

THE Mount Airian ROTARIAN

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The Budbreak Festival Almost Here



Start looking for festival ads in the following publications...NC Wine Press, Yadkin Valley Living, On The Vine and the Mount Airy News. Our Title Sponsor WIFM has already started ads on their Time and Temperature call in (336-789-0123). They will follow with interviews, ticket give-a-ways and the like from now till event day. Six Neighbors stores will be selling tickets. WMAG radio will also be airing ads; interviews and give-a-ways. Lowes Foods has agreed to sell tickets at all their locations in NC, SC and VA.

All the details are being posted at www.budbreakfestival.com. Thanks to all who

are participating through advertising sponsorships. See the web for a complete list.

We expect this event to be a major economic impact to our area with an added result of funding our varied Rotary charities. This is our opportunity to establish an event for our community that can become an annual event. Please offer your assistance to our club board. Many folks will be needed to help make this a smooth flowing and enjoyable experience for all who come to Mount Airy. Let's work hard to make this a rousing success.

Have a Heart, Give a Part Program

Last year we had a speaker who talked about how the organ donor program had been a life saving force in her life. Well that same program is still working hard to get the word out. As you may recall, part of the program is public awareness. To help with that, trucking companies donated tractor trailers to be "wrapped" with the information and pictures of those whose lives or loved ones lives had been saved by organ or tissue donations.

This year the North Carolina License to Give Trust has approved \$118,000 for 25 trailers to be "wrapped" again. These trailers can be seen traveling up and down our highways; displayed at ball games; concerts and other community events. In addition, anyone who is willing to have their story told can volunteer to be pictured on these trailers to add that personal touch which brings the need for these donations to a personal, visible level.

Thanks to the generosity of our own member, Gary Harold, H & W Trucking has agreed to be one of the trucking companies donating one of their trailers to be used. In addition, Gary asked David Rowe, who received a liver transplant, if he would consider having his picture used and we certainly hope David will agree. The need for public awareness about organ donation is critically important for so many people whose lives depend on finding a match.

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Update on Water Well in Gulu, Uganda

Good news!!! The clean water well which Carol and Marion were working on has become a reality. The old well in front of the entrance to Gulu University was broken. This well served not only the students and faculty, but the community at large. With help from Rotarians the well has been re-worked and is now flowing clean water. What a blessing this is for all those people who had to struggle to find potable water.



Gulu University Rotary Club Members

APRIL

Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 1.....Horace Bondurant
- 5.....Alison Johnson
- 11.....Carol Burke
- 11.....Bill Johnson
- 14.....David Adkisson
- 22.....Robin Hester
- 25.....PJ Snow
- 30.....Kate Appler

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- 2.....Amy and Bill Johnson
- 8.....Ken and Kari Gulaian
- 12.....Kate and Mark Appler
- 21.....Tom and Mary Fawcett
- 25.....Aaron and Leanne Routh



Working on the well



Fresh water flows



Enthusiasm is the best protection in any situation.

Wholeheartedness is contagious.

Give yourself, if you wish to get others.

— David Seabury American Doctor, Author





Rotary Peace Center Spring Conference

This is a reminder to those attending the 7th Annual Duke-UNC Rotary Peace Center Spring Conference that it is being held on Saturday, April 10th at the FedEx Global Education Center at UNC. You should have already registered, but if not and you wish to attend, contact www.RotaryPeaceCenterNC.org. since registration is required.

Rotary Compassion Fund – update by Darrin Hartness

I wanted to give you all an update on the Rotary Compassion Fund. So far this year contributors have given \$2,185 to the fund. I continue to receive envelopes with contributions every few weeks! At the end of February, our principals have used \$1,328 to purchase school supplies, coats, shoes, and other necessities for students at Jones Intermediate and Tharrington Primary School. The current fund balance is \$857. This was a very cold winter and because of Rotary many of our students were able to stay warm and have proper clothing to come to school.

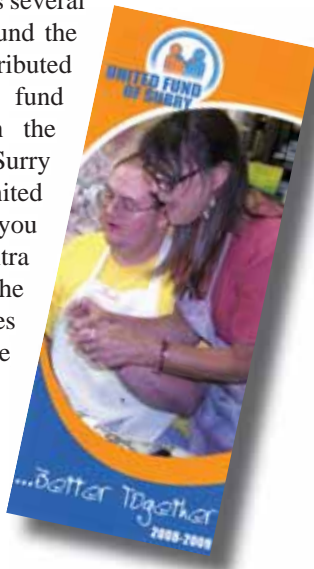
Since the inception of the compassion fund our principals have also started another program at Jones Intermediate and Mount Airy Middle School called the Hungry Bears program. Through this program, students identified with need carry home a book bag on Friday filled with food for the weekend and bring back the book bag on Monday. Sadly, some of our students depend on school breakfast and lunch Monday through Friday as their only reliable source of food.

I want to thank the Mount Airy Rotary for their support of our children. I am overwhelmed with the compassion and care shown to others in this community. Thank you all for your leadership in making it happen!

Darrin L. Hartness, Ed.D.
Superintendent
Mount Airy City Schools

United Fund Campaign Goal Helped by Special Donation

To help with the final push to move the United Fund past its \$500,000.00 goal, we took up a special collection on March 16 during our meeting and collected \$711.00. This extra contribution plus several others from around the community contributed to the largest fund raising goal in the history of the Surry County United Fund. Thank you for going this extra mile to assist the many agencies supported by the United Fund.



NC Supreme Court Justice Visits Mount Airy Rotary Club

We were honored to have with us recently, NC Supreme Court Justice Paul Newby. Justice Newby is a strong believer in the NC Constitution and why our founding fathers created it. He is well versed in our history and his talk was both entertaining and enlightening. We thank Kirby McCrary for inviting Justice Newby to Mount Airy and hope he will honor us with a visit again.



NC Supreme Court Justice Paul Newby and Kirby McCrary

High School Global Issues Study Program

by Carol Burke

Mt. Airy High School Junior Wes Bledsoe, student of Mrs. Babs Merritt, presented his research paper at the United Nations on Monday, March 15 on the topic:

How should the United Nations effectively enforce the Law of the Sea Treaty against nations that directly violate its provisions via fishing, pollution, and piracy?

Wes's paper was selected as one of the top four essays from students from high schools in North Carolina to be presented at the United Nations. Of the four top papers presented, Wes was selected as the top presenter for 2010 and will receive the prestigious Oscar K. Merritt Scholarship Award of \$500 at the World Affairs Institute this summer at Black Mountain.

Mt. Airy Rotary Club annually sponsors Mt. Airy High School's participation in the annual competition. The High School Global Issues Study Program is sponsored by American Freedom Association which was started by philanthropists across North

Carolina in 1953. Oscar K. Merritt, a Mt. Airy businessman, originated the student essay program, noting that the students in our high schools today must become tomorrow's national and world leaders.

In addition to a briefing at the United Nations on the Law of the Sea Treaty, the tour of the United Nations and other attractions in New York City, Wes and other students and teachers spent an evening and day in Washington, D. C. They met with Senator Richard Burr on March 17, following a presentation on the Capitol steps by President Obama and the Ambassador from Ireland commemorating St. Patrick's Day.

The Mt. Airy Rotary Club congratulates Wes and his teacher, Babs Merritt, on this excellent representation of our high school and our Rotary Club. We look forward to hearing Wes Bledsoe's speech during one of our programs in the near future. You can read his speech at the web site: www.americanfreedomassociation.org



Overseeing an Important Resource

Catrina Alexander has been in Mount Airy almost 20 years, and over all those years she has worked first for the county, and now the city to help promote and run recreation facilities that are a shining star for our community. **Reeves Community Center** has been a part of this community since 1951. It is a hubbub of activity with people of varying ages and nationalities mixing together and finding numerous opportunities to improve their fitness and health. Whether it be swimming in one of the two pools; walking beautiful trails; working out in the large fitness facility; playing basketball; canoeing down the river; taking aerobics or yoga classes; or much more, there is something for everyone.

Memberships at Reeves have increased over last year with a total membership to date of 1,806. They have used the services of 175 volunteers who work in varying capacities such as instructors, coaches, maintenance assistance and answering the phone. You don't get that kind of support without good folks leading by example and providing a rewarding place to be.

To help provide opportunities to children in need, the RCC Foundation last year gave out \$18,000 in scholarships to 148 individuals. Money contributed to the foundation is not used for operating expenses. All monies are used to provide partial or full membership fees or activity fees on an as needed basis. Anyone desiring to contribute to this fund can do so at any time.

With the weather turning warmer and the days longer, get out and get moving. Take a walk along the Emily B Taylor Greenway; Ararat River Greenway; Riverside Park or Westwood Park. Go on, have some fun and get healthy!!!



Catrina Alexander, Exec. Director

Lyons Gray speaks to Rotary – March 16th



Aaron Routh talks with Lyons Gray

We were given a first person glimpse today of what life is like inside the beltway of Washington, DC. Mr. Gray served as Chief Financial Officer of the Environmental Protection Agency from 2005-2009.

Serving in this capacity, Mr. Lyons was responsible for aligning and implementing public policy and organizational priorities with financial resources.

Mr. Gray also served as a member of the North Carolina General Assembly from 1989 – 2002. He was Chairman of the House Finance Committee and served in a senior leadership role during majority and minority administrations. While in the General Assembly he enacted over a dozen major bills to support economic growth and quality of life improvements across NC.

Mr. Lyons advised us to encourage good people to run for public office. With so much at stake, our country needs leaders

who can withstand the seamier side of politics and take a stand for doing the right thing for those they serve.



Fred Folger with friend Lyons Gray

April

<u>DATE</u>	<u>ROTARIAN</u>	<u>SPEAKER & PROGRAM</u>
April 6	Joan Inman	JR Gorham, V.P. First Citizens Bank
April 13	Carol Burke	Jamie Tilley – The Dominican Republic
April 20	Anne Webb	Kathy Baker, Professor & Director of the Family Business Center at Wake Forest University
April 27	Gray Parker	TBA

MEMBERSHIP ROSTER

ROTARIAN	SPOUSE	ROTARIAN	SPOUSE	ROTARIAN	SPOUSE
David Adkisson	Ellen	Raymond Hanna		Julie Moore	Jack
Kate Appler	Mark	Gary Harold	Vicki	Britta Needham	Jeff
Faith Ashby	Ted	Todd Harris	Betsy	Chris Nichols	Angie
Ted Ashby	Faith	Darrin Hartness	Lisa	Gray Parker	Sandra
Paul Belk	Cecelia	John Haynes	Barbara	Richard Patterson	Kaye
Ed Bondurant		Robin Hester	Thurman	Greg Perkins	Julie
Horace Bondurant	Jewel	Derek Higgs	Mary	Jim Petelle	Ann
Ricky Bowman	Lori	Ashley Hinson	Lynne	Hugh Peoples	
Don Brookshire	Sylvia	Eric Hodges		John Priddy	Sandra
Sue Brownfield	Hal	Bill Holcomb		Gene Rees	Peggy
Carol Burke		Bucky Holcomb	Kim	Bill Refvem	Joanna
Karen Burnette	Bruce	Joan Inman	Bill	Joanna Refvem	Bill
Greg Cave	Lynette	John Jackson	Donna	Vera Reynolds	
Nelson Clark	Lisa	David Jessup		Burke Robertson	Carolyn
Betty Ann Collins	Martin	Allen Johnson	Alison	Mark Rogers	Deidre
John Collins	Bobbie	Alison Johnson	Alan	Aaron Routh	Lee Ann
Gary Cook	MaryAnn	Amy Johnson	Bill	Candace Sammons	Macon
Peter Cook		Bill Johnson	Tina	Macon Sammons	Candace
Ben Cooke	Lone	Dick Johnson		Brandt Scholz	Lynn
Adam Delp		Jim Lewis	Teresa	Frank Sells	Amanda
Charles Dugger	Shirley	Teresa Lewis	Jim	Twyla Sickmiller	Roger
Cathy Eckenrod	Skip	Steve Lindsley	Lorie	Steven Simpson	
Matthew Edwards	Glenda	Bennie Lisk		P.J. Snow	Joy
Ron Ellis	Diana	John Lockhart	Alice	Cathy Stevens	Mark
Jeffery Ellis		Peter Lydens	Linda Wright	Ann Vaughn	Tom
Tom Fawcett	Mary	Lenise Lynch		Dale Watson	Celena
Fred Folger		Greg Marshall	Lori	Anne Webb	Tom
Ralph Forbes	Erika	Kirby McCrary	Tammy	Tom Webb	Anne
Deborah Friedman		Carla Majure	David	Jay Williams	Beth
Alton Gaither	Janice	Tim Marion	Cindy	Jack Wilson	Marie
Brenda Goings		Tony Marion	Janice	Dick Wimbish	Sue Ellen
Marian Goldwasser	Michael	Katie Mabry		Marie Wood	Tycho, Jr.
Jim Grimes	Louella	Frank Mayberry	Jerri	Betty Wright	Hylton
Steve Gross	Polly	Robert Meinecke	Judy	Doug Yarboro	
Ken Gulaian	Kari	Bob Moody	Kathy		

Key: Past President Board of Directors Paul Harris Fellow

Honorary Members	1
Active Members.....	103
Total Membership.....	104
Paul Harris Fellow.....	82

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

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.....Yadkin-Valley.....	Fairfield Inn	7:45 am
Wednesday.....Surry Sunrise.....	Prime Sirloin	7:30 am
Wednesday.....Galax, VA	Prime Sirloin.....	Noon
Thursday.....Hillsville, VA	Shoney's Restaurant.....	Noon
Thursday.....King	Town & Country Rest...7:00 am	
Friday.....Reynolda	Winston-Salem Col.....	12:30 pm