announced that she will step down from the treasurer's position effective at the end of March. She has recently been accepted into an E.E.D. program at George Washington University. Congrats, Jamie. We are searching now for her replacement. Please let us know if you would like to volunteer for this important and prestigious responsibility. First come, first served.

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We also learned today that George Tarry recently retired from Capital Bank at the end of February. He also decided to retire from our club, after having been a faithful member since September 1, 1987. He has been a Rotarian for some thirty years altogether. Be sure to give George a call to congratulate him and wish him well. The photo of George on the left is pretty old and of the wrong man, but is a fairly good rendition. In real life our George is much better looking and a lot friendlier. Our club will be the poorer without him. He is a true Southern gentleman.



ACC Rotaract News

The ACC Rotaract Club presented a \$500 check to the ACC Foundation for the Patsy Tingen Business Student Scholarship. The Club raised this money through a karaoke event. Pictured are Chris White, James Monroe, Carolyn Rhode, Stacy Dimont, and Robert Powell. Good job!!

Guest Speaker: Tavoires Vanhook, Men's Empowering Resource Center

Dr. John Beshel was responsible for the program today. John is a chiropractor who owns the well-recognized Beshel Chiropractic Center in Burlington. His younger brother partners with him, practicing in Mebane. John is a Chicago native who moved to Burlington in 2000. He is married and has two lovely children who both attend Blessed Sacrament, Taylor and Evan.

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Our speaker today was Tavoires Vanhook, the executive director of [Men's Empowering Resource Center](#). Tavoires is a native of Burlington and attended Williams High School where he starred in basketball and track. He attended A&T University on a track and field scholarship. He is married to Shandra and has three children. He is the office manager at the Nationwide Peterson Agency.

Tavoires' passion to help men germinated during the years he spent coaching kids, during which time he became a father figure to many of them. Realizing that many of the teens with which he worked had no fathers at home, he began to ask what we can do in Alamance County to help empower men to be better fathers?

MERC works hand in hand with the judicial and child support system in our county, from which men are referred to their program. MERC offers classes to help men reach their full potential through financially supporting their children. Many of them lack the skills and understanding of how to be proper fathers, having never seen a good role model up close. These men often suffer from a sense of hopelessness, especially when they are not employed. In MERC's program, the men learn how to show love, understand their masculinity, have positive relationships, set goals, and make good decisions. Each class meets on Monday from six until eight in the evening, lasts 13 weeks, and has a maximum size of 10 men. MERC has a concessions contract at the Greensboro Coliseum where the men are able to gain work experience and make some money to help pay child support. A Wednesday night support group for graduates is being contemplated. MERC's financial support up to now has been from the pockets of the three partners who launched the program, but they are applying for grants and other funding. After the meeting, several from the club expressed a desire to donate to this cause, something the board will discuss next month.

The King of Clubs eluded Kathy Hackshaw and remains at large at least for one more week as the pot continues to grow.

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March 15th Meeting

After President Beck brought the meeting to order, Steve Carter said a prayer and led the club in the pledge of allegiance. Britton Toothman visited from the Elon Rotaract Club. President Beck made the first reading of the names of Dr. Betty Morgan and Dick O'Donnell who submitted applications for membership last week. The club was reminded that the District will have its annual conference from March 31 until April 3 in Wilmington this year. Anniversary congratulations were given to Tom and Deanna Manning. An acknowledgement was made of George Tarry's recent retirement and resignation from the club after some thirty years with Rotary. The club is also looking for a new treasurer due to Jamie Killorin's recent resignation after having been accepted into an EED program at George Washington University. Mac Williams reminded the club that members should make their contributions to the RI annual fund via the RI website. Lastly, James Honeycutt was congratulated for making a hole-in-one last week.



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Guest Speaker: Chris Bartlett, General Manager of Company Shops Market

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Jim Butler, the general manager of new car sales at Cox Toyota, was responsible for the program today. He is a native of Whitsett and attended Eastern Guilford High School. He also attended A&T State University and the University of Alabama at Tuscaloosa. He is married to Kim and has three children, Megan, Nathan, and Grayson.



Our speaker today was Chris Bartlett, the general manager of [Company Shops Market](#). Chris is from Hanover, NH and recently moved to the area to assume his new duties with the coop, which began on December 1, 2010. He is married and has three children. Previously he managed the Hanover Consumer Cooperative Society in Hanover, an \$80 million per year enterprise. He took the new job for the challenge and because of his passion to see cooperatives spread and to help revitalize the Burlington downtown area. The local coop will be housed in the old A&P building downtown. Work first started in 2005. In 2007, Company Shops became a legal entity. Capital was raised in 2009, the same year the building was purchased. Fidelity Bank provided a loan in 2010. May 2011 is the target date for opening.

Chris reported that the remodeling and refurbishing of the old building is going extremely well. An operations manager has been hired who is working with local vegetable producers to secure provisions for the store. Over seventy local producers showed up for the first meeting. Eventually the coop will have a full-time staff of 18-20 with another ten part-timers. The goal of the coop is to provide another food option for the community that specializes in locally grown foods, organic foods, bulk foods, and a hot bar and cafe. It will be a full-service grocery store.

The Market is still looking for investors and owners. Interested individuals can become a member through the purchase a membership share for a one-time cost of \$100 per individual or \$150 per family. Owners can also invest in preferred shares for as little as \$200. The hours operation will be from 8 am until 8 pm, seven days a week. Our coop will partner with other coops in the area to provide the best selection and costs possible.

Our deck of cards went missing today; so, Peter Barcus, always quick on his feet, came up with what may in the future be called the "Barcusonian Alternate Method." Using the BAM produced no winner either. The official deck was located by our server, Nel, after the meeting. President Pete officially tore up the 5 of Clubs to account for today's affair. The King of Clubs remains at

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large at least for one more week, and the pot now stands at \$835. Isn't it time for the high rollers to start upping their investment?

The meeting was adjourned after the club recited Rotary's Four Way Test.

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March 22nd Meeting

After President Beck brought the meeting to order, Steve Carter said a prayer and led the club in the pledge of allegiance. Betty Andrews had two guests today, her son Andy and friend, Bobbie Gross. President Beck made the second reading of the names of Dr. Betty Morgan and Dick O'Donnell who submitted applications for membership. Next week will be their first meeting as new members of our club. Rotarians Mike Taylor (Albemarle Rotary Club) and Tony Santoro (Reidsville Club) visited today as well. Anniversary congratulations were given to Bill and Evelyn Huey and Joseph and Susannah Williams. Sammy Ballard's resignation due to a change in business duties was announced. Mike Hebert also turned in his resignation due to similar circumstances. Both these men will be greatly missed, and we hope that when and if things change, they will rejoin us. The club is also looking for a new treasurer due to Jamie Killorin's recent resignation from that office after having been accepted into an EED program at George Washington University. She will remain in the club however. We also are looking for someone to serve as co-chair of the projects committee in Sammy's place in the coming Rotary year beginning July 1st.

President Beck reminded the club that Rick Snider, our District Governor Nominee, will speak at our club next week to explain how we can obtain Rotary grant money to help fund our projects.

Guest Speaker: Kevin Corwin, Sr. VP with Pacific Life Insurance and Former Pilot with the Presidential Helicopter Squad

Betty Andrews, owner of Betty Andrews Investments and mother of two, a grandmother, and a dog owner, not to mention being a great Rotarian, introduced our speaker and her friend, Kevin Corwin.

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Kevin is the Senior Vice President with Pacific Life Insurance, a husband and proud father. He served as a Marine helicopter pilot as part of the Presidential Helicopter Squad during the presidencies of George Herbert Walker Bush and Bill Clinton. This squad has been in existence since 1947 and has 700 personnel and around 30 pilots. They have eleven H3 helicopters and eight modified Blackhawks. This squad has numerous duties besides ferrying presidents to Air Force One and can be seen flying over Washington D.C. When the president goes overseas, several Blackhawks are also shipped to be ready to serve him.

Kevin told a few humorous and interesting stories of his time of service to our former chief executives.

Peter Barcus performed the duties associated with collecting donations to our card pool. He announced that the pot now stands at \$845 and 21 cards remain in the deck after the Jack of Spades was drawn today, leaving the King of Clubs still at large. Many thanks to all those who generously contribute to this fund raiser. Half the pot will eventually go to the winner, with the other half going to Rotary International.

The meeting was adjourned after the club recited Rotary's Four Way Test.

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March 29th Meeting

After President Beck brought the meeting to order, Dick O'Donnell said a prayer and led the club in the pledge of allegiance. David Ramesh visited today as Pete Beck's guest. Micah Wood introduced his guest, Jimmy Thrasher, owner of Brown Bird Labs and overseer of Bradford Academy in Mebane. Steve Carter also introduced his guest, Jim Stiles. Dr. Betty Morgan and

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Dick O'Donnell were welcomed as our newest members.
Rotarian Dexter Barbee from the Graham Club also visited today. Anniversary congratulations were given to Bernard and Ann Graybeal. Happy Birthday wishes went out to Dennis Williams.

Beth Powell has agreed to become co-chair of the Club Projects Committee beginning July 1st as Sammy Ballard's replacement. Katie Dukeshire said she would assume the responsibilities associated with chairing the PR committee next year. Dan Seiler told us that he will take over the treasurer job for Jamie Killorin.

Rick Snider, our District Governor Nominee, recognized Katie Dukeshire as our newest Paul Harris Fellow.

Guest Speaker: Rick Snider, District 7690 Governor Nominee

Today was our quarterly club assembly, and our special guest speaker was Rick Snider. Although he is our DGM, he said he visited today as our fellow Rotarian from the Lexington Club who has some experience with shepherding five matching grants through to completion during the last four years. He and his wife, Linda, are connected with the Mercy Ships project.



Rick gave us a quick overview of how the grant system in Rotary works. There are two types of grants under the Future Vision pilot program - district grants and global grants. He explained that grant applications must fall into at least one of the six areas of focus and be sustainable in some fashion. Each year all clubs must qualify by having representatives attend a district grant management seminar and signing a memorandum of agreement. District grants will be matched up to a total of \$4000. Global grants, which begin at a project cost of \$30,000, receive a 100% match at the district level, and a one and a half match at the

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international level. Rick's presentation concluded with a question and answer period. All in all it was a very informative meeting.

Rick stayed after to speak further to representatives from the club. President Beck, Frank Longest, Bonnie Whitaker, Sang Lee, and Beth Powell were able to discuss possible future projects and get pointers on how to expedite the grant application project.

The meeting was adjourned after the club recited Rotary's Four Way Test.



Rotarians respond to Japan earthquake, tsunami

Rotarians have been finding a number of ways to help victims of the devastating earthquake and tsunami in Japan that killed thousands and left hundreds of thousands more homeless. [Read more...](#)

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April 5th Meeting

After President Beck brought the meeting to order, Julian Griffin said a prayer and led the club in



the pledge of allegiance. Joanne Pizzuto (pictured at right) visited again and submitted her application to join our club. Fellow Rotarians John Brooks (Breakfast Club) and Russell Guy (Graham Club) also visited today. Anniversary congratulations were given to James and Bonnie Honeycutt. Bernard Graybeal was welcomed back after a prolonged absence due to health reasons. President Beck regretfully announced that Steve Swanson has resigned due to unforeseen business related conflicts with our Tuesday meeting time. Beth Powell and Sang Lee

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gave brief reports regarding the District Conference in Wilmington this past weekend. (pictured below)



Guest Speaker: Bob Altier, Reverse Mortgages

Dick O'Donnell did the honors of introducing our speaker today in Steve Carter's absence. Dick has been a Rotarian on and off since 1977. He lived in Honolulu for 39 years, but moved to this area to be close to his daughters. He now lives in Gibsonville with his wife. He has four children. His businesses are Cable Solutions and Total Merchant Services.



Bob Altier graduated from the University of Scranton, retired from the Army in 1995 after having served as an officer in the regular Army and the National Guard. He worked in the Business Communications division of ITT and later entered the world of banking as a regional lending manager in 1986. In 2001 he joined RBC in Cary, NC, and later joined his present company, First Mortgage Corporation, specializing in reverse mortgages. Bob has been active in various Rotary chapters, helping charter the Sunrise Club in West Palm Beach, FL, and also serving in clubs in Siler City and Chapel Hill.

Bob gave an impassioned presentation on the benefits of reverse mortgages to an ever growing group of aging citizens who have home equity but not enough additional financial resources.

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Reverse mortgages are FHA insured, regulated and controlled. He pointed out that the title remains in the hands of the borrowers who are able to tap into their equity based on a formula regulated by the government and banking industry that pays out monthly amounts based on the total equity and the estimated years of life remaining to the borrower based on actuarial tables. The reverse mortgage guarantees lifetime income to the borrower, even if the equity is totally consumed, without the estate becoming liable for the debt. In those cases where equity remains upon the death of the borrower, the excess goes to the estate. This program is backed up by a government sponsored insurance program that pays back losses in equity to the banks in those cases where it happens.

Debbie Porch, representing the back left table's consortium, only managed to pull the Jack of Hearts today, leaving the King of Clubs still at large and the pot growing each week.

The meeting was adjourned after the club recited Rotary's Four Way Test.



New Member

Orientation

Debbie Porch, our Membership Committee Chair, took several new members through orientation immediately after the lunch meeting. She covered a lot of ground and everyone seemed to be involved. Those in attendance were new members Katie Dukeshire, Kathy Hackshaw, Francois Masuka, Betty Morgan, Dick O'Donnell, Joanne Pizzuto, and Joseph Williams. Beth Powell and Sang Ho Lee attended to represent the Rotary Foundation Committee and the Club Projects Committee. Pete Beck also attended. Each new member was encouraged to join a committee and support the Paul Harris Foundation. We look forward to these new members contributing their talents and expertise to Rotary.

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Board News

The Board of Directors met prior to the lunch meeting, it being the second Tuesday. Of interest to the entire club, our past treasurer, Jamie Killorin, was thanked for the fine job she performed during her tenure. She handed off the reins to Dan Seiler today, as she prepares to enter her degree program. She reported to the board that we wrote a check for \$500 to Kelly Swanson as the last installment of a scholarship awarded previously. We have approximately \$3500 remaining in our scholarship fund. Steve Carter was asked to convene his Youth Service Committee to devise a policy for distributing the remainder of these funds. Sang Ho Lee suggested that any future scholarships go to Interact club members. Mac Williams spoke highly of Rotary's RYLA training as a possible scholarship target. Sang and Beth Powell will be leading discussions with the Club Projects Committee to propose projects for the coming Rotary year during Mac's presidency. Anyone interested in being a part of that process should contact either of those two members. Lastly, the club voted to send a check for \$300 to Sustainable Alamance to help support that important work among ex-offenders.

April 12th Meeting



After President Beck brought the meeting to order, Steve Carter said a prayer and led the club in the pledge of allegiance. Dan Seiler introduced his lovely wife, Lori, as his guest. Lori will be doing most of the treasurer-related duties in Dan's behalf. She was given a warm welcome. JoAnne Pizzuto's name was read before the club for the first time following her recent application for membership. We look forward to having her become part of the club. She already attended orientation; so, she is ahead of the game. Birthday wishes were extended to Deva Reese and Trip Durham. Kathy Hackshaw asked the club to volunteer to help the local Tanger Outlet celebrate Tanger's 30th anniversary on May 12th at 3 pm at which time Tanger will try set a Guinness world record for the largest dessert celebration in history. She will pass around a sign-up sheet next week to accept volunteers to help

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monitor the proceedings to make it official. She is asking for at least thirty from our club to participate. Steve Carter announced that Britton Toothman succeeded in officially launching the new Rotaract Club at Elon University. Congratulations for a job well done! Lastly, Beth Powell, our Rotary Foundation Chair, recognized Joseph Williams as our club's newest Paul Harris Fellow. Congratulations, Joseph.

Guest Speaker: Ron Harris, Greater Love World Outreach

Penn Corbett arranged to have Ron Harris speak this week, but Penn was unfortunately detained at the last minute. In his stead, Pete Beck did the introduction. Ron is the pastor of Greater Love World Outreach located at 527 South Ireland St. in Burlington. He is the lead pastor with Wings to Recovery which works with chemo patients at the ARMC cancer center. He is also the co-founder of Piedmont Men of Steel and Sustainable Alamance, both of which are ministries aimed at ex-offenders who are trying to get their lives back "on track."



Ron opened his remarks by singing two songs. He told us that he is an old Marine who served in Vietnam. He has been working on Ireland Street for twelve years, during which time the crime rate has fallen 34%. Ron shared several stories of men who have been helped through the efforts of [Piedmont Men of Steel](#) and [Sustainable Alamance](#). PMOS began 5 years ago with eleven men at IHOP. Today 55 to 70 guys meet every Monday for supper and a meeting at the Ireland Street location. There are four other chapters meeting in the Piedmont. The ministry continues to grow. Sustainable Alamance meets weekly at 5 pm on Wednesday evenings, also at the Ireland Street location. In addition to feeding the PMOS attendees on Monday nights, Greater Love World Outreach also feeds the hungry on Tuesday and Thursday evenings.

The King of Clubs remains at large and the pot is growing each week.

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The meeting was adjourned after the club recited Rotary's Four Way Test.

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April 19th Meeting

After President Beck brought the meeting to order, Julian Griffin said a prayer and led the club in the pledge of allegiance. Sang Ho Lee brought his son, William, and introduced him as his special guest. JoAnne Pizzuto's name was read before the club for the second time following her recent application for membership. She is now officially part of the club. Birthday wishes were extended to Bill Huey. Mac Williams announced that those who plan to attend the District Assembly on May 13 need to let him know right away so Dan Seiler can send a check to headquarters to enroll them. President Beck announced that Kathy Hackshaw asked the club to volunteer to help the local Tanger Outlet celebrate Tanger's 30th anniversary on May 12th from 2-3:30 pm at which time Tanger will try set a Guinness world record for the largest dessert celebration in history. She will pass around a signup sheet next week to accept volunteers to help monitor the proceedings to make it official. She is asking for at least thirty from our club to participate. It was also mentioned that our new treasurer will be sending out past due notices to some club members in an effort to get our accounts up to date. We appreciate Dan being so conscientious. Let's everyone try to make his life easier by helping him through this task.

Guest Speaker: Bobby Puett, Diversified Testing Laboratories

Brian Dement arranged to have his boss by day and father-in-law by night speak to our club this week. Brian is married to Patricia and has an eight year-old son, Zander. He is also a fixture at our weekly Rotary meetings.



Bobby Puett began Diversified Testing Labs in 1974. They do physical testing of all sorts of products for such things as fire retardation, strength, color fastness, and abrasion resistance. His subject of choice today was mattress safety. In the 1990s fire retardation

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testing came under the purview of the Consumer Products Safety Commission. Bobby explained some of the aspects of mattress construction and how making them more fire retardant has driven up costs to consumers. The ticking or cover material for mattresses must be tested first. After being installed on mattresses, the entire product is once again tested. Mr. Puett mentioned during the question and answer portion of his talk that his company tests products made in the USA as well as imports.

The King of Clubs was finally nabbed this week by the front left table. Steve Carter did the deed of drawing the card, but it is rumored that Frank Longest was the key man, having been at the previous table to win as well. The winners - Steve Carter, Bernard Graybeal, Julian Griffin, Frank Longest, Sam Powell, and Dick O'Donnell - will share their half of the pot, which was somewhere close to \$950. The other half of the pot goes to the Rotary Foundation. Our new treasurer will have the privilege of sorting that all out. Hopefully Brad Moser will help out, since he has the best understanding of the process. Next week we will begin again with a brand new deck of cards.

The meeting was adjourned after the club recited Rotary's Four Way Test.

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April 26th Meeting

After President Beck brought the meeting to order, Dick O'Donnell led us in prayer and the pledge of allegiance. Philip Smith introduced his guest and prospective member, Brandon Crawford. JoAnne Pizzuto, on her first meeting as an official member, brought her brother-in-



law and prospective Rotarian, Tom Allegretto, who is employed by Wachovia Bank. Anniversary congratulations were extended to Micah and Kari Fox and Brad and Mel Moser. Kathy Hackshaw asked the club to volunteer to help the local Tanger Outlet celebrate Tanger's 30th anniversary on May 12th from 2-3:30 pm at which time Tanger will try set a Guinness world record for the largest dessert celebration in history. She passed around a signup sheet to accept volunteers to help monitor the proceedings to make it official. Beth Powell

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recognized Stuart Sioussat as our club's newest Paul Harris Fellow. Steve Carter announced that four students desire to be part of Rotary's international exchange program and encouraged club members to consider hosting one. Pete Beck mentioned that he now has copies of his recently published book, which is also available on [Amazon](#).

Guest Speakers: Blair and Virginia Wilburn

Pam Duffy procured the speakers for today's program. Pam has served as a litigation attorney with Wishart, Norris, Henninger and Pittman for twenty years. She shared that, despite that fact that no one usually wants to hire a "nice" lawyer, she is actually nice at times. No one in the club would argue with that.



Blair Wilburn is the Vice President assigned to Membership Development with the Alamance County Area Chamber of Commerce. She and her mother took a trip to China on behalf of the Chamber to assess the benefits of a [CITSLINC](#) tour of that nation that is now being offered as a new program. Blair and her mother Virginia did a great job sharing their recent adventure from a cultural and business perspective. The overall purpose is to educate interested business people in what is needed to be successful in doing business in that economic super power. Blair mentioned that plans have been made to do another trip there in 2012. The cost will be around \$2199. Contact the Chamber if you are interested.



The King of Clubs was finally nabbed last week by Steve Carter, a representative of the investment group located at the front table on the speaker's left. After carefully counting the money, it has been determined that the pot was actually \$997. Half of that, \$498.50, will be divided among the six winners. We have decided to suspend the lottery until the board officially adopts a policy for reseeding the pot and determining exactly how the RI portion will be designated. We are talking about allowing the winners to use that money toward helping a deserving club member become a Paul Harris Fellow. We are going to get it right before we restart things.

The meeting was adjourned after the club recited Rotary's Four Way Test.

Projects Committee Meeting

The co-chairs of next year's edition of the Projects Committee conducted a meeting involving current committee members and some others who showed up - Steve Carter and Pete Beck. Sang Ho Lee and Beth Powell have put together a working plan that they will briefly mention next week. Criteria for the kinds of projects we want to adopt will also be presented. Our desire is to have at least a couple of projects in place, including applications for district grant money, before July 1st when Mac Williams takes office. This will greatly increase our chances of obtaining limited district resources. The committee would like to hear from club members who are interested in contributing their ideas, time, and energy to making our future projects a success.

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May 3rd Meeting

After President Beck brought the meeting to order, Steve Carter led us in prayer and the pledge of allegiance. Anniversary congratulations were extended to Micah and Kari Fox and Brad and Mel Moser. May 4th is Philip Smith's birthday. Kathy Hackshaw reminded the club that she needs ten more volunteers to help the local Tanger Outlet celebrate Tanger's 30th anniversary on May 12th from 2-3:30 pm, at which time her company will try set a Guinness world record for the largest dessert celebration in history. Sang Lee said he would fill in the gap as needed with students from Lee Brothers Academy who will be dressed in martial arts attire. Sang also asked

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for club members to contribute ideas to his Projects Committee as they put together our club's projects for the upcoming Rotary year.

Guest Speakers: Dr. Michael Brennan

President Pete Beck introduced our program speaker, Dr. Mike Brennan. Mike practices ophthalmology at Alamance Eye Care and is a member of our club. Over the past ten years he has travelled internationally building relationships and bridges between doctors from the USA and those from other nations. He has travelled to Iraq several times, to Haiti following their most recent earthquake, and just two months ago to tsunami ravaged Japan. Pete said he was impressed with Dr. Brennan's work and perspective and believed that he embodies the ideals of Rotary .



Mike, a graduate of West Point, made his first international trip as a medical advisor to Iraq. Much of that trip was underwritten by the Department of Defense with the goal being to help rebuild and strengthen the medical infrastructure of that nation. He said that Iraqi doctors are extremely well educated but lacked sophisticated equipment. Our club helped sponsor Dr. Tara Reshid (pictured below on right) from that nation in 2009 as part of an



American Ophthalmology program that was designed to expose her to things she could learn here and to give her a chance to speak and form relationships in this nation.

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The next phase of Dr. Brennan's international involvement was fueled by a large grant from USAID which was administered by International Medical Corp and lasted for two years in Iraq. His involvement in Haiti came via a request form the Defense Department, which asked him to work to develop relationships with local Haitian physicians. His recent trip to Japan came at the request of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Through these trips Mike has learned many important principles that can help build international partnerships. He shared a few of these with the club.

1. Sign in at the border - Mike believes it is vital that all physicians respect local oversight authorities and the host nation's national medical profession.
2. Prioritize partnerships - Mike believes positive things happen when we avoid doing things unilaterally. American doctors need to see themselves as support to the existing medical profession rather than as competition.
3. No solicitation - Mike emphasized that when we do good will work, we should avoid contaminating our efforts with political, sales, religious, or any other competing agendas.

Dr. Brennan cited the work of local obstetrician, Dr. Randall Williams, as a great example of how to do things correctly. Dr. Williams was part of that group of 25 that went with Dr. Brennan on his second trip to Iraq. Since then, Dr. Williams has increased his involvement in that nation by forming relationships of trust as a first priority. He has also built bridges by making alliances with national organizations both here and abroad. Mike added that he believes it is important for doctors to limit their involvement to those areas in which they can be the most help, citing doctor-to-doctor relationships, organizational alliances, and infrastructure rebuilding as being the most important areas of concentration.

The card lottery was suspended for one more week until the board officially adopts a policy for reseeding the pot and determining exactly how the RI portion will be designated at its next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned after the club recited Rotary's Four Way Test.

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This year twenty-four of our fifty members have contributed to RI's general fund. Our goal is 100% participation. Donating is very easy. [Just click on the RI website](#) and give by using your credit card. Make sure that you give to the general fund if you want it to go towards your sustaining member status. Remember: Every Rotarian Every Year should contribute \$100 to make us a fully sustaining club. This money will filter back to our district after two years to use in local projects.

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May 10th Meeting

After President Beck brought the meeting to order, Joseph Williams led the club in prayer and the pledge of allegiance. President Beck introduced his father, Pete Beck, Jr., who attended as his guest. Sang Ho Lee introduced four guests of his - Tony Merafuentes, from San Francisco and Professor Seung Hyeon Nam, Coach Kyung Hoon Kim, and Professor Dong Won Kim, all from South Korea. Kathy Hackshaw reminded the club that Tanger's 30th anniversary will be on May 12th from 2-3:30 pm, at which time her company will try set a Guinness world record for the largest dessert celebration in history. Pete Beck reminded the club that the Rotary District Assembly will be held this Friday in Jamestown, NC at the GTCC campus. He also extended condolences to Tom Manning who lost his Mom on May 5. A memorial service will be held in her honor on Sunday at 4 pm at First Presbyterian Church in Burlington.

Guest Speaker: Molly Whitlatch, President of the Humane Society of Alamance County

Today was Katie Dukeshire's opportunity to provide us with our speaker. Katie gave us a brief personal history full of interesting tidbits. She informed us that her middle name is Maria because her mother had such a difficult pregnancy. The Sound of Music was very popular at the time, and one of the songs contained the words, "What do you do with a girl like Maria?" Katie was quite the student athlete, playing both soccer and tennis. She ultimately chose tennis to avoid the probability of being coached by her Dad. She attended Peace College in Raleigh where she first experienced Southern fried food. Later she attended UNC Chapel Hill. Her mother, being a devout Duke fan, refused to wash any clothing with a UNC logo. (Sounds like my kind of people.) She originally wanted to be a lawyer, but was warned against the evils associated with that profession; so, she opted for marketing instead. In 2001 she moved to Burlington and has lived happily ever after.



Katie introduced our speaker, Molly Whitlatch, the current president of the Humane Society of Alamance. Also in attendance was Sharon Dent, the past president. Molly told the club that the Humane Society's goal is to stop over population of animals through spaying and neutering. The local Society was founded in 1971 and operates on the shoulders of a mostly volunteer force. They have one paid employee, the director. The operation budget comes from fund raisers, memberships, and donations since they are totally independently funded. They have 7600 members. Besides the spaying and neutering program, the Society is also involved in

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feral cat neutering, foster care and rescue, food and medical assistance, school education programs, and public referrals and information. Over 13,000 animals have been neutered since 1971, 971 being done in 2010. HSAC pays a portion of the associated costs. Neutered animals also receive basic veterinary care. Eventually the Society hopes to have a clinic housed in their own facility.

President Beck announced that the board is still working on nailing down a definitive policy regarding the card lottery. Nothing is as simple as it appears. In the meantime, Pete Sargent has been asked to carry on under the old "policy" until the new one is finalized.

The meeting was adjourned after the club recited Rotary's Four Way Test.

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May 17th Meeting

After President Beck brought the meeting to order, Micah Fox led the club in prayer and the pledge of allegiance. President Beck introduced two visiting Rotarians - District Governor Wes Patterson and Sarah Menzer from the Guilford Rotary Club. Birthday best wishes were extended



to Pete Sargent and anniversary congratulations to John and Emily Elder, all of whom celebrate their special days this week. President Beck invited any interested club members to stay after to join DG Wes Patterson and the board of directors in an informal meeting to discuss Rotary Foundation matters. Kathy Hackshaw announced that our club helped

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make Tanger's 30th anniversary dessert celebration on May 12th a Guinness world record for the largest dessert celebration in history. She also presented a check for \$500 to club as thanks for our help. (Photo is on the left above.) Katie Dukeshire invited club members to participate in the Humane Society's Annual Wine Tasting Fund Raiser. Assistant District Governor Mike Dunning, Club Projects Committee Chair Sang Ho Lee, Membership Committee Chair Debbie Porch and President-Elect Mac Williams were thanked for representing the club at last week's District Assembly. (Photo on right above)



Trip Durham and Lloyd Carter Recognized

DG Wes Patterson did the honors of presenting Trip Durham with his Paul Harris Fellowship pin, medallion, and certificate. PHF status goes to individuals who contribute at least \$1000 to



the Rotary Foundation. Like many others in the club, Trip became a part of this prestigious fellowship through the generosity of others, which has become somewhat of a tradition in our club. Our goal is for 100% of the members to become Paul Harris Fellows and sustaining members by contributing at least \$100 per year. In addition, Lloyd Carter received a much delayed Past President's pin in honor of his service as president of the club

Guest Speakers: Dr. John Longphree and Linus Luerweg - The Rotary Youth Exchange Program

Assistant District Governor Mike Dunning introduced our speakers, Dr. John Longphree, the Youth Exchange Officer-Elect in the Greensboro Summit Rotary Club and Linus Luerweg, a Rotary Youth Exchange student from Germany who is being hosted by the Longphrees. John attended UNC Chapel Hill Medical School and works in the field of corporate medical consulting. He was a Rotary Youth Exchange Student himself, as well as an Ambassadorial Scholar. He now represents a consortium of some thirty-two east coast Rotary clubs extending from Quebec to Bermuda called [ESSEX](#). This year two students are being sponsored, including Linus Luerweg. Next year there will be five students from Chile, Finland, Germany, Taiwan, and Thailand. John told the club that the biggest challenge facing ESSEX is finding host families. There are summer programs as well as those that extend through the school year. Anyone interested in finding out more about being a host should contact Steve Carter.

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Linus is from Botrop, Germany, a city of around 120,000 which is located in the Ruhr Valley Region. He has two brothers who are still living at home with his parents. In addition to giving us some more information about his nation and politics, he also mentioned that Germans are generally not as patriotic as Americans, except during the World Cup. He reasoned that this had something to do with his nation's recent history, especially relating to its role in World War II. Linus has achieved academic excellence here in the US where he attends Northern High School in Greensboro, NC. He indicated that our system is more boring and less challenging; although, he is not complaining. One of the adjustments he had to make in coming here was the lack of independence he has because of the lack of a public transportation system.

Pete Sargent restarted the card pool as a result of the new policy being adopted. Steve Carter had the winning ticket but failed to draw the elusive Queen of Spades, getting the six of clubs instead.

The meeting was adjourned after the club recited Rotary's Four Way Test.

Card Pool Policy Adopted

Our updated policy is now available for review. Hopefully this will keep everyone in the "know." You can read see it by going to the "Resources" tab on the left and clicking on the Policies link.

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May 24th Meeting

After President Pete Beck brought the meeting to order, Micah Fox led the club in prayer and the pledge of allegiance. President Beck introduced two visiting Rotarians - Dick Fisher from the Evening Club and our speaker, Dave Goren from the Salisbury club. Trip Durham introduced his

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guest, Bob Sutton, and Sang Ho Lee did the honors for Officer Chad Laws from the Burlington Police Department, who thanked our club for its recent donation of \$1400 in support of the Junior Police Academy. Steve Carter then introduced his guest and prospective Rotarian Melinda Fargis, owner of [Action Travel](#). Birthday best wishes were extended to David Moore and anniversary congratulations to Mike and Barbara Dunning, all of whom celebrate their special days this week. Lastly, Pam Duffy was presented her past president pin with thanks her for her service to the club in that regard in 2007-2008.



Guest Speaker: Dave Goren, Executive Director of the National Sportscasters and Sportswriters Association

Trip Durham with [2D Consulting](#) introduced our guest speaker Dave Goren, the executive director of the [National Sportswriters and Sportscasters Association](#). Dave began his career in television, working for WXII for some twenty years. After being "retired" in 2008 and being out of work for nine months, he applied for and was hired to his present position on September 1, 2009. NSSA began in 1953 in NC and became a national organization in 1959. Although Dave had no business experience prior to joining NSSA, he has guided the non-profit forward by focusing on marketing the benefits of membership and forging partnerships with other organizations and businesses. The last awards banquet was held at the Catawba College gymnasium and hosted some 370 guests.

Micah Fox had the winning ticket but failed to draw the Queen of Spades, getting the King of the same suit instead.

The meeting was adjourned after the club recited Rotary's Four Way Test.

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May 31st Meeting

After President Pete Beck brought the meeting to order, Julian Griffin did the invocation and led the club in the pledge of allegiance to our flag. President Beck introduced two guests who are prospective Rotarians - Melinda Fargis, owner of [Action Travel](#), who was with us for the second time, and Lisa Williams, with [Arcadia Healthcare](#), who was introduced by Dick O'Donnell. Birthday best wishes were extended to Sam Powell and anniversary congratulations to Steve and Judy Carter and Pete and Martha Beck, all of whom celebrate their special days this week.



Club Assembly: Mac Williams, President-Elect

Our incoming president conducted our quarterly club assembly to orient the rest of us toward his goals for the coming Rotary year which begins July 1. Mac is a North Carolina native and has lived in the Burlington area for seven years. He is the president of the local chamber of commerce, has been married for 20 years, and has been blessed with two daughters.

Mac told the club that he will emphasize contributing to Rotary International through member contributions to the annual fund and fund raisers. Mac has set a goal of adding five new members next year. He also said that club administration will be a big focus next year as well.

Micah Fox, next year's membership committee chair, said he will be making a "bigger deal" out of new members and seek to reduce any "fuzziness" members may have about what it means to be a Rotarian. He also hopes to recruit younger members. We also said he will work to create a good incentive to spur our members to bring prospects.

Sang Ho Lee spoke next with regard to his projects committee. He encouraged all members to be more aggressive in their participation in humanitarian projects sponsored by Rotary. Currently his committee is considering ten potential projects for next year and plans to narrow that down to two international and two local.

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Next Carolyn Rhode reviewed the various duties of the secretary. She particularly emphasized that club members learn to get information from the district website, as it is likely the paper directory will no longer be produced. She also encouraged members to take club banners with them when visiting out of county Rotary clubs.

Steve Carter had the winning ticket but failed to draw the Queen of Spades, getting the six of diamonds instead.

The meeting was adjourned after the club recited Rotary's Four Way Test.

No Free Lunch Policy

President Beck mentioned a need clear policies to avoid misunderstanding and help the club run better. The hour was late and he was not able to explain in any detail. The policy in mind relates to delinquent member accounts and might be called the "No Free Lunch Policy." It is apparent to the board that we must formulate a clear policy so that members will know exactly how overdue accounts will be handled in the future. In the past we have tended to overlook what has become a significant ongoing problem, but the board agrees that to continue to do this would be unfair to the paying members and does not reflect the high ideals of Rotary relating to integrity. As would be expected, most members are very prompt in paying their quarterly bills, but we currently have a few members who are significantly overdue, to a total of \$2963.60, not to mention those who resigned leaving unpaid balances. It is difficult to operate a club when some members are not carrying their fair share of the burden. In all fairness, some former members were forced to resign when the loss of a job suddenly rendered them unable to cover their fees. In other cases, perhaps there may be financial issues involved, but when we joined Rotary we all understood the cost. If it ever becomes impossible to pay, it is only reasonable that we immediately resign, rather than accumulate a large debt towards the club. None of us would run a business this way. Hopefully, in most if not all the cases of delinquent payment, they club members will be able to rectify the situation immediately and pay their bills on time in the future.

The board plans to put a policy in writing at least by the time it meets again in two weeks. This will give us clear guidelines for handling future problems. As for current past due accounts, Wes Patterson, our District Governor, told President Beck that we should clear up these accounts before Mac Williams takes office in July. In order to accomplish this plan, we are setting a deadline for outstanding bills to be paid in full by June 21st. Our hope is that each affected person will be willing and able to catch up his or her account rather than drop out of the club. If you have any questions, please contact Pete Beck. For an up to date amount of what you owe, please check your latest invoice or contact Dan Seiler, our treasurer.

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The Four Way Test

First, Is it the truth?

Second, Is it fair to all concerned?

Third, Will it build goodwill and better friendships?

Fourth, Will it be beneficial to all concerned?



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June 7th Meeting

After President Pete Beck brought the meeting to order, Dick O'Donnell read a inspirational message from The World's Greatest Salesman and led the club in the pledge of allegiance to our flag. President Beck introduced four guests who are prospective Rotarians - Lisa Williams, with Arcadia Healthcare, who visited for the second week and Janie Myers, both of whom were introduced by Dick O'Donnell, Paula Lowe of Lowe Funeral Home, introduced by Debbie Porch, and Christy Ross with Burlington Christian Academy, Beth Powell's guest. John Brooks from the Alamance Breakfast Club also attended. Birthday best wishes were extended to Paul Mauney and Betty Andrews and anniversary congratulations to Chuck and Vicki Stedman, all of whom celebrate their special days this week. Randy Perkins informed the club about the upcoming Chamber sponsored trip to China. Lastly, President Beck reminded those with delinquent Rotary bills to pay up by June 21st so we can clear the books prior to Mac Williams' installation as president.



**Guest Speaker: Andy Sharpe, Director of Member Relations,
Alamance County Community YMCA**

Micah Fox had program responsibilities this week. He grew up in Alamance County and has worked for Northstar Marketing in sales for two years. His one childhood memory that was relevant to today's program was that of being thrown into the YMCA pool as a kid by his swimming instructor, Janet Fleming. Micah introduced our speaker, Andy Sharpe.

Andy has served as the director of member relations at the local Y since 2004. He, too, is from the Burlington area and attended UNC Chapel Hill. He was recently engaged to Landis Huffman. He became acquainted with Micah Fox when Northstar Marketing redid the YMCA website during the Y's rebranding process.

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The Y has settled on three main areas of focus - youth development, healthy living, and social responsibility. It is a non-profit organization that donated over \$100,000 in scholarships and memberships last year and partners with other organizations to do worthwhile community projects. The Y is now much more than a gym and swim. Andy said his organization has over 9000 members and 150 full time employees, a number that swells to some 200 during the summer months when summer camp is in progress.

During the question and answer period, Andy was asked if the Y still plans to open a Mebane branch, He replied that the recession stopped that project, but that a strategic plan for the next five years is now being formulated that will determine whether or not to move forward on the project. He also said that even though the local YMCA is chartered by the national organization, it is independently operated by a local board.

Randy Perkins had the winning ticket but failed to draw the Queen of Spades, getting the two of diamonds instead. Even though we did not have a winner, it was refreshing to see someone from another table get a chance to draw.

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June 14th Meeting

After President Pete Beck brought the meeting to order, Francois Masuka led us in prayer and the pledge of allegiance to our flag. Stewart Sioussat introduced his guest and prospective Rotarian, Ben Abzug, who is the assistant GM with the Burlington Royals. Pete Beck next introduced his guest, Mike Quincy, who recently moved into this area and serves as the Administrative Service Manager with N.A.D.A. Retirement Services. Mike is also interested in possibly joining Rotary. John Brooks visited from the Alamance Breakfast Club again this week. Birthday best wishes were extended to John Elder and anniversary congratulations to Jim and Kim Butler, Sid and Ann Little, and Mike and Helen Brennan, all of whom celebrate their special days this week. President Beck reminded the club that Mac Williams will be installed as the new president on July 5th at which time Mike Dunning will preside.



Carolyn Rhode Recognized

President Beck acknowledged Carolyn Rhode's outstanding service to the club as secretary over the past several years. The club gave her a warm ovation as she received her plaque. Thanks, Carolyn, for who you are and all you do! You are a credit to Rotary and one of our favorite people.

Guest Speakers: Larry and Joyce George, [Siloam Missionary Homes](#)

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Before introducing our speakers, Bernard Graybeal told us a little about himself. Bernard was born in West Jefferson, NC and grew up on a farm. He attended NC State University where he received a degree in industrial engineering. He later completed post graduate studies in engineering. He spent three years in the Army, part of that time stationed in Alaska. He worked for RJR locally and then took a job in Pennsylvania with Berwick Industries for twenty-four years. He retired as their COO. Bernard joined Rotary in 1971. Years ago he and his wife hosted international students. He has two sons and two grandsons.



Larry and Joyce George founded Siloam Missionary homes in Snow Camp, NC nineteen years ago. Joyce grew up in Brazil, the daughter of missionaries, which gave her a good perspective on the needs of missionaries when they come back to the States on furlough. Most missionaries do not have permanent residences in the US; so, they end up living out of suitcases and in other people's homes for months at a time. This is especially difficult when young children are in the mix. Siloam was started to give missionaries a home of their own while in the US. All they have to do is bring their luggage. Everything else is supplied for a very small monthly payment to cover utilities. Siloam consists of 13 homes on 26 acres in a rural setting. Larry said that most of SMH's income comes from small businesses who believe in what they are doing. To reciprocate, Larry purchases building supplies, etc. locally and uses area contractors to do what work is not done by volunteers. Part of Siloam's vision is to provide cross-cultural events for the community. Representatives from fourteen different countries stayed there last year. Larry stated that Siloam is in need of help on three projects - a game room for missionary kids, a new missionary guest home, and to purchase a camp adjacent to their property, where they hope to teach third world gardening techniques.

Randy Perkins once again had the winning ticket but failed to draw the Queen of Spades, getting the four of hearts this time.

The meeting was adjourned after the club recited Rotary's Four Way Test.

Membership Application Forms and Delinquent Accounts Policy Now Available for Download

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June 21st Meeting

After President Pete Beck brought the meeting to order, Steve Carter led us in prayer and the pledge of allegiance to our flag. Debbie Porch introduced her guest and prospective Rotarian, Ashley Simmons, the manager of the local Eddie Bauer store. Birthday best wishes were extended to Mac Williams and Pam Duffy, and anniversary congratulations to David and Cathy Moore, Brian and Patty Dement, Philip and Rene Smith, and John and Katie Beshel, all of whom celebrate their special days this week. President Beck reminded the club that Mac Williams will be installed as the new president on July 5th at which time Mike Dunning will preside. James Honeycutt informed the club of an [orientation meeting](#) for the upcoming China trip being sponsored by the local Chamber of Commerce. Lastly the club was informed that Jamie Killorin has resigned due to the pressures upon her time as she works toward an advanced degree.

Guest Speakers: Jerry Tolley, The History of Elon Football

Before introducing our speaker, Julian Griffin, president *emeritus*, told us a little about himself. Julian joined Rotary in 1958. During his 53 years as a Rotarian, he has been a part of three clubs, and was a charter member of ours. He has recently remarried, and between him and his wife, they have 13 grandchildren and one great grandchild.



Jerry Tolley, currently the mayor of Elon, graduated from East Carolina University and still holds the record there for the most interceptions in a football game. He coached at Elon from 1969 to 1981. He is a member of six halls of fame and coached Elon to ten conference championships in twelve seasons. He has also written six books on football drills.

Jerry told the club that Elon first fielded a football team in 1893, but there is no record that they ever played a game. The first documented game was in 1894, in which the off-campus men defeated their on-campus rivals 12-0. No team was fielded again until 1909. That team's record was 4-1. Elon had two teams that sported perfect seasons, but for different reasons. The 1957 team posted a 6-0 record in a flu shortened season. The 1927 team was 0-10. Coach Red Wilson led Elon to two perfect regular seasons before losing in the playoffs in 1973 and 1976. The first great era of championship football was coached by Peahead Walker and Horace Henderson. The second era saw coaches George Tucker, Red Wilson, and Jerry Tolley at the reigns. Jerry's research reveals that Elon has won more conference titles than any other four-year school in the state (19). The nearest rivals are Duke and Appalachian State with 17

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apiece. Jerry believes that Elon is poised to do well again this year under the leadership of new head coach Jason Swepton.

Our guest, Ashley Simmons, had the winning ticket but failed to draw the Queen of Spades, getting the king of hearts instead.

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June 28th Meeting

After President Pete Beck brought the meeting to order, Peter Barcus led us in prayer and the pledge of allegiance to our flag. Joanne Pizzuto introduced her guest and prospective Rotarian, Jonathan Litwa, an accounts manager with Maxim Healthcare Services. Birthday best wishes were extended to Randy Perkins, and anniversary congratulations to Jerry and Bonnie Whitaker, all of whom celebrate their special days this week. President Beck reminded the club that Mac Williams will be installed as the new president on July 5th at which time Mike Dunning will preside. He also mentioned that Kathy Hackshaw had a television appearance on WXII today at five in the morning.

Guest Speakers: Aaron Nelson, Executive Director of Green Plus

Before introducing our speaker, Kathy Hackshaw, who was responsible for today's program, told us a little about herself. She is a graduate of Wake Forest and has worn many caps during her career, including school teacher, model, COO, HR Director, and corporate assets director. When the opportunity came along to manage just one shopping center for Tanger, she jumped at the opportunity to simplify her life. She is married to her best friend, Robert, and is a mother and grandmother.

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Aaron Nelson is the president and CEO of the Chapel Hill Chamber of Commerce, but he spoke to our club in his capacity as the executive director of [Green Plus](#), an Institute for Sustainable Development. The mission of Green Plus is to encourage businesses to use green policies as a means to increase their bottom line. Aaron used Walmart as a prime example of how a company has gone green to both benefit the environment and increase profits. Green Plus is designed to serve small to medium size businesses by walking them through their certification process. They are the only national program available. Currently 250 companies have used their tools and are listed in their directory. The cost is modest, but the payoff can be large for companies that can translate their Green Plus branding to acquire new business.

Lloyd Carter had the winning ticket but failed to draw the Queen of Spades, getting the four of the same suit instead, much to everyone's disappointment.

The meeting was adjourned after the club recited Rotary's Four Way Test.

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July 5th Meeting

After outgoing president Pete Beck brought the meeting to order, Micah Fox led us in prayer and the pledge of allegiance to our flag. Beth Powell introduced her guest and prospective Rotarian, Christie Ross, who is with Burlington Christian Academy. Dick Fisher with the Burlington Rotary Club also visited. Birthday best wishes were extended to Dan Seiler and anniversary congratulations were given to Paul and Paula Mauney, all of whom celebrate their special days this week. Pete Beck advised the club that Secretary Carolyn Rhode is passing around last year's version of the directory so that members can update their information. Lastly, Beth Powell informed the club that [Burlington has adopted Gwacheon City, South Korea, as its second sister city](#). Representatives from South Korea will be visiting our club on July 26.

Installation of New Officers and Directors

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Pete Beck thanked last year's officers and board for their service to Rotary. The following names were mentioned: Mac Williams, President-Elect., Bonnie Whitaker, President-Nominee and Administration Committee Chair, Beth Powell, Past President and Foundation Committee Chair, Carolyn Rhode, Secretary, Jamie Killorin and Dan Seiler, Treasurers, Pete Sargent, Sergeant at Arms, Debbie Porch, Membership Committee Chair, Sang Ho Lee, Projects Committee Chair, Micah Fox, Public Relations Committee Chair, and Steve Carter, Youth Services Committee Chair. Pete thanked the club for giving him the opportunity to serve. He said that last year he focused on helping the club become more organized and team oriented and feels that we have made good progress. He looks forward to President Mac Williams leadership.



Next Pete recognized the incoming board and directors and asked them to please come forward as their names were read as follows: Mac Williams, President, Bonnie Whitaker, President-Elect, Carolyn Rhode, Secretary, Dan Seiler, Treasurer, Pete Sargent, Sergeant at Arms, Debbie Porch, Administration Committee Chair, Micah Fox, Membership Committee Chair, Sang Ho Lee and Beth Powell, Projects Committee Co-Chairs, Katie Dukeshire, PR Committee Chair, Steve Carter, Youth Services Committee Chair, Brad Moser, Rotary Foundation Committee Chair, and Pete Beck, Past President. Mike Dunning stepped to the podium at



this point to induct Mac as the new president and afterward led the officers and directors in their pledge to fulfill their duties in the coming year. Pete then officially handed

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the gavel to Mac.

Mac took a few minutes to thank the club for his opportunity to lead. He said he hopes to continue the trend toward becoming more organized and efficient. He also declared that he will try to live by the Rotary ideal of service above self. Possibly introducing a new emphasis on brevity, Mac concluded his remarks with about fifteen minutes to spare, much to the delight of the club.

John Elder had the winning ticket but failed to draw the Queen of Spades, getting the seven of the same suit instead, much to everyone's delight.

The meeting was adjourned after the club recited Rotary's Four Way Test. Mac forgot to ring the dismissal bell, but everyone left anyway.

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July 12th Meeting

President Mac Williams brought the meeting to order. Julian Griffin prayed and led us in the pledge of allegiance to our flag. Steve Carter introduced his guest and prospective member, John Byerly. Katie Dukeshire next introduced her guest, Taylor Durham who works for IMG in sales and marketing. Micah Fox welcomed prospective transfers from the Graham Club, Dexter and Irene Barbee and their friend, James Masody who is with Kiwanis in Philadelphia. Mac wished a happy anniversary to Greg and Ashley Westcott and reminded club members to take a few minutes to review club directory information and make corrections as the document circulated during the meeting. Next Sang Ho Lee informed the club regarding the four main projects proposed by his and Beth Powell's projects committee. Already approved are funding for the Junior Police Academy, the Sister Cities program, and a New Directions International Packathon that will be held at the Holly Hill Mall in December. Still waiting on approval from the board is funding for Sustainable Alamance, an organization that helps place ex-offenders in full-time jobs. Joseph Williams, the CEO of NDI and club member, mentioned that a grant request has been sent to the district to request matching funding for the Packathon.

Program: Meredith Peffley, Women's Resource Center

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James Honeycutt was responsible for the program this week. Before introducing our speaker, he told us a little about himself. He graduated from Elon University before it was a university, served as president of the Breakfast Rotary Club, and was also a past assistant district governor in the year 2000. He is happily married and is experiencing first hand what it means to be the father of the bride. James has worked for Piedmont Natural Gas for 30 years and made the claim: "If you have gas, I am responsible."

James next introduced our speaker, Meredith Peffley, the director of development with the [Women's Resource Center](#). Meredith has been with WRC for two years. She is an Ohio native who earned an MBA in public administration at George Washington University. She and her husband have a one-year old son.

The Women's Resource Center maintains three staff persons and one intern. Its four areas of focus are education, enrichment, empowerment, and advocating. One of the main thrusts of WRC is called the Displaced Homemaker Program through which they assist those who were formerly homemakers who now need to be the bread winner in the home. They assist through training, tuition and other financial assistance and in helping their clients find help from other agencies. For more information, you can consult WRC's [website](#).

Francois Masuka had the winning ticket but drew the Queen of Hearts instead of the Queen of Spades. The pot continues to grow thanks to Francois.

The meeting was adjourned after the club recited Rotary's Four Way Test. This week Mac rang the bell with authority. For the second week in a row we got out early. Good job, Mac!

Your Board of Directors at Work



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July 19th Meeting



President Mac Williams brought the meeting to order. Micah Fox led us in prayer and the pledge of allegiance to our flag. Mac asked each member to notify Treasurer Dan Seiler if he or she fails to receive an invoice via email. It goes without saying that all of us need to keep our contact information current.

Program: PJ Avetta, The Carolina Hurricanes

John Elder was responsible for today's program. Before introducing his son-in-law, John gave us the condensed version of his bio. He was born and raised in B-town and now lives in Elon with his wife Emily. He has four children and four grandchildren. He owns Elder Hosiery Mills, Inc, a company that specializes in cold weather socks.

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John next had the pleasure of introducing PJ Avetta, director of sales and client services for the Carolina Hurricanes, husband of his daughter, and father of his grandson, Emmet. There was some reference made to John's hatchet collection, which seemed to have some relevance with PJ taking good care of his daughter and Emmet. PJ said he hopes to never see that collection, which it turns out is limited to a single very sharp hatchet.

PJ graduated from UNC Chapel Hill in 2000 with a journalism major. His dream was to work in sports marketing and live in NC. He jumped at the opportunity to work in Raleigh for the [Hurricanes](#) and has never regretted it. PJ grew up in Winston-Salem and has been with the Hurricanes for some 10 years now. PJ said he is a big fan of Rotary and admires its work in the community and internationally. He cited our club's support of the Junior Police Academy and New Directions International's Packathon. He said the Hurricanes also emphasizes community involvement. Since the establishment of their non-profit [Kids 'N Community Foundation](#) in 1997, it has given over \$9.5 million in cash and in-kind services to non-profit organizations that focus on enhancing the lives of youth in the Raleigh community. Players and staff are also encouraged to contribute through involvement in various community organizations.

PJ said that promoting the Hurricanes is easy because it is such a great franchise. The team has won the Stanley Cup once and been deep into the playoffs other times. The RBC Center in Raleigh is known as the loudest arena in the NHL. Sports Illustrated wrote that the Hurricanes is the model franchise in the Sunbelt states. Hurricane fans are also known for introducing tailgating to hockey. Jim Rutherford, the GM, has done a wonderful job putting together a great team. The Raleigh area is also an attractive place for team members to settle and raise a family, which leads to longer term commitments. Having Jeff Skinner named as Rookie of the Year helps, too.

PJ promoted the concept of using season tickets as a way to develop relationships with business prospects. Their old slogan - "You'll know when you go." - is their way of touting the excitement of professional hockey. He urged Rotarians to give hockey a try.

Deva Reese had the winning ticket but drew the Three of Hearts instead of the Queen of Spades. The pot continues to grow thanks to that fine Rotarian. Kathy Hackshaw asked everyone to take some of the 20% off coupons for Tanger Outlets with them. Thanks, Kathy! Peter Barcus walked out as the big winner with a Canes poster and bobble head, but sadly was denied free tickets to try to convert his youngest daughter into a Caniac.

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The meeting was adjourned after the club recited Rotary's Four Way Test.

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July 26th Meeting

President Mac Williams brought the meeting to order. Steve Carter led us in prayer and the pledge of allegiance to our flag. Mac reminded each member to notify Treasurer Dan Seiler if he or she failed to receive an invoice via email. It goes without saying that all of us need to keep our contact information current with Treasurer Dan and Secretary Carolyn. Several guests were on hand today. Joanne Pizzuto introduced her guest, Tanya. Micah Fox next had the pleasure of introducing his guest and prospective member, Ryan. Past club member Mark Cryan was also present as part of the city's service to our South Korean guests. Visiting Rotarians were recognized as well: Dick Fisher with the Burlington Club, Russell Guy with the Graham Club, and Tony Santoro with the Reidsville Club. Mr. Kim with the South Korean delegation is also a



Rotarian and later exchanged club banners with President Mac Williams. Mac recognized Sam Powell for receiving the Minuteman Award from the Sons of the American Revolution. Mac reminded officers and board members that we will have our monthly board meeting on August 9th, which will be followed by a presentation by Past District Governor Charles Allen on the Future Vision Program. Certain individuals will be staying after for a mini-session relating to that program. Mac also mentioned that our club did our fair share of fund raising during the previous Rotary year, contributing an average of \$143 per member to Rotary International's various programs.

Program: Representatives from Gwacheon City, South Korea

Beth Powell and Sang Ho Lee shared program responsibilities this week. Beth introduced herself as the kid sister of Dr. Sam Powell and mentioned that she earned her single engine pilot's license thanks to his influence. Beth is a past president of our club and of the Burlington Sister Cities Program and has been instrumental in arranging the link with Gwacheon City, South Korea. Beth got started with Sister Cities in 1999. Our first partnership was with Soledad, Mexico in the state of San Luis Potosí. Exchange trips have been arranged each year, resulting in cultural and informational exchange. Our club, under Beth's leadership, recently delivered two fire trucks to that city, their first ever.

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Sang Ho Lee then took the podium. He made a trip to Soledad last year and afterward joined the Sister Cities organization locally. He has been instrumental in arranging the new partnership with Gwacheon City. He introduced Vice-Mayor of Gwacheon City, Who-Soek Oh, who acted as spokesperson for the group. The rest of the delegation consisted of Ki-Kon Kim, head of General Affairs section, Seon-Mi Kang, General Affairs section, Community and Cooperation team and International Exchange staff, and Eun-Jin Lee, Education and Youth Support teams and Youth Language Training staff. Mr. Oh used a video to give an overview of his home city, which was thoughtful, informative, and professional. To read more about our newest Sister City, please visit their website by [clicking here](#). Also today at 5 pm there will be a signing ceremony for the Sister Cities program with our South Korean delegates at City Hall to which our club is invited.

Julian Griffin had the winning lottery ticket but drew the wrong card. The pot continues to grow thanks to that fine Rotarian. Kathy Hackshaw asked everyone to take some of the 20% off coupons for Tanger Outlets with them. Sang Ho Lee announced that the Junior Police Academy will have their graduation ceremony on Friday at 6:30 at the Ramada Inn. Since our club donated funds to give three persons scholarships, it would be nice to have members on hand for that event.

The meeting was adjourned after the club recited Rotary's Four Way Test.



Sam Powell Receives Prestigious Award

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Sam Powell, a member of our club, was awarded the rare Minuteman Award by the Sons of the American Revolution. He is only the fourth North Carolinian to receive it since its inauguration in 1952. Powell has been a member of the Sons of the American Revolution since 1997 and is a former president. Membership is open to those who can trace their ancestry to a supporter of American independence. To read the Times-News article, please [click here](#).

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August 9th Meeting

President Mac Williams brought the meeting to order. Pete Beck led us in prayer and the pledge of allegiance to our flag. Julian Griffin introduced his new bride, Betty, to the club. David Moore introduced his son, Dustin, who came at his guest. Lucian Roughton visited from the SW Durham Rotary Club. Rick Snider, our District Governor Elect, was also in attendance. He is a member of the Lexington Club. Charles Allen, who was our speaker, is a member of the Randolph Club in Asheboro, NC. Mac reminded the club that August is membership month. He read Taylor Durham's name for the first time before the club as a prospective member. He was nominated for membership by Katie Dukeshire and is with IMG Sports Marketing. Christie Ross' name was read for the second and last time. She was nominated by Beth Powell and is employed by Burlington Christian Academy. We are looking forward to both becoming a part of our club in the very near future.



Program: Rotary International - Charles Allen, District Rotary Foundation Chair

Charles Allen, a past District Governor and current Rotary Foundation Chair, gave what many considered to be the best presentation on the Rotary Foundation that we have yet heard. He identified the programs of Rotary International, showed us how to support RI, and explained its value. Rather than recapitulate all he said, to learn more, please click on the Rotary Basics menu tab on the left. Charles mentioned that our club donated \$7451 to the Annual Fund last year, a 220% increase over our projections. During the past Rotary year, our club also donated \$8682 in restricted giving, which includes

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PolioPlus and the Mexico firetrucks project. That is a total of \$16,133. Charles encouraged us to get more information by going to the following links: www.rotary.org/futurevision and www.rotary7690.org/futurevision.htm. He also encouraged us to attend the District Foundation Dinner that will be held on November 9 at the Greensboro Four Seasons Convention Center at which time RI president Kalyan Banerjee will speak. More information will be forthcoming.

There was no winner this week in the card pool. The Queen of Spades remains at large.

The meeting was adjourned after the club recited Rotary's Four Way Test.



Mini-Grant Seminar

Charles Allen stayed after to give some of our officers a "make up" seminar that is required for our club to be able to receive grant money through the Future Vision program. Those present from the club were President Mac Williams, PE Bonnie Whitaker, Foundation Chair Brad Moser, Project Committee co-chairs Sang Lee and Beth Powell, Treasurer Dan Seiler, and PP Pete Beck. DGE Rick Snider also was present. Charles encouraged those present to take advantage of the [e-learning centers](#) located on the RI website.

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August 16th Meeting

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President Mac Williams brought the meeting to order. Guests included Barney Barnhardt from the Graham Rotary Club. Congrats to our new members: Dexter Barbee (left)



and Christy Ross (right). Taylor Durham had his second reading this week. That is a great showing for membership month! Let's keep it up throughout the year. The club can only get better when this kind of talent and energy is added.

Program: Tyronna Hooker - Alamance County Teacher of the Year, NC Teacher of the Year and candidate for the National Teacher of the Year



[Tyronna Hooker](#) spoke today. She teaches at Graham Middle and is the NC Teacher of the Year. She was the guest of Mike Little, publisher, Rotarian extraordinaire, and yo-yo champ, who demoed some moves. Ms. Hooker is up for national teacher of the year. She gave an inspiring talk regarding the importance of supporting the public schools and how volunteers, particularly male volunteers, are desperately needed. Terry Titus was moved to invite her to the Rotary District Conference in Charleston..

There was no winner this week in the card pool. Kathy Hackshaw failed to draw the Queen of Spades after having the winning ticket. She has been getting a lot of chances lately. She invests in a number of tickets, a good policy for the rest of us.

The meeting was adjourned after the club recited Rotary's Four Way Test.

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August 23rd Meeting

President Mac Williams brought the meeting to order. Pete Beck gave the invocation and led the pledge of allegiance. Carolyn Rhode brought her daughter, Cassie, to the meeting. Dick O'Donnell introduced his guest and prospective member, Lane Jones, a copywriter. Phil Moseley, past president of the Graham Rotary Club was also in attendance, since he was our guest speaker. Taylor Durham attended his first meeting as a new member. President Williams reminded the club that we will have a club assembly next week and that we will meet on Tuesday, September 6, the day after Labor Day. We will also soon be voting on a bylaws change regarding our membership process. Pete Beck will be forwarding these changes to the membership via email soon.

Program: Phil Moseley - Rotary Peace Fellows



Frank Longest was responsible for our program today. His planned speaker cancelled at the last minute, but he was able to procure the services of his long-time law partner, Phil Moseley at the last minute. Frank and Phil have practiced law since the 1970's.



Phil informed the club about RI peace fellows. There are seven [Rotary Centers for International Studies](#) in peace and conflict resolution, one of which is a joint effort between UNC and Duke. These centers train students in peace studies and conflict resolution by which they can obtain Masters degrees. One of the big areas that is being developed is the concept of restorative justice,

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whereby the human needs of oppressed peoples are met. Take some time to visit RI's website for more details.

I don't want to be a conspiracy theorist, but Kathy Hackshaw once again managed to sit at the winning table and was for the second week in a row designated to make the drawing for the Queen of Spades. Fortunately for the rest of us peons, she failed to draw the winning card.

The meeting was adjourned after the club recited Rotary's Four Way Test.

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August 30th Meeting

President Mac Williams brought the meeting to order. Peter Barcus led the invocation and pledge.

Mac Williams introduced Rob Vivian - former member who was visiting, and Lane Jones, a prospective member who is a guest of Dick O'Donnell. Mac announced he and Stephanie had celebrated their 19th anniversary on August 29 and Deva Reese added that his 40th anniversary was Saturday. He will be celebrating at a football game in Charlotte with 60,000 of their closest friends.

Program: Club Assembly

Each committee chair was asked to provide an update.

Debbie Porch, Club Administration

Members include: John Elder, Tom Manning, Katie Dukeshire, Pam Duffy and others

Planned fundraisers include

- Christmas Poinsettia sale
- Christmas Dirty Santa lunch, scheduled for December 6 at 584
- Valentine's Dinner

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Steve Carter, Youth Services

Steve is looking for other committee members to help him as he helps develop and revive clubs at Elon and ACC respectively.

Beth Powell, Projects Committee

Sang Ho Lee is Co-Chair. Other members include Frank Longest, John Beshel, and Pam Duffy. Funds this year will be directed to

- Sustainable Alamance
- Sister Cities
- Jr. Police Academy
- RIF at Haw River Elementary
- New Directions (Packathon is December 9 and 10 - volunteers are needed)

Katie Dukeshire, PR Committee

Other members include Deva Reese and Stuart Sioussat

Goal of this committee is to increase club visibility. Committee plans to develop a club fact sheet and hopes each committee will be in touch with PR about planned activities.

Dan Seiler, Treasurer

Dan provided a budget which was reviewed by the members. He was complimented for his organization in putting this together. Many members suggested that the idea of "happy dollars" for member announcements of good news be instituted.

Carolyn Rhode, Secretary

A few housekeeping details.

Micah Fox, Membership Committee

Committee member names not available, but there are a lot of them.

Committee's goal is +5 members for the year. Already, three members have joined and a fourth green card is in the works. Plan is to make a bigger deal of new members in the future to increase retention. The committee will look to review all member classifications and attempt to diversify the membership.

Micah then presented a change to the bylaws involving how new members are brought into the club. After some discussion, Steve Carter moved that this be approved and Tom Manning seconded. Motion passed without dissent.

Mac announced that the Rotary Foundation update would be given at a future meeting. He reminded all that on November 9 the RI Banquet will be in Greensboro with our international president speaking and perhaps members should go in for a table together. Also, if any member is interested in being nominated for District Governor, Mac has the forms.

Pete Sargent then drew a ticket which was held by Mike Dunning who drew the Jack of Clubs.

Meeting closed with the 4 way test.

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Meeting notes courtesy of Carolyn Rhode, Secretary!

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September 6th Meeting

President Mac Williams brought the meeting to order. Dexter Barbee led us in prayer and the pledge of allegiance to our flag. Kathy Hackshaw introduced her guest, David Manella, a former Rotarian who works at the Duke Cancer Center. We had the first reading for prospective member, Lane Jones. Mac reminded the club that reservations can be made through him for the upcoming dinner with RI president [Kalyan Banerjee](#) at the Koury Convention Center in Greensboro on November 9. Cost will be \$50 per person. The club will register together and sit together. We have been asked to contribute new and used children's books on that night as part of a district-wide literacy project. Mac mentioned that Julian Griffin has been absent lately because he is spending time with an in-law who is suffering from cancer. We miss him, but he is acting like a true Rotarian - Service above Self. Lastly, Mac reminded us that the new printed directories are available.

Micah Fox, our Membership Committee chair, recognized new member, Dexter Barbee, who recently transferred from the Graham club where he was a member since the 90's. His family business is Barbee Holdings. He also works with Habitat for Humanity and loves to play golf. He has two sons and a lovely wife.

Program: Trip Durham, 2D Consulting

Tom Manning was responsible for today's program. Before introducing our speaker, he shared that he is now employed by one of the few remaining true community banks, [Randolph Bank](#). He bragged about his beloved wife, Deanna, to whom he has been married for four and one-half years. They both have two children. Tom is also a County Commissioner.



Tom introduced club member, Trip Durham, who spent twenty years in sports administration. Trip is a graduate of East Carolina University and worked for fourteen years at

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Elon University. He is the founder and CEO of [2D Consulting, LLC](#), and the venue announcer for Duke athletic events. He has been a local TV anchor and a play-by-play announcer on radio.



Tom told us that Trip not only has a voice for radio, but a face that that medium as well.

2D Consulting targets Division II institutions to help them with marketing and branding; although, he works with schools from other divisions. His clientele consists of institutions from Division I, II, III, and the NAIA. Trip told us that most athletic directors are consumed with internal matters and need assistance in understanding how to better connect with supporters outside the institution. That is where 2D Consulting can help. To learn more, click on the link above.

Carolyn Rhode had the winning ticket, but, in keeping with our club's tradition, she failed to draw the Queen of Spades. The author of this newsletter can confirm that sitting at Pete Sargent's table does not give you an edge.

Mac closed the meeting by leading the club in reciting [Rotary's Four Way Test](#).

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September 13th Meeting

President Mac Williams brought the meeting to order. Steve Carter led us in prayer and the pledge of allegiance to our flag. We had the second reading for prospective member, Lane Jones. Since there were no objections, we are all looking forward to her becoming an official member. She will make a wonderful addition to our club. Mac reminded the club that reservations can be made through him for the upcoming dinner with RI president [Kalyan Banerjee](#) at the Koury Convention Center in Greensboro on November 9. Cost will be \$50 per person. The club will register together and sit together. Mac kicked off a new fund raiser, temporarily called Happy Clams Announcements. Members can pay a dollar for each "happy as a clam" announcement they make. Mac, ever the good leader, was the first to take advantage of the opportunity and dropped \$10 in the jar. He made 10 and one-half announcements, which Francois was the first to point out, but, since he is the prez, he can get away with that. There have to be some perks to the job! He was followed by several who also gave money and were as happy as clams to announce their good news.

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The new slate of officers and committee chairs for the 2012-13 Rotary year were announced and accepted by the general membership after having been ratified by the board earlier. If you would like to see who's who when Bonnie serves as president, [click here](#).

Paul Mauney, a Past President of our club, was responsible for today's program. Paul is the publisher of the Times-News, a position he has held for the last three years. He has served for 12 years with the T-N's parent company, Freedom Communications, Inc. Paul has been married to Paula (PJ) for 21 years. They have two children, a 15 year-old son and a 9 year-old daughter. Paul introduced our guest Rand Piland.

Program: Randy Piland, The Boy Scouts of America



Randy is a senior lecturer at Elon University's School of Communications and has been a photojournalist for more than 30 years. He and his wife Debbie have been married for 31 years and they have two children. Randy first became involved in Scouting at the age of eleven. He eventually attained the rank of Eagle Scout. His interest and commitment to scouting have continued to the present. He now serves as a volunteer photographer at various national and international jamborees. Scouting contributed so much to his life that he feels committed to continue giving back in whatever ways he can. As part of his program, he showed photos he has taken over the years at various scouting activities, most recently in Sweden.

There was no card pool today.

Mac closed the meeting by leading the club in reciting [Rotary's Four Way Test](#).

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September 20th Meeting

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President Mac Williams brought the meeting to order. Pete Beck gave the invocation and led the pledge of allegiance to our flag. Lane Jones was welcomed to the club as our newest member. She expressed her happiness to be in Rotary. She is a copy writer by profession. Dick O'Donnell invited her to come, and when she sat in our most recent club assembly, she was convinced that she wanted to be part of club that is doing worthwhile things in the community. Mac reminded the club that reservations can be made through him for the upcoming dinner with RI president [Kalyan Banerjee](#) at the Koury Convention Center in Greensboro on November 9. Cost will be \$50 per person. The club will register together and sit together. The deadline for making reservations is October 12. So far eleven are planning to go. Mac also mentioned that the upcoming Packathon will be held December 9-10 at the Holly Hill Mall. More details will be forthcoming when we find out what time our club will serve.

Happy Clams Announcements



- **Steve Carter** - Got a good night's rest.
- **Joanne Pizzuto** - Her new business is up and running.
- **John Elder** - His grand daughter was baptized on September 11.
- **Carolyn Rhode** - Thanked Rotarian Joseph Williams for coaching her daughter's soccer team to a victory.

Program: Francois Masuka, Elon International Students



Francois, a member of our Rotary club, (pictured on the left with fellow Rotarian and Elon faculty member, Betty Morgan) came to the United States twenty years ago as a student and decided to stay. He is now a US citizen and has been involved in helping international students for ten years, most recently at Elon University where he serves as Director of International Faculty and Student Scholar Services. Francois gave a great presentation of all that is involved with Elon's program for internationals, which can be viewed as a very effective form of diplomacy. When students see what life in America is all about, they become effective ambassadors of good will in their native countries. Francois pointed out that 3.4 % of the some 46 million international visitors to the US each year are students. Homeland Security keeps close tabs on them, which make them a very safe group. Part of Francois' job is to make sure they stay in compliance with government regulations and understand and abide by the many US laws and other requirements. Elon has 132 international students from 49 countries who bring different world views and perspectives to the university experience. The school provides numerous

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services to help them make the necessary cultural adjustments. Francois encouraged Rotarians to get involved by inviting these students into our homes to broaden their experience of life here.

The front table directly across from the president and secretary had the winning lottery ticket. Lane Jones was selected to draw the Queen of Spades, but she failed, as does almost everyone. Someday.

Mac closed the meeting by leading the club in reciting [Rotary's Four Way Test](#).

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September 27th Meeting

President Mac Williams brought the meeting to order. Steve Carter made the invocation and led the pledge of allegiance to our flag.

Happy Clams Announcements



- **Mac Williams** is really into this clam thing. He dropped 5 big ones in the jar to announce the addition of 30 to 40 new Chamber of Commerce members who were added during their ongoing membership drive.
- **Dick O'Donnell** announced that he will become a grandfather in April.
- **Tom Manning** invited the club to attend the Chamber's Business After Hours that Randolph Bank will host this week.
- **Carolyn Rhode** informed the club that her presidency of NC Council of Resource Development Professionals for Community Colleges is about to end. This will give her even more time to devote to Rotary matters, or, maybe, to being a Mom.
- **Mac Williams**, in an effort to raise even more clam money, mentioned that our club has several letters of the alphabet that are missing when it comes to last names. He asked members to guess which letters are missing. If you guess wrong, you owe clam money. It turns out that Q, X, Z, Y, I, K, T, U, V, and N are all AWOL. David Moore advised that this could give direction for our membership drive, but his suggestion carried no weight since he did not drop any money in the jar. Lane Jones asked that Mac drop \$5 in the jar for saying that "J" was not represented. He used an old directory that did not list our newest member. I guess the first \$5 Mac donated will have to cover his *faux pas*.

Program: Chef Todd Wanless, ACC Culinary School

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David Moore was responsible for the program this week. Before introducing our speaker, David informed the club that he became a Rotarian the second year of our club's existence, way back in May, 1982. Julian Griffin, our initial president and a long time family friend of David, invited him to join. David attended Elon College (now University), graduating in 1969. He has been happily married to Cathy for 39 years. They have two sons, for one of which Julian officiated the wedding ceremony. David has been in the life insurance and employee benefits business since graduation from Elon and mentioned that he has never received a W-2 form because he has always been self-employed.

Chef Todd Wanless presented an excellent, interesting, and informative program about the culinary program at Alamance Community College. Todd graduated from the University of Wisconsin and is a certified chef. He has a wife and two sons and lives in Snow Camp, NC and teaches culinary studies at ACC. The culinary school was begun to train school cafeteria cooks and now graduates students with associate degrees in the culinary arts who work in some of the finest restaurants in North Carolina. Todd joined the faculty six years ago. He prefers teaching to full-time restaurant work because he grew tired of the 80-hour work weeks, especially after launching his family. The culinary school has around 120 full time students.

Betty Morgan held the winning lottery ticket but failed to draw the Queen of Spades.

Mac closed the meeting by leading the club in reciting [Rotary's Four Way Test](#).

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October 4th Meeting

President Mac Williams brought the meeting to order. Ed Woodall led us in prayer and the pledge of allegiance to our flag. Steve Carter introduced his guest, Roger Parker, a candidate for NC House District 63. Pete Beck welcomed his guest, Phil Bowers from Sustainable Alamance. Mac said he would love to play in the District Golf Tournament in Elkin, NC on Thursday, October 27, but needs a partner or group from the club to join him. Cost will be \$60 per person. See Mr. Prez if you are interested. Mac also announced the last call to attend the November 9 banquet with International President Kalyan Banerjee. He also asked Ed Woodall and Bonnie

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Whitaker to please make plans to attend the upcoming training event held on November 17 and 19 that will qualify our club to receive Rotary grant money in the year when Bonnie is president. Katie asked the club to support the [Humane Society's annual Woofstock 2011 Music and Dog Fair](#) that will be held October 15 from 1 until 6 pm at the Burlington City Park Amphitheater.

Happy Clams Announcements



- **Pete Beck** mentioned that [Sustainable Alamance](#) has placed 18 ex-offenders in full-time employment so far this year. This benefits the individuals who have been hired, their families, our community, and the state. Sustainable Alamance has saved the NC prison system over \$1,000,000 by helping to keep these men on the right side of the law, not to mention the benefit from their becoming tax payers and good citizens.
- **Dick O'Donnell** announced that **Alamance Rotarian Lane Jones** will host a seminar entitled *The Recession Proof Business* at the K&W Cafeteria on Monday, October 10 at 10 am. The cost will be \$10 and seating is limited to the first 40 people. To RSVP to www.freshtakeoncopy.com/recession-proof or call (336) 380-3799. Power Session #1 will be about Inbound Marketing Basics. The second session will be an intro to using social media for business.

Program: Stephen Walter, Company Shops Marketing Manager

Dr. Betty Morgan was responsible for today's program. She is a professor of Political Science at Elon University and a NC native from L.A. (lower Archdale). She moved back to NC in after living in nine states and two foreign countries in order to assist her aging parents. She accepted an opportunity with Elon in 1992 and has been happily employed there ever since.



Stephen Walter, the marketing manager for Company Shops, was born in Michigan and moved to Charlotte in 1990. He graduated from Wingate University with a BA in Business Management and worked for 5 years at Portrait Innovations, 3 of those years at the Alamance Crossing location. In his free time, Stephen enjoys photography, cooking and sports. He lives in Burlington with his wife, Rachel. Company Shops now has just over 2300 members and sales averaging \$8000-9000 per day. They provide locally grown produce and are big believers in recycling money within the community by buying local. Company Shops hopes to be the cornerstone for revitalizing downtown Burlington. It markets itself as a community

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gathering place with free wifi, an eating area, live music on Friday nights from six until eight, and a meeting room that is under construction. It employs 26 full and part-time employees.

Carolyn Rhode held the winning lottery ticket but failed to draw the Queen of Spades.

Mac closed the meeting by leading the club in reciting [Rotary's Four Way Test](#).

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October 11th Meeting

President Mac Williams brought the meeting to order. Pete Beck led us in prayer and the pledge of allegiance to our flag. Mac announced that ten people from our club are planning to attend the November 9 banquet with International President Kalyan Banerjee. President Williams reminded the club about the District Golf Tournament in Elkin, NC on Thursday, October 27. Cost will be \$60 per person. New member Taylor Durham introduced himself to the club. He is an Elon University graduate, lives in Burlington, and works in Chapel Hill.

Happy Clams Announcements



- **Lloyd Carter** gladly paid a dollar to announce the good news that Mebane Street is now open to two-way traffic after over two years of construction.
- **Mac Williams and Dan Seiler** were pleased to tell the club that all members are currently paid up on their dues! This is due in a large part to Dan's diligence and to our members for keeping Dan apprised of their current e-mail addresses so that invoices get out as they should. Thanks to all for being good Rotarians and keeping your accounts current.

Program: Allison Gant, Executive Director of Alamance Citizens for Education

Brad Moser was responsible for this week's program. He introduced himself as the former most hated member of the club - the treasurer. He expressed gratitude to Dan Seiler for taking on that job. Brad is an NC State graduate. He has been married to Melinda for 25 years and has two daughters and a son. He is a CPA with Gilliam, Coble and Moser LLP.

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Allison Gant is the executive director of ACE. She gave our club an update that is an outgrowth of a recent strategic planning meeting which came up with two main points of emphasis.

- **Community Engagement** - ACE's mission is to be a community voice for education which engages the citizens regarding why education is so important in building a well-rounded community. Business and industry, from which we gain much of our economic prosperity, depend on a good education system to prepare and equip workers.
- **The Classroom Closet** is a free resource to teachers that provides all sorts of teaching supplies. The Closet depends on donations from individuals and businesses and is open on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 3 until 6 pm in the Burlington Outlet Village. So far donations amounting to \$249,000 have been received.

Steve Carter held the winning lottery ticket but failed to draw the Queen of Spades.

Mac closed the meeting by leading the club in reciting [Rotary's Four Way Test](#).

Junior Police Academy Project Update

Our club received a letter of thanks from Chief Michael I. Williams from the Burlington Police Department acknowledging our gift of \$1400 to the Junior Police Academy. You can read the letter and view a photograph of the graduating class by [clicking here](#).

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October 18th Meeting

President Mac Williams brought the meeting to order. Dexter Barbee, Jr. led us in prayer and the pledge of allegiance to our flag. John Brooks visited from the Breakfast Club. Mac announced that ten people from our club are planning to attend the November 9 banquet with International President Kalyan Banerjee. Seven hundred fifty from our district are registered to attend this historic visit. President Williams reminded the club about the District Golf Tournament in Elkin, NC on Thursday, October 27. Cost will be \$60 per person. Ben Abzug had his second reading as a new member prospect.

Happy Clams Announcements

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- **Katie Dukeshire** mentioned that the Humane Society's Woofstock was a huge success last weekend. Thanks to all who supported it.
- **Tom Manning** informed the club that president-elect Bonnie Whitaker had successful sinus surgery and is mending at home. Recovery is a bear. Hopefully it will not interfere with her upcoming cruise!!! Please be in prayer for her.

Program: Earl Hadden, Consultant with The Small Business Success Project

Dick O'Donnell was responsible for this week's program. Dick has lived in NC for seven years after being in Hawaii for thirty, where he was a member of the Waikiki Rotary Club. He joined Clearwire in 2008. He now owns an independent business called Cableless Solutions. He is married, has two daughters and a son, and is soon to be a grandparent.



Earl Hadden is a business consultant who has worked with over 200 companies in some two dozen countries, helping businesses reap savings of upward of four billion dollars. He gave us a condensed presentation of material he uses with small businesses. His goal is to make small businesses more successful.

Dexter Barbee sat at the center table and represented their lottery partnership but failed to draw the Queen of Spades.

Mac closed the meeting by leading the club in reciting [Rotary's Four Way Test](#).

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Annual Giving to RI

Now is the time to go to the Rotary International website to make your yearly contribution to the annual fund. Simply click on "Contribute" on the menu to the left above. The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation's challenge to Rotary to work in partnership with them in wiping out polio worldwide is in its last stage of completion. You can watch the short video clip below for

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inspiration. If you wish to give to this worthy enterprise, you can also do that through the RI website.

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October 25th Meeting



President Mac Williams brought the meeting to order. Peter Barcus led us in prayer and the pledge of allegiance to our flag. Ben Abzug (at left) was welcomed as our newest member and gave us a brief bio. He is the Assistant General Manager of the Burlington Royals and is in his second season with the club. He is a graduate of Purdue and hails from Iowa. Mac told the club that we have already reached our yearly membership goal, but did not give us permission to stop inviting people to join us. Mac also reminded the club that Dan has mailed out the quarterly dues invoices. Please let him know if you did not get one. Members can update their contact data on the district website.

Happy Clams Announcements



- **Tom Manning** expressed his thankfulness to have Carolyn Rhode back in her secretarial role after a one-week absence. Despite the exemplary job done by her fill in, Sid Little, she is always missed. Getting the most for his happy clam buck, he also welcomed Bonnie Whitaker back.
- **Lane Jones** paid her clam to promote her business venture - [So-Lo Biz Workshops](#) (Social Media for Local Business).

Program: Chris Marshall, Campaign Director at Convergent Nonprofit Solutions

Randy Perkins had program responsibilities this week. He informed the club that his championship status began way back in 1957 when he became the marbles champ at his school. His real claim to fame came four years later when he became the undisputed ambidextrous champ of the entire city of Greensboro, NC. This was one of those times when being all thumbs paid off big.

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Chris Marshall is a graduate of Penn State and now works as a consultant to professional and non-profit organizations with Convergent. He was hired by the Alamance County Economic Development Foundation. The Foundation has launched Focus on Readiness 3, a \$1.6 million, five-year initiative to support initiatives to prepare the county to compete for economic development projects. Among the activities funded through the initiative are marketing, the development of sites and buildings, assistance to existing industry and work force development. This private sector initiative is led by the Economic Development Team of Mac Williams and Andrea Fleming and has six priorities: marketing our community, educating the workforce, developing land and buildings, retaining existing businesses, expanding local businesses, and providing an "opportunity fund" that can be used to help close deals with interested new business ventures.

Sid Little was part of the center table buying consortium this week. The other members were Ben Abzug (at his first meeting as a member, of all things), Pete Beck, Frank Longest, and Paul Mauney. Why this detail? You guessed it! Sid drew the Queen of Spades and won it all. The rest of the winning table members are hoping Sid remembers to share the money and hoping this windfall will not have any negative effects. Pete Beck, for one, says he plans not to make any major changes in his lifestyle despite being a lottery winner. Good luck with that!

Mac closed the meeting by leading the club in reciting [Rotary's Four Way Test](#).

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November 1st Meeting

President Mac Williams was away on business; so, Pete Beck filled in at the front table. Pete brought the meeting to order. Julian Griffin led us in prayer and the pledge of allegiance to our flag. Stuart Sioussat introduced his guest and prospective member, Ross Gravely, a CPA with Stout, Stuart, McGowen and King, LLP. Deva Reese "introduced" past-president, Don Jennings, who has reapplied for membership after a year away from the club. We welcomed both these men and look forward to their being full members. Steve Carter introduced Elon University Rotaract Club President Britton Toothman who informed the club that the bylaws and constitution are in the process of being rewritten to conform with Elon's guidelines. Joseph Williams announced the upcoming Packathon and a signup sheet was passed around for club

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members to indicate in which of six slots they wish to participate. Pete also told the club that President Williams has the name badges for all those who plan to attend the RI banquet next week and will be getting in touch in order to get them distributed.

Happy Clams Announcements



- **Pete Beck** expressed his determination to keep the same lifestyle despite being a part of the winning team in last week's card pool.
- **Kathy Hackshaw** paid her happy dollar to announce Tanger's latest coupon booklet which she distributed at the meeting.
- **Francois Masuka** happily shared that his sister's surgery went very well.
- **Stuart Sioussat** proudly announced that his daughter's volleyball team won the state tournament.

Program: Rebecca Parks and Brian Barringer, Vocational Rehabilitation

Joanne Pizzuto had program responsibilities this week. She was born in Brooklyn, NY. She was a hair stylist at one point, but transitioned to her present job as owner of Always Best Care Senior Services of Alamance-Guilford. Joanne met our speaker while attending Leadership Alamance.



Rebecca Parks, M. ED, CRC, Unit Manager for the NC Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, was born in Wilmington, DE. She attended Auburn University where she earned her Masters degree. She lives in Burlington, but works in Greensboro, where she is also an adjunct professor in rehabilitation counseling at NC A&T University. Brian Barringer, Business Relations Representative at NC Vocational Rehabilitation Services, helped with the presentation. They showed an inspirational video that showed how Vocational Rehabilitation partnered with Walgreens to construct a work environment that is friendly to partially disabled workers. The accommodations made for these workers actually helped to increase productivity throughout the organization. Rebecca pointed out some of the myths regarding hiring the handicapped as well as the benefits from working with VR.

Carolyn Rhode had the winning ticket today in the card pool, but failed in her attempt to draw the Ace of Diamonds.

Pete closed the meeting by leading the club in reciting [Rotary's Four Way Test](#).

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November 8th Meeting

President Mac Williams brought the meeting to order. Randy Perkins led us in prayer and the pledge of allegiance to our flag. Deanna Manning attended as her husband's favorite guest. Katie Dukeshire introduced her guest and prospective member, Debbie Boone. Two ACC Rotaract Club members came as our guests, Jeff Cooke and Chelsea McCravey. We are always excited for them to join us. Rotarian Tim Beshel, brother to John, did a make up meeting. He attends the Graham Club. Joseph Williams announced the upcoming **Packathon** and a signup sheet was passed around again for club members to indicate in which of six slots they wish to participate. Debbie Porch distributed forms for the **Poinsettia sale**. All members should sell 10 or provide a check for \$50. Order by 11/25 and poinsettias will be delivered at the 11/29 meeting. There will be a special holiday lunch 12/6 at 584 in lieu of the regular meeting. The Club will not meet 12/27. This is the only Tuesday that will be skipped for the holidays.

Happy Clams Announcements



- **Our trusty note taker did not mention any announcements. If you paid a buck to say something you want publicized, please contact Pete Beck. Otherwise we will assume everyone clammed up today for some reason.**

Program: Abe Clymer - How Has Rotary Changed You?



Mr. Clymer was the guest of Beth Powell. Tom Manning did the introduction, however, while Beth avoided the limelight, since Mr. Clymer is actually related to Tom and Deanna. Tom did not fail to give a short bio on the official program sponsor, however. He told the club that Beth

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grew up in Elon and went to the local public schools. She graduated from Wellesley College and earned a doctorate from Oxford University in geology. In 1982, she started Omni Resources. Omni will celebrate its 30th anniversary in 2012. Beth is also renovating the Powell home place as a B&B. She is also a past president and our greatest project manager.

Our speaker was Abe Clymer and he brought his wife Shirley and son Eric. Abram H. Clymer (Abe) is founder and CEO of Chesa LLC., a retail group comprised of Grill & Chill Restaurant, Dairy Queen, Preston Dry Cleaners & Shoe Repair, etc. A Rotarian since 1978 in the Harrisonburg Rotary Club, Abe has served as President and involved in many committees.

In District 7570, Abe has been District Governor 1999-2000, GSE Team Leader to Thailand 1998, Chair of Major Gifts for the Foundation, and first brought RLI to the District in 1999, which later spread throughout Zone 33. Abe has served as a RLI Facilitator since then, and now serves as RLI State Coordinator for the state of Virginia.

Abe has served RI as President's Representative, International Assembly Training Leader, GETS Zone Trainer, RI Membership Coordinator 2001-03, Leadership Training and Development Committee 2007-10, Zone Literacy Chair, NID in Bangladesh and India, and SSA at every International convention since 1993(minus one). International Service, Literacy, and Polio are Abe's primary focus at the moment. He has traveled for Rotary to South Africa, Philippines, Australia, New Zealand, India, Nepal, and Bangladesh.

Abe and his wife Shirley, are Major Donors, Major Benefactors, Charter members of the William E. Skelton Endowment Fund, They are the proud parents of two children, and three granddaughters. They are members of the First Presbyterian Church where Abe is an Elder.

Mr. Clymer spoke movingly of the impact of Rotary around the world. He had personal stories about Rotarians providing clean water and providing children with protection again polio. He also spoke about helping children that live in slums to keep them off the streets, give them an education and provide them with a future. Essentially if you weren't crying or reaching for your wallet by the end, you were not paying attention. He ended with a challenge about whether we wanted to be Rotary Members or true Rotarians.

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Mac closed the meeting by leading the club in reciting [Rotary's Four Way Test](#).

The Foundation Corner

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Since the PolioPlus program's inception in 1985, more than two billion children have received oral polio vaccine. But Rotary's work is not done: The disease has not yet been eradicated. Contribute to the PolioPlus Fund online or by mail to support Rotary's goal of a polio-free world.

Progress for the
\$200 Million Challenge
for polio eradication
A world free from polio

Goal
\$200 million
by June 30, 2012

Where we are now:
\$190 million

Donate now to help Rotary achieve a polio-free world.

Contribute to Rotary's \$200 Million Challenge

Rotary's \$200 Million Challenge is the Rotary Foundation's response to the two grants totaling \$355 million from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation to help eradicate polio. Every dollar given to PolioPlus will be counted toward the \$200 million match, which must be completed by June 30, 2012.

More information

- Learn how you might be able to donate \$5 to polio eradication via text message.
- Contact the Foundation's Contact Center at 1-866-9ROTARY (1-866-976-8279) or contact.center@rotary.org or an international office if you have questions
- Read about fundraising ideas
- Subscribe to the End Polio Now newsletter

Rotary Foundation tax identification number: 36-3245072

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November 15th Meeting

President Mac Williams was away on business, and Pete Beck conducted the meeting in his absence. Pete brought the meeting to order. Micah Fox led us in prayer and the pledge of allegiance to our flag. Julian Griffin introduced his guest and wife of six months, Betty. Prospective member Don Jennings' name was read before the club for the second time. Joseph Williams announced the upcoming **Packathon** and a signup sheet was placed on the side table. Eight more slots remain out of the original thirty-two. Debbie Porch reminded the club about the **Poinsettia sale** which is under way. All members should sell 10 or provide a check for \$50. Order by 11/25 and poinsettias will be delivered at the 11/29 meeting. There will be a special holiday lunch 12/6 at 584 in lieu of the regular meeting. The Club will not meet 12/27. This is the only Tuesday that will be skipped for the holidays. Birthday wishes were given to Mike Brennan and Christy Ross, both of whose special days were today. James Honeycutt's birthday will be on the 17th. Tom Manning gave a brief report on the Foundation Banquet that he and 8 others from our club attended last week in High Point.

Happy Clams Announcements



- Carolyn Rhode announced her daughter's fifth birthday.
- Kathy Hackshaw announced Tanger Outlet's Black Friday sale and giant flat screen TV giveaway.
- Dick O'Donnell told the club about the Loaves and Fishes fundraiser dinner at the Cutting Board on Thursday at 11 am.
- Julian Griffin announced his step granddaughter's second birthday.
- Ed Woodall informed the club that he will be going to DC with his daughter's fifth grade class to lay a wreath on the tomb of the unknown soldier.
- Steve Carter announced that he will be going to Washington as a part of a group that will meet with the super committee that is exploring ways to trim federal spending.
- Debbie Porch said that her company has just been approved to work with veterans.

Program: Anne Morris, Executive Director of the Burlington Downtown Corporation

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Debbie Porch had program responsibilities this week. She is a native of Gibsonville and the oldest of four children. Her parents are still living. She played basketball under Kay Yow, and has been married to her husband, Chuck, for nineteen years. All in all, Debbie reported that she has lived a happy and grateful life. She introduced our speaker.

Anne Morris grew up in Longview, TX, a town about the size of Burlington, but with much hotter weather. She attended Texas A&M and later earned Masters degrees at UNC in education and city and regional planning. She worked at both Duke and UNC hospitals in planning and has been certified by the American Institute of Certified Planners. Anne now lives in Burlington.

The [Burlington Downtown Corporation](#) is a 501c3 non-profit organization that is primarily funded from taxes. It is a [Mainstreet Community](#), which is a national network that works to increase economic development that is grounded in historic preservation. Anne told the club that twenty-one new businesses have opened downtown during her tenure as the executive director. The vacancy rate downtown has dropped from over twenty percent to only 9%. Some of the other recent accomplishments include:

- NC Main Street Solutions Grant of \$298,460
- Opening of Company Shops Market
- NC Energy Office Grant of \$101,794
- Completion of streetscaping project
- Development of a new brand mark
- Friday's on Front concert series
- Movies on the Move series

The newest initiative is called The Next Great Place competition. Entrepreneurs are asked to submit video presentations of ideas for restaurants and retail businesses downtown out of which three finalists will be selected to vie for a \$40,000 prize. The Burlington Downtown Corporation is also seeking to raise \$500K in private dollars that will be used to shore up existing grants and to purchase, refurbish, and market distressed downtown properties. A parking study is also in progress.

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Pete closed the meeting by leading the club in reciting [Rotary's Four Way Test](#).

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November 22nd Meeting

President Mac Williams brought the meeting to order. Steve Carter led us in prayer and the pledge of allegiance to our flag. Mac welcomed Dr. Martin Nadelman, President of Alamance Community College, Sam Powell's guest. Gayle Moore from the Rotary Club of Randolph County attended as well. Don Jennings was welcomed back as our newest member. Mac wished Beth Powell a Happy Birthday, which is coming up later this week. Mac reminded the club about the upcoming **Packathon**. Three more slots remained to be filled out of the original thirty-two, and, since no one wished to claim them, they will be allocated to the Rotaract Club at ACC. Debbie Porch reminded the club that the **Poinsettia sale** will end Friday, at which time all orders should be turned in to Debbie, via email if necessary. All members are asked to sell 10 or provide a check for \$50. The poinsettias will be delivered at the 11/29 meeting at which time payment is due. There will be a **special holiday lunch 12/6 at 584 in lieu of the regular meeting. This will be a Dirty Santa party**; so, club members who plan to attend should bring a wrapped gift valued at \$10. Tom Manning mentioned the upcoming **Valentines Dinner and Fundraiser** scheduled on Tuesday night, February 14 at the Cutting Board. Members are asked to invite friends and potential Rotarians. Other area Rotary clubs are being asked to participate as well. Finally Mac announced that we will have a **Club Assembly** next week.



Happy Clams Announcements

- **Debbie Porch** announced that her husband's grandmother will be celebrating her 100th



- birthday. They will be traveling to Tennessee for the occasion.
- **Joanne Pizzuto** happily proclaimed that her dog had six puppies which are looking for a good home. They are Cavalier King Charles Spaniels. (See photo at right.)
- **Steve Carter** sadly announced that his group that travelled to DC to make a budget presentation in the Russell Senate building was not even permitted to meet there. Apparently the savings to be had by the nation were too great. It seems that Steve should have been able to get a refund on last week's dollar.

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- **John Beshel** informed the club that his 14-year-old daughter (as of today) no longer has to have a BMW and is willing to accept any car he is willing to provide.
- Mac pioneered new territory today by accepting a Happy Clams IOU from **Randy Perkins**. Mac announced that Randy's wife Rita had successful surgery and has a great prognosis, for which we are all thankful. Randy pledged \$10 in thanksgiving.
- **Sam Powell** announced that he has been part of Rotary since 1986. He offered \$25, one for each year. Peter Barcus suggested that other long-term members should follow his lead, but there was no ground swell of acceptance. Sam said that Rotary has been a very enjoyable part of his life.

Program: Dr. Sam Powell, State Board of the NC Community College System



Dr. Lillie Cox, Superintendent of the Alamance-Burlington School System, was not able to attend today's meeting as our special guest due to personal reasons; so, Sam, who was responsible for today's program, offered himself as the speaker, with Dr. Martin Nadelman, President of ACC, as his special guest.

Sam was born and raised in Alamance County. He later lived in Virginia, Texas, Chicago, and Winston-Salem, before returning to his birthplace to live and serve the community. He married Karen Gregory Powell. They have two children, Susan and Christopher, and three grandchildren. Sam was a biochemistry major. He founded Medtox Scientific which specializes in drug screening. He attended Williams High School, VMI, and earned a Masters at Old Dominion and a Ph.D. at Loyola in Chicago. Sam is the president of Powell Enterprises. He taught chemistry at ACC from 1991 to 1998. He held a seat on the local board of trustees for the community college before accepting a six-year term on the State Board in Raleigh. He is also a member of the Sons of the American Revolution.

The mission of the community college system is to train adults and high school students in the skills needed in business and industry in the counties represented. NC has the third largest

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community college system in the nation. Our system was begun in 1957. One year later, what was later to become Alamance Community College was founded. There are fifty-eight community colleges in the state, almost one for every two counties. Each college is distinct in government and policies. The entire system enrolls some 800,000 students, full and part-time, about 1 out of every 10 North Carolinians. ACC is the 14th largest community college in the state, with an enrollment of 20,000 students, 70% of which are from within Alamance County.

Micah Fox had the winning ticket today in the card pool, but failed in his attempt to draw the Ace of Diamonds, pulling the six of diamonds instead.

Mac closed the meeting by leading the club in reciting [Rotary's Four Way Test](#).



ACC Rotaract News

The Rotaract Club at Alamance Community College raised \$139.50 during their three-day hotdog sale. Since they had previously voted to use the proceeds to partner with the Salvation Army, they used \$100.00 of the profits to feed two families of 4. Two gift certificates have been purchased from Food Lion to distribute to the families.

Excellent job everyone! Kudos to Jeff Cooke and the leadership team.

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November 29th Meeting

President Mac Williams brought the meeting to order. Joseph Williams led us in prayer and the pledge of allegiance to our flag. Mac was pleased at the good turnout for the Club Assembly. He also welcomed back Don Jennings as our newest member. Peter Barcus reminded him that since he is starting afresh with our club, he is able to serve again as president. Don did not immediately take him up on the offer. Don said he has been in Rotary off and on since 1983 as a member of five different clubs. He is working with Select Bank which is establishing a presence in the Triad by purchasing Gibsonville Community Bank. Joseph Williams reminded the club about the upcoming **Packathon on December 9-10 at Holly Hill Mall**. 17 people from our club and 15 from the ACC Rotaract Club will be participating. Debbie Porch announced that the **Poinsettia sale** is now over. It looks as if we had a pretty good sale. There will be a **special holiday lunch next week at Grill 584 from Noon until 1 o'clock in lieu of the regular meeting. This will be**

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a **Dirty Santa party**; so, club members who plan to attend should bring a wrapped gift valued at \$10. .



Happy Clams Announcements

Several unprecedented things happened this week during Happy Clams time. I hope someone is putting all this in a policy manual. Actually it's more fun to make it up as we go. First of all, Mac told Kathy Hackshaw that she had to pay \$10 because Tanger's Black Friday sales went so well. She did not buckle to pressure, however, reminding Mac that she did not personally benefit from the sales. Secondly, Tom Manning made an "unfunded" announcement. What is that? You have to applaud his creativity, though. Tom really should get into politics.

- **Kathy Hackshaw** announced that the flat screen TV giveaway provided a "feel good" moment. A young woman won the set and said she plans to give it to her Dad for Christmas.
- **Steve Carter** happily stated that his house is once again down to two occupants following Thanksgiving madness.
- **Mac Williams** said something about Happy Clams money paying his way into the RI golf tournament next year. By the way, does anyone know where all the Happy Money goes?

Club Assembly

- **Katie Dukeshire - Public Relations Committee**

Stuart Sioussat and Deva Reese are helping Katie with PR this year. Katie reported that she sent out a first quarter PR release to several media outlets on November 5. She is preparing to speak with the office manager at Holly Hill Mall about setting up an information kiosk for Rotary there. She is also planning to meet with Lisa Parrot at the *Alamance Magazine* to see if they would be willing to run an informational piece on Rotary in our area.

- **Debbie Porch - Club Administration Committee**

Debbie's team consists of Tom Manning, John Elder, Katie Dukeshire, Bonnie Whitaker, and Joanne Pizzuto. Did anyone notice that some of our members are doing double duty? Debbie mentioned that today is the last day of the annual Poinsettia sale. A Sweetheart Dinner and Silent Auction will be held on Valentines, February 14, from 6 until 9 pm at the Cutting Board. Club members' dinners will be covered but all guests will need to pay \$40. There will be a cash bar and sit down dinner, Each member should bring one auction item. If a member brings two guest couples, his or her guest's cover charge will be paid by the club. Other Rotary clubs from the area will be invited. We plan to make a donation to the ACC Rotaract Club from the proceeds.

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- **Micah Fox - Club Membership Committee**

Micah's committee members include Julian Griffin, Dick O'Donnell, Deva Reese, and David Moore. Micah reported that as of October 1, we have added six new members for the year, with no loses, bring our total to 55. He also said that our club continues to honor the Rotary classification system and encouraged members to invite people from businesses not yet represented in our group. As far as we know, we do not yet have anyone representing organized crime - but, who knows? Micah also mentioned other vacant classifications such as realty, photography, and landscaping. He also said Hospice is not represented. Has he met Peter Barcus?

- **Steve Carter - Youth Services Committee**

Steve applauded the ACC Rotaract Club for their generosity in helping a single mom enrolled at ACC avoid eviction by giving her the proceeds from their recent hotdog sale. He also said that Elon's Rotaract Club should launch next semester, provided leadership is found to fill in for Britton Toothman who will be away doing studies abroad. Lastly, Steve said that the vice-principal at Williams High School has asked for help in launching an Interact Club there. Steve also hopes to set up Interact Clubs at Cummings, Alamance Christian School, and with a home schooling group.

Mac once again reminded club members to be generous in giving to RI. The club is making sure that at least one dollar is being given by each member, but all Rotarians are asked to give \$100 to the RI annual fund per year. This can be done online by using your email address and membership number, which are found in your directory.

Steve Carter had the winning ticket today in the card pool, but failed in his attempt to draw the Ace of Diamonds. The pot steadily increases.

Mac closed the meeting by leading the club in reciting [Rotary's Four Way Test](#).



ACC Rotaract News

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December 6th Meeting

President Mac Williams brought the meeting to order and welcomed Betty Andrews' guest and newest employee, Jill Middleton.



Happy Clams Announcements

- **Kathy Hackshaw** made an announcement, but, since it was unfunded and the secretary did not hear it clearly, it is not available at this time. However, judging by the reaction of those present, it must have been a blessing.
- **Mac Williams** congratulated Tom Manning for his recent election as Chairman of the Board of Commissioners of Alamance County. Tom did pay his happy dollar.

Christmas Luncheon



Debbie Porch and the Club

Administration Committee put together another fun and festive Christmas party at Grill 584. As usual, the food was good and the fellowship even better. Thirty-one people showed up. Pete Beck offered a brief and belated blessing on the food. The highlight of the gathering was the opening and exchange of "Dirty Santa" gifts. Things started out very calmly as each person chose to open a new gift rather than take one belonging to someone else. As could be expected, however, some of us started pilfering the best gifts from our fellow Rotarians. Surprisingly, a toilet

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seat and some side sleeper pillows were hot items, not to mention a bottle of wine, Duke women's basketball tickets, and lottery tickets. Hopefully everyone came away with something they liked. [You can view a photo gallery by clicking here.](#)

NDI Packathon



Members of the Rotary Club of Alamance joined Rotarians from the Graham Club, members of the A.C.C. Rotaract Club (pictured at left are two Rotaract advisors - Dee Khun and Sheri Crofts), and people from various local churches and other organizations to pack food to feed the poor in Jamaica and Haiti over Friday and Saturday, December 9-10. The event was sponsored by [New Directions International](#) in partnership with [FeedtheHunger.org](#). Our club donated \$1000 to help cover food costs. Alamance Club members present at the first packing session of the weekend included District Julian Griffin and his wife Betty, Pete and Martha Beck, John Beshel, Sang Ho Lee, Ed Woodall, Philip Smith, Dexter Barbee, Jr., Deva Reece, and Joseph Williams, who also serves as the CEO of New Directions. Other members and Rotaracters attended other sessions. Terry Titus, our District Governor, was also present on Friday morning and helped attach labels to the food bags. TV Channel 14 filmed the session and did an interview with our club's project committee co-chair, Sang Ho Lee. Everyone had a great time while doing valuable work that will make a big difference in children's lives in the two target countries. [You can view a photo gallery by clicking here.](#)

December 13th Meeting

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President Mac Williams brought the meeting to order. Deva Reece led us in prayer and the pledge of allegiance to our flag. Mac welcomed fellow Rotarians Lucien Roughton (Durham Club) and Dick Fisher (Burlington Club). He also thanked all those who participated in last weekend's Packathon. On behalf of New Directions International, the sponsor of the Packathon, Joseph Williams shared that 114,000 meals were packed and 1500 pounds of canned goods were donated to Loaves and Fishes. Several members of our club and thirteen members of the ACC Rotaract Club participated. Debbie Porch announced that our club netted \$1077 from the Poinsettia Sale. Thanks to all who made this happen. Money also was collected for our server, Nel, and a check from the club will be given to her next week.



Happy Clams Announcements

- None this week.

Program: Mark Danieleley, North Carolina Cooperative Extension Service



Carolyn Rhode had program responsibilities this week. She has dedicated her life to being our club secretary, much to our delight. She has been a member of our club for five years. She moved to Alamance County in 2003 and has been employed by Alamance Community College since 2004, where she currently holds the position and fulfills the responsibilities of Executive Director of the ACC Foundation. She is married to Mark Tosczak, who is a public relations consultant in Greensboro. She and Mark have two children, ages 8 and 5.

Mark Danieleley is a horticultural extension agent with the NC Cooperative Extension Service. He is an Alamance County native and a graduate of NC State. He is married and has two children. He made note that he grew up next door to Sam and Beth Powell.

In the early 1900s, universities were making new discoveries in the field of crop yields, but getting the information to farmers proved problematic. That is when the extension service was formed and county agents were hired to liaison with farmers. Since older farmers were somewhat

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suspicious of government help, agents partnered with young farm boys on small plots of ground to demonstrate the effectiveness of their methods. Over time, farmers began to buy into what the extension service had to offer. Today the extension service works with farmers and consumers in a variety of fields, from pesticide application to ornamentals, to fruit trees, to lawns. The agency provides soil sample results, home visits, has a website, email, classes and an e-newsletter.

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December 20th Meeting

President Mac Williams brought the meeting to order. Pete Beck led us in prayer and the pledge of allegiance to our flag. Deva Reece introduced his guest and prospective club member, Myron Prevatte with the [Pegram-Prevatte Insurance Agency](#). Mac welcomed fellow Rotarians Gayle Moore (Randolph Club) and Dick Fisher (Burlington Club). Our president also made known that Dan Seiler has resigned from our club and will no longer serve as treasurer. We are indebted to him for his service and will miss him greatly. The board has authorized Mac to work with Brad Moser to draft a memorandum of understanding that will govern how the club will interact with a hired outside contractor to do the work associated with the treasurer position. Brad has volunteered to serve for the remainder of this fiscal year as the official treasurer and as a liaison between the outside contractor and the club. This new way of doing things will alter how some transactions are handled. Club members were advised to contact Mac if they have any serious reservations about the direction we are heading. Mac also reminded the club that year-end contributions to RI should be made online before December 31. Anyone who is unable to contribute now can do so later before June 30 to have their donations counted for this Rotary year. Carolyn Rhode said she would be glad to guide members through the process; although, the directory has clear directions. It's not hard, folks. Mac reminded the club that we will have no meeting next week. At the end of the meeting, Mac presented Nel with a check for \$510, our yearly offering to one of the greatest servers in Alamance County.



Happy Clams Announcements

- **Dexter Barbee, Jr.** had three announcements. His oldest son just received and inheritance and will not need money from Dexter in the immediate future. Another son who is in the Air Force no longer faces deployment to Iraq or Afghanistan, and will soon be home for Christmas.
- **Steve Carter** will soon have a new grandson in April.
- **Mac Williams** mentioned that **Greg Westcott** and his wife were in a serious auto accident, but are apparently okay, for which we are thankful.

Program: Marion Goldwasser - Kitgum Uganda Project

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Pete Sargent was responsible for our program today. He is a credit counselor who specializes in helping out-of-work homeowners find help to pay their mortgages. Pete was born in Massachusetts and moved to our area in 1971. He attended college at Appalachian State University. He has served the club as the Sergeant at Arms for years, and we appreciate it.

Marion Goldwasser is a member of the Mt. Airy Rotary Club. She served in the Peace Corp, attended Stanford University, taught in Carroll County, VA and Mt. Airy, NC, lives with her husband on a large beef cattle farm, and has two daughters.

Uganda is a sort of second home for Marion where she has many adopted family members after visiting and serving there quite often over the years. That nation is beautiful and full of natural and people resources. Churchill called it the "Pearl of Africa." Today it is home to the largest deposit of oil in sub-Saharan Africa. Unfortunately, Uganda has suffered much under oppressive governments in the past few decades. Rotary has been hard at work in helping that nation recover and be renewed. The most current project in Kitgum focuses on women's and girls' sanitation, health, and education. Rotarians are working to provide a secondary boarding school for women and to offer education and training in the areas of dealing effectively with menses, abuse, and HIV-AIDS. This is a sustainable project involving seven clubs that will provide 18 birthing beds and Momma kits for mothers and their infants, training for traditional birth attendants, village health teams, clinic workers, and hospital staff in sixteen villages. Training will take place four times a month. This training will pass down the line all the way to children to guarantee sustainability. Ultrasounds, HIV-AIDS testing, counseling, and education will be part of the project.

The total amount needed for the project is \$260,000. The Mt. Airy club needs to raise a total of \$60,000, half of that amount having already come in. Our speaker asked our club to consider joining in the project next Rotary year with financial support. Marion also said that volunteers are needed to travel to Uganda to help on the project, especially people trained in teaching and the medical field.

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Peter Barcus had the winning ticket in the card pool. He drew the King of Diamonds, one card away from the Ace. Too bad, Peter. To all Merry Christmas and best wishes for the coming year!!!