

THE Mount Airian ROTARIAN

MAY, 2006



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Weekly Meetings

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

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

JAY WILLIAMS

As I enjoy the last 2 months of my tenure, I am reminded of some of the things that have made this a memorable year with the Mount Airy Rotary Club. We are all fortunate to have a strong Rotary Club. This year alone our club and it's members have helped send a teacher to South America to participate in an environmental education program, helped send a group of young people to Washington for a leadership conference, provided more than \$12,000 for Hurricane Relief, helped provide clean water to roughly 35,000 people in Africa and provided grants for more than a two dozen local charities and individuals. As Charlie Dugger mentioned at one of our recent meetings, all of this is done with funds raised through our golf tournament and our Spring Fundraiser. As you read this, we are probably preparing for our Spring Fundraiser this evening.

This year will be a little different, in addition to the drawing, we have added a number of

silent auction items and Acoustic Blend will provide the entertainment. While this is our largest fundraiser of the year, it also provides us with a rare opportunity to socialize without concern about getting back to the office. Bring your spouse or significant other and take a little time to get to know a few of your fellow Rotarians, dance a time or two, and hopefully see something you will be willing to bid on during the auction.

Just remember, your contribution may do something as significant as changing a life.

— Jay Williams

ROTARY BLOOD DRIVE

Sometimes people think all we're after is their money, but that's not true. Just listen to Kate and she'll tell you, we want your blood as well. The message got across because our blood drive on Tuesday the 18th netted 24 pints of blood. For those who gave or found others to give, we applaud your contributions. _____



President Jay Williams giving blood

RECENT PROGRAMS

April 11, 2006

Robert and Cama Merritt presented a program on the Past, Present & Future of the Ararat River. A lot of research has been done to learn more about the area beginning with the granite arch bridge on Hamburg Street, now on city owned property. This bridge is the oldest standing granite edifice in Surry County and was built sometime before 1870. They took a poster showing some of the holdings of the John M. Brower & Bro. manufacturing area from 1870, and the bridge can be seen in the picture. The Ararat River provided water power for the operation of four mills in this location. These mills provided cotton yarn, lumber, boots/shoes, and a grist mill.

A dedicated group of Mount Airy locals have been working for several years to preserve and clean up the river for the enjoyment and safety of our community. The NC Clean Water Management Trust Fund has granted \$1.847MM, plus the City of Mount Airy has pledged \$200,000 per year for the next five years to bring this about. A river clean up has been planned to rid the river of old tires and debris; and nature trails with identification is planned for those who want to hike and canoe. We thank everyone in the group who have worked tirelessly to bring this part of history to life for others and to preserve an important piece of the heritage of this area.



Robert & Cama Merritt



Aaron Routh with Robin Testerman

April 18, 2006

Robin Testerman, Director of the Children’s Center of Surry, presented a very informative program on the workings of this much needed organization. Their mission is “the prevention and treatment of child abuse and neglect.” The children’s center is able to provide needed residential care to children from birth to 18 years old. Surry County had 879 reported cases of child abuse in 2005, 87% of those cases were for neglect. The center serves 215 families and children on a monthly basis. Early detection of problems and getting involved with families over a multi-month time period helps everyone learn to cope with issues that out of frustration can develop into child abuse and neglect.

One of the successful programs Robin spoke about was the All About Respect class for males only. Young men are taught to respect themselves and others; they are instructed on many things such as how to dress, what utensils to use, how to order from a menu; and how to conduct themselves in social situations. Much of what these young men learn are things we take for granted, but for those who are not brought up in an environment where they can see or learn how to handle themselves in a social situation, or they don’t

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>ROTARIAN</u>	<u>PRESENTER & TOPIC</u>
May 2	Hugh Peoples	Chuck Neaves – Review of District Court System
May 9	Charles Dugger	April Dugger - Red Cross participation in Katrina
May 16	Twyla Sickmiller	TBA
May 23	Myra Dove	Teresa Hill – Biomedical Research in Surry County
May 30	Alton Gaither	Dr. Gilbert Huffman - Volunteer Tour of Teaching in Gambia, S. Africa



RECENT PROGRAMS

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have positive role models, these are valuable lessons that can change the outlook for their futures. For the girls, a program called Ladybugs has been developed with the intent of assisting young ladies with many of the same issues as the boys.

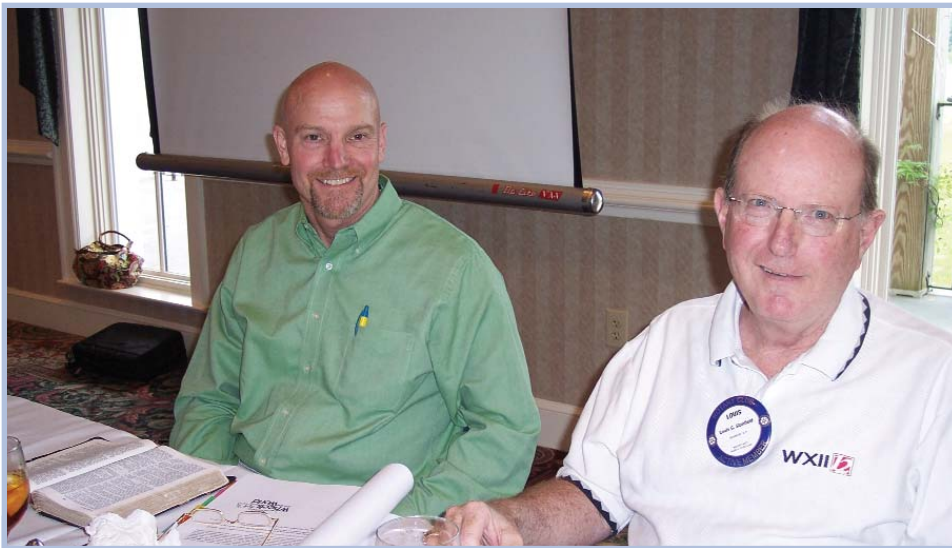
The center would love to have volunteers to act as role models and mentors for these children. If you have an interest, please email Robin at www.childrenscenterofsurry.org or call her at 336-386-9144.

April 25, 2006

In February, Bill Revfem went to Chimal Tinango, Guatamala with the Wheels for the World mission along with a medical mission group out of Knoxville, TN. This ministry of mobility was started by Joni Eareckson Tada who has been a quadriplegic since the age

of 17. Now in her mid fifties, she works to bring wheel chairs, walkers and crutches to the folks in Guatamala who have no means for movement, unless carried by others. People with such handicaps are considered outcasts and they live in a world we can't begin to understand or imagine.

The Wheels for the World mission collects old wheelchairs and sends them to four prisons where inmates rebuild and refurbish the chairs. The 8 team members Bill was with fitted 126 folks over a 5 day period with chairs, some of which would cost \$10,000 in the states depending on the attachments needed to support the individuals. Mission members prayed for and with these folks, and truly God's hand is at work in the lives of anyone who participates in the work of this mission.



Bill Revfem and Louis Stanfield - Wheels of the World



Carol Introduces Robert and Cama Merritt



PLAN AHEAD: DISTRICT CONFERENCE, 2007: APRIL 13-15, 2007 AT THE HOMESTEAD IN WEST VIRGINIA

As the 2006 District Conference was adjourned, the incoming District Governor highlighted the plans for the next district conference. Mitzi Ellis, a native of West Virginia, is the incoming District Governor. She brings to our district lots of energy and enthusiasm and plans for an active year of SERVICE. She and her "DREAM TEAM" committee showed an excellent video of the amenities available for Rotarians to enjoy at the 2007 District Conference which will be held at The Homestead.

Representing Mt. Airy Rotary Club at this year's District Conference were: Jay Williams accompanied by his family; Ann and Tom Webb who have coordinated many Rotary projects; past district governor John Haynes and Barbara; incoming president John Collins and Bobbie; Mt. Airian Newsletter contributor, Carol Burke; past president, Teresa Lewis and Rotarian Jim Lewis, and incoming treasurer, Kendra Garaventa and friend Tyson Clabo.

The District Conference was presided over by District Governor, Phil Morris of the Furnitureland Rotary Club of High Point. Phil had twenty two of his club members to attend the conference and assist with the planning and logistics. David Pruette did an excellent job as the District Conference Chairman.

Greetings from President of Rotary International, Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar were given by Mary Margaret Fleming, Charter Member and Past President of the Monterey Rotary Club in Monterey, California. Her description of her work with the polio eradication program was enlightening and emotional.

Rotarians can be proud of this unbelievable accomplishment.

Group Study Exchange is one of the most exciting programs of Rotary. Our District #7890 had the opportunity to have an exchange with District #3460 of Taiwan. Team Leader Rotarian Jim Lai is the managing director of Jun International, a company that produces sports equipment. The four team members were: Pei-Chun Chen (Peggy) who is a social worker; Chi-kai Yin (Alan) who is a specialist with the National Park Service; Li-Ching Chiu (Joann) who is a special education teacher, and Ching-Yi Hisieh (Emmy) who is a Curator in an art museum in Taipei City. Their power point presentation left one feeling as if they had really been to Taiwan, and that there was a genuine invitation to visit District 3460. The gift that Team Leader Jim gave to our District is an Ambassadorial Scholarship to his country. Prior to their presentation, the flags of the Republic of China (Taiwan) and the US flag were presented and the national anthems of both countries were played.

The work of the District was interspersed with much fun and entertainment. Friday and Saturday afternoons were free for kayaking, golf, canoeing, or just relaxing. Furniture land Rotarians, Dick Thomas and Bob Fowler of the Piedmont Environmental Center in High Point provided kayaks and canoes for those wishing to participate in an environmental event led by Environmentalist Dick Thomas. The trip this year was down the Jacamar River. Dick and Bob led the Maiden Voyage down the Ararat River last June and are assisting with plans for the Environmental Center and Preserve of which Mt. Airy Rotary Club is a collaborative partner represented by Dick Johnson. Robert Merritt has also donated much time and enthusiasm to this project as evidenced by his presentation of the Past, Present, and Future of the Ararat River. Rotarian Ralph Forbes has been involved in the planning of the environmental education program since the beginning of the project in 1998.

The Friday evening low country buffet was followed by a Dueling Pianos event. This was followed by the annual Clemmons Beach Music Party, a great way to make Rotarian friends.

The highlight of Saturday's Plenary Session was reports from active Interact and Rotaract Clubs, and their sponsoring clubs. Mt. Airy Rotary Club sponsors an Interact Club at Mt. Airy High School coordinated by Rotarian Steve Lindsley and a Rotaract Club at Surry Community College.

Past District Governor Bob Newton gave an excellent presentation of our District's International Project, a Hospice in Moldova, during which he showed recent pictures taken by Rotarian Brenda Goings during her recent ambassadorial trip to Moldova with Secretary of State Elaine Marshall.

Sunday morning's interfaith service, led by retired Methodist minister, Reverend Allred was meaningful and uplifting and very thought-provoking. Phil Morris led a very moving remembrance of deceased Rotarians from the past year.

Jim Lewis won the longest drive, and closest to the pin, in the golf outing - GO JIM!!! John Collins said he had some pictures, but he wouldn't let me see them - uummm.

It is hoped by all who attended this year's District Conference that YOU can experience this uplifting event next April. _____

Thanks to Carol Burke for this article.



DISTRICT CONFERENCE - MYRTLE BEACH ATTENDEES



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If everyone is thinking alike,
someone isn't thinking.

- George Orwell -

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Teresa Lewis with Carol Powell, and son Michael Brannock



Bonnie and daughter Julie Sievers



Jim and Mike Brannock



MARCH OF DIMES

Hard to believe another year has passed, but it was time to make the walk for the cure once again, and our members were on hand to walk and to do what many of the walkers have come to expect...get a hot dog from Rotary with CB Roberson's famous cole slaw and hot dog chili. The weather cooperated, and over 300 walkers came out in force. Rotarians gave out approx. 200 hot dogs. Brenda Goings and Ray Morton distributed the leftovers to The Shepherd's House and the Salvation Army. Thanks go out to everyone who participated, and a BIG thank you to CB for chopping up heads of cabbage.

Our community raised over \$104,000.00.



Ray Morton preparing hot dog buns



Mary Higgs joined husband Derek & Dick Johnson for hot dog duty



CB Roberson & Louis Stanfield prepare the grill

BEST WISHES TO THOSE CELEBRATING:

Birthdays:

- 18 Ben Cooke
- 19 Chris Nichols
- 21 Jay Williams
- 22 Joan Inman

Anniversaries:

- 1 ... Rob & Gail Hower
- 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
- 25 ... Tom & Anne Webb
- 28 ... David & Renee Jessup
- 29 ... Ray & Whitney Morton



SERVICE Above Self ...ROTARY INTERNATIONAL THEME FOR 2005-2006



MEMBERSHIP ROSTER

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

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

Honorary Members3
 Active Members104
 Total Membership107
 Paul Harris Fellow ...104

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

