

# THE Mount Airian ROTARIAN

MAY, 2007



LEADING THE WAY

## Officers 2006-2007

John Collins .....President  
Ben Cooke .....President-Elect  
Teresa Lewis.....Secretary  
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Charles Dugger.....Sergeant At Arms  
Jay Williams .....Past President

## Weekly Meetings

Tuesday, 12:10 pm  
Cross Creek Country Club  
1129 Greenhill Road  
Mount Airy, NC

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## BRING HOME THE GOLD



President, John Collins

The 2007 District Conference proved to be "Almost Heaven" for Mt. Airy Rotary Club and the attendees at the District Conference at the Homestead April 13-15. At the Saturday evening banquet, President John Collins did not need to wait long to find out that Mt. Airy Rotary Club achieved the GOLD Award. In the

International Representative's New Zealand accent, Mt. Airy Rotary Club was announced as the first club to receive the prestigious GOLD CLUB Award. Our club also won 1st place in the newsletter competition. In addition to President John Collins and his wife Bobby, past president and international projects chairman, Dick Johnson, president-elect Ben Cooke and his wife Lone, and Interact advisors Vera Reynolds and Carol Burke were in attendance.

Please mark your calendars NOW for the 2008 district conference and plan to support President Ben Cooke as we go for GOLD II. The 2008 conference will be April 25-27, 2008 at Chateau Elan.—



Attendees

# BLOOD DRIVE

Kate and Twyla worked hard to squeeze the last drop of blood out of our volunteers, and they did a good job, but we came up 2 pints short of our 30 pint goal. Thanks to all who came and gave. Kate says next time we'll make the goal. Mark your calendars now for next time, and bring a friend. Because

of vacations in the summer, it takes more work to get folks to the donation sites. Kate works hard to help the Red Cross meet their goals by setting these Blood Donor Days for Rotary. Let's help her, and the Red Cross, all we can.

# MT. AIRY ROTARY CLUB HOSTS GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE FROM SCOTLAND

On Tuesday, April 10, Brenda Goings and Dick Johnson arrived at the Wingate Hotel to join the Group Study Exchange from Scotland for breakfast and to transport the GSE team to Mt. Airy. Rotarian Kenny Moles graciously set up a tour of the Mt. Airy Granite Quarry for the team. The team was studying "lean management" techniques and other high tech global practices and found the tour and welcome from the Granite Quarry a high light of their trip.

Rotarian Ann Vaughn greeted the GSE team at the historical Gertrude Smith House and explained the connection to previous owner of the house and the quarry. The team members were facinated by the architecture and the period furniture of the beautiful house. Following the presentation of the team to not only our club, but members from Sunrise Club, Yadkin Valley Club, King Club, and the Scottish Heritage Club, the GSE team had a tour through the Mt. Airy Museum of Regional History. Rotarian Harry Marsh, the leader of the team found the museum to be "extraordinary," and promised to return to Mt. Airy to bring his wife and have a round of golf with George Snyder. GSE team drivers, Brenda Goings and Dick Johnson delivered the team to Terry Titus in Yadkinville. **MANY THANKS TO ALL WHO**



New member Robin Hester greets GSE team member Luke Greaves

**GAVE GIFTS FOR THE BAGS PREPARED FOR THE TEAM.** They expressed thanks to each of you.

Preparations are already being made for the next Group Study Exchange Team who will visit Taiwan. If you know of an individual who is age 25 to 40 who would like to spend a month in Taiwan, please advise president elect, Ben Cooke or Group Study Exchange Coordinator, Carol Burke.



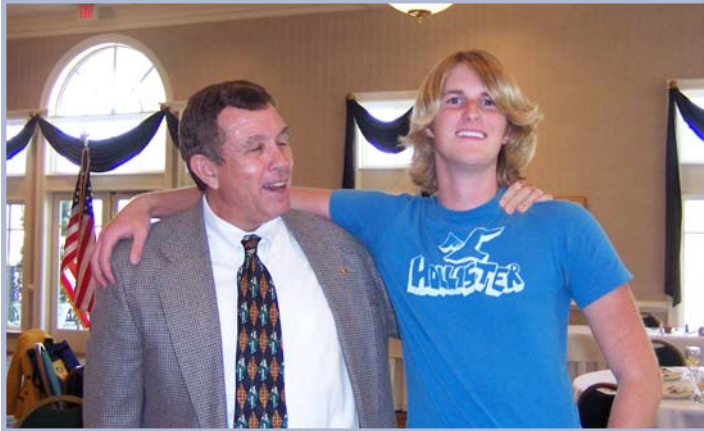
Roger & Beth Day and Rev. Cline, members of the Scottish Heritage Club, enjoyed visiting Rotary and meeting GSE member, Simon Phillips



Dr. Annette Ayers gave the GSE Team a tour of the Mt. Airy Museum



# COLE YOUNGER COMPLETES ROTARY INTERNSHIP



Dr. Ashley Hinson nods in agreement over Cole Younger's idea to start an Interact Club at the Bill Gates High School

Interact President Cole Younger has served as a Rotary Intern through the internship program at Mt. Airy High School. Cole's activities as an intern have been overseen by the Executive Committee of Mt. Airy Rotary Club, with Cole reporting to Carol Burke on a daily basis. In addition to overseeing the activities of the 50+ member Interact Club, Cole has organized the following: (1) Interact Club trip to Gulfport, Mississippi as volunteers for Katrina clean-up. This involved coordinating the trip through First Presbyterian Church's site selection, Grace Moravian's Church's van and adult volunteer, Jim Littleton, parents who assisted their children in preparation for the trip and donors who gave a total of \$2400 for the work.

- (2) Re-cycling program at Mt. Airy High School. This involved permission from the administration to set up recycling bins in each classroom (bins were provided by PTA funds), sorting and carrying recycled materials to the recycling center on Riverside Drive weekly.
- (3) Organizing a zoo trip for Mr. Overfelt's exceptional children's class.
- (4) Attending the N. C. Conservation Network Annual 2 day meeting at Brown Summit and preparing a power point presentation from the materials presented
- (5) Organized the Interact Pinning ceremony (6) Assisting with the establishment of Interact Clubs at North Surry and the Gates Early College High School of Design (7) Planning an end of year picnic (8) organizing a high school retiring of the flag, raising the new flag ceremony.

Cole invites all Rotarians to attend the Flag Ceremony on May 1 at 7:20 a.m. at the flag pole at the entrance to Mt. Airy High School. The new flag will be raised by the National Guard under the direction of Sgt. Smart.

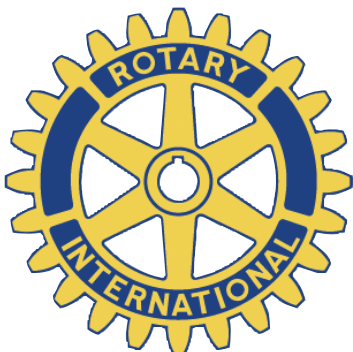
Rotarians are invited to attend the end of the year cook-out honoring retiring Interact advisor, Mrs. Goldwasser and new Interact advisor, Coach Mayo. The date of the cook-out is May 4 at 5:30 p.m. at Grace Moravian Church. A sign up sheet will be available at Rotary for those interested in attending.

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- Mark Twain -



**LEADING THE WAY** ...ROTARY INTERNATIONAL THEME FOR 2006-2007



# WORLD COMMUNITY SERVICE

The Mount Airy Rotary Club was one of 5 clubs in our district to participate in more than one Matching Grants service projects; we had three. We helped fund two clean water wells in Nigeria, and help with occupational training of women in India. Our club also participated with the King Rotary Club and the Surry Sunrise Club in a clean water well. A big thank you goes to committee chair Dick

Johnson and his fireball team of Carol Burke and Vera Reynolds. Without their dogged determination and follow through these projects might not have made it through. A BIG Rotary thank you to our team members.

Our district had 33 clubs participating in the program with a total of \$414,123.00 received for those projects. This compares to 17 clubs and \$158,523.00 last year.

## MORE PHOTOS FROM THE GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE FROM SCOTLAND



Dick Johnson, past president of Rotary, Bob Ferris, past president of Mount Airy Granite, Marie Judson and Meia Prosser from Brazil wait to greet the GSE Team from Scotland



The GSE Team from Scotland take a tour the Mount Airy Granite Quarry



Ann Vaughn and Brenda Goings give the GSE Team a tour of the Gilmer Smith House



Members from the Sunrise Rotary Club enjoy the GSE presentation



# MAY 2007

<u>DATE</u>	<u>ROTARIAN</u>	<u>PRESENTER &amp; TOPIC</u>
May 1 .....	Steve Lindsley .....	Joe Moran, CROP Hunger Walk
May 8 .....	Gary Harold .....	Greg Rossidivito, Survival Pro Health
May 15 .....	Kirby McCrary .....	LuAnn Browne & Debbi Collins, Growing Up Digital Using Technology To Accelerate Academics
May 22 .....	Wanda Urbanska .....	Bayley Wharton, Fine Furniture Design & Production – One Man’s Labor of Love
May 29 .....	John Collins .....	Greg Shucky, GSE In England

## ROTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

Rotary contributed \$300.00 (\$150.00 was given by a Rotary member) to the Mount Airy Museum to pay for 4 students to attend the Book & Author Dinner to be held May 18th at Cross Creek Country Club. The featured speaker will be David Baldacci, well known author of such novels as The Collector, The Camel Club, Hour Game, and many more. He and his wife Michelle are co-founders of the Wish You Well Foundation. The following message is from their website [www.wishyouwellfoundation.org](http://www.wishyouwellfoundation.org): Supporting family literacy in the United States by fostering and promoting the development and expansion of new and existing literacy and educational programs.

## DISTRICT ASSEMBLY

From President elect Ben - Hello everyone, Fresh back from District Conference and on to something new. District Assembly will be here before you know it. May 11th at GTCC in Greensboro. I would like to get any many as we can to go. The more training we get the better off we'll be. It is for a half a day. We will be back in Mt. Airy by 1:00-1:30.

## BEST WISHES TO THOSE CELEBRATING:

### *Birthdays:*

- 9 .....Macon Simmons
- 18 .....Ben Cooke
- 19 .....Chris Nichols
- 21 .....Jay Williams
- 22 .....Joan Inman

### *Anniversaries:*

- 3 ....Richard & Kaye Patterson
- 6 ....Julie & Jack Moore
- 16 ....Tim & Cindy Marion
- 17 ....Ted & Faith Ashby
- 17 ....Don & Sylvia Brookshire
- 17 ....Alton & Janice Gaither
- 17 ....Bucky & Kim Holcomb
- 20 ....Melissa & Jason White
- 22 ....Robert & Deborah Rogers
- 25 ....Tom & Anne Webb
- 28 ....David & Renee Jessup
- 29 ....Ray & Whitney Morton



I believe that a smile is the attribute of a positive attitude, both for yourself and the perception of others.

- Jeffrey Gitomer -



# MEMBERSHIP ROSTER

	ROTARIAN	SPOUSE		ROTARIAN	SPOUSE		ROTARIAN	SPOUSE
■	Cooper Adams	Ginny	■	John Haynes	Barbara	■	Richard Patterson	Kaye
	David Adkisson	Ellen		Robin Hester	Thurman	■	T.J. Payne	Sharon
	Kate Appler	Mark	■	Derek Higgs	Mary		Hugh Peoples	
	Faith Ashby	Ted		Teresa Hill	Michael		John Priddy	Sandra
	Ted Ashby	Faith		Ashley Hinson	Lynne		Gene Rees	Peggy
	Paul Belk	Cecelia		Eric Hodges			Bill Refvem	Joanna
	Chip Bondurant	Patricia		Bill Holcomb	Marjorie		Joanna Refvem	Bill
	Ed Bondurant			Bucky Holcomb	Kim	■	Vera Reynolds	
	Horace Bondurant	Jewel		Elmer Holst	Juanita		C.B. Roberson	Jamie
	Ricky Bowman	Lori		Larry Hopkins	Eva		Burke Robertson	Carolyn
	Tommy Brannock			Jack Horne	Donna	■	Mark Rogers	Deidre
	Don Brookshire	Sylvia	■	Joan Inman	Bill		Robert Rogers	Deborah
	Sue Brownfield	Hal		John Jackson	Donna		Greg Rossidivito	
	Carol Burke			David Jessup	Renee		Aaron Routh	Lee Ann
	Greg Cave	Lynette		Allen Johnson	Alison		Macon Sammons	Candace
	Nelson Clark			Alison Johnson	Alan		Brandt Scholtz	Lynn
	Betty Ann Collins	Martin		Amy Johnson			Don Schumacher	Karen
■	John Collins	Bobbie		Bill Johnson		■	Frank Sells	Amanda
■	Ben Cooke	Lone	■	Dick Johnson			Twyla Sickmiller	Roger
	Adam Delp		■	David Jones	Betty		P.J. Snow	Joy
	Myra Dove		■	Jim Lewis	Teresa		George Snyder	
■	Charles Dugger	Shirley	■	Teresa Lewis	Jim	■	John Springthorpe	Karen
	Ron Ellis	Diana		Steve Lindsley	Lorie		Louis Stanfield	Linda
	Robbie Ernhart			John Lockhart	Alice		Cathy Stevens	Mark
	Tom Fawcett	Mary		Greg Marshall	Lori		Wanda Urbanska	
	Fred Folger		■	Cindy McBride	Ramey		Ann Vaughn	Tom
	Ralph Forbes	Erika		Kirby McCrary	Tammy	■	Anne Webb	Tom
	Alton Gaither	Janice	■	Tim Marion	Cindy		Tom Webb	Anne
■	Kendra Garaventa		■	Robert Meinecke	Judy		Laura Wharton	Bayley
	Brenda Goings		■	Robert Merritt	Cama	■	Melissa White	Jason
	Jeff Gordon			Mike Milligan	Judy	■	Jay Williams	Beth
■	Jim Grimes	Louella		Kenny Moles		■	Jack Wilson	Marie
	Steve Gross	Polly	■	Bob Moody	Kathy		Dick Wimbish	Sue Ellen
■	Tonda Hall			Julie Moore	Jack		Steve Woronoff	
	Raymond Hanna			Ray Morton	Whitney		Betty Wright	Hylton
	Gary Harold	Vicki		Chris Nichols	Angie			
	Todd Harris	Betsy						
	Bonnie Hawks	Lane						

**KEY:** ■ Past President ■ Board of Directors ■ Paul Harris Fellow

Honorary Members .....3  
 Active Members .....101  
 Total Membership ....109  
 Paul Harris Fellow ...109



## MAKEUP MEETINGS

Monday .....Stuart, VA .....Rotary Park .....6:30 pm  
 Tuesday .....Winston-Salem .....Benton Conv. Ctr. ....12:30 pm  
 Tuesday .....Yadkinville .....Ace's Restaurant .....7:30 am  
 Wednesday .....Elkin-Jonesville .....Prime Sirloin .....7:45 am  
 Wednesday .....Surry Sunrise .....Prime Sirloin .....7:30 am  
 Wednesday .....Galax, VA .....Presbyterian Church .....Noon  
 Thursday .....Hillsville, VA .....Shoney's Restaurant .....Noon  
 Thursday .....King .....Town & Country Rest. ....7:00 am  
 Friday .....Reynolda .....Winston-Salem Col. ....12:30 pm