

THE Mount Airian ROTARIAN

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Rotary Golf Tournament

It is time to mark your calendars for our Annual Rotary Golf Tournament – Tuesday, September 9th at Cross Creek Country Club. Our chairwoman this year is Teresa Lewis assisted by Betty Ann Collins and Kendra Garaventa. With these three ladies in charge

you can bet they will come up with a terrific and fun day. Start planning your team early – you won't want to miss this event.

Note: This will take the place of our regular meeting.

Mercy Ships – A life saving global charity

Founded in 1978, Mercy Ships is a faith based, non-governmental, non-political global charity serving the poorest peoples of the world. Medical and non-medical volunteers donate their time and expertise over a period of time from two weeks to one year. They offer their assistance through HealthCare Services and Community Development Services. Most of the organizations patients and contacts have never had any medical care. A pre-screening is done to determine the cases that can be handled and those chosen are given a number to bring to the ship once it arrives. The current ship, the Africa Mercy has six operating rooms, an intensive care unit and bed space for 78 patients. It holds a capacity of 450 volunteers and crew members. The organization also works to establish clean water wells; and assists with agricultural needs.



Linda and Rick Snider

Lexington Rotarian Rick Snider and his wife Linda have served and will be going back to serve aboard the Africa Mercy on its next mission trip. The ship is currently serving in Monrovia, Liberia and will be there until December.

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LEADING THE WAY

OFFICERS 2007-2008

Tim Marlon.....President
Cathy Stevens.....Secretary
Marie Wood.....Treasurer
Charles Dugger...Sergeant
At Arms
Bob Melnecke.....President
Elect
Ben Cooke...Past President

WEEKLY MEETINGS

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

Message from President Tim



Fellow Rotarians,
 August is here, and while the heat is oppressive, I can think of one sure way to keep cool---Invite someone to join our club! August is Membership Month, and what better way to celebrate than by asking someone to join us!? As you know, there are many benefits of Rotary. Some of my favorites are: fellowship, entertaining and educational speakers, and most important of all, the ability to serve mankind through our works and deeds. Our club currently has approximately 110 members, but with your help, we can strengthen our club and the community at large by sharing the Rotary commitment to "Make Dreams Real." Invite someone today!

The fellow who does things that count, doesn't usually stop to count them

—Source Unknown

4th of July Celebration

The Mount Airy Rotary Club and the Surry Sunrise Club once again joined together in sponsorship of the 4th of July fireworks. It was a spectacular showing both in attendance and in the fireworks display which lasted 30 minutes. The crowds started gathering earlier in the evening, some bringing food and money donations for distribution between the Foothills Food Pantry, Yokefellow, and Veterans in Distress. Approximately 17 members between the two clubs collected cash contributions totaling \$1,442.43; 7 boxes of food, and 38 cans of food. Thank you to those who stood out in the rain early on to receive these collections, and a BIG thank you to our community for their attendance and contributions. Workers from our club: Tim Marion, Robin Hester, Robbie Ernhart, Peter Cooke, Brandt Sholtz and his wife Lynn, Marie Wood (husband Tycho is with the Sunrise Club and also worked), Cathy Stevens, Ann Vaughn, and Ben Cook. Thank you, thank you, thank you!!!



*Above: Robbie and Robin
 Lower photo: Fireworks attendants helping out before the big show*



Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 2.....John Haynes
- 5.....Steve Gross
- 6.....Nelson Clark
 Kendra Garaventa
- 9.....Bucky Holcomb
- 20.....Ted Ashby
- 21.....Cathy Stevens
- 23.....Bob Meinecke
- 30.....Bill Refvem
 Peter Cook
- 31.....Ricky Bowman

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- 1.....Kirby & Tammy McCrary
 - 3.....Dick & Sue Ellen Wimbish
 - 5.....Darrin & Lisa Hartness
 - 6.....Bill & Joanna Refvem
 - 17.....Jack & Donna Horne
 - 19.....Twyla & Roger Sickmiller
 - 22.....Mark & Deidre Rogers
 - 26.....Andy & Courtney Anderson
 - 27.....C B & Jamie Robertson

The NFL Comes to Rotary



It's a rare day when an NFL player comes to Mount Airy, but one of our members just happens to be dating a wonderful guy who has been playing for the Atlanta Falcon the past three years. Tyson Clabo is a 6'7", 330 lb

sweetheart of a guy. He tried to tell us he was really mean and fierce, but his smile and pleasant demeanor belies that claim. He plays Right Guard/Right Tackle and will begin practice again August 1st. While he doesn't have a guaranteed spot, he has played the last 20 out of 26 games and he's hoping to earn the right to play again this

season. I guess this is when you pray the guy next to you, who is hoping to get your spot, is having a bad day.

The average pro football player plays 3.5 years. When asked about penalties he said one player was fined \$75,000 for hitting an unprotected man. Penalty ranges are based on the offense committed. Players have agents who negotiate their contracts and on average get 3% of their salary. Tyson said he felt sorry for his first agent because he only played on the practice squad and the poor guy didn't earn a penny. Most agents represent multiple players so with the right guy(s) an agent can do well.

We're keeping our fingers crossed for Tyson to be successful again this year and look forward to watching him play on Monday nights. **Go Falcons!!!**



Tyson and Kendra

Summer Olympics — Off to Beijing

Derek Lindsley spent his career with IBM. In 1992 he had an opportunity to work on the Barcelona Olympics and became so caught up in the experience that he has since become a fulltime Olympics expert on the use of technology for various sports events during the summer and winter games.

He is responsible for developing the technology requirements to run specific sports: producing competition results, statistics and information for media. This includes systems/procedures for the sport venue and for central downstream systems – TV commentator systems, Olympic family information network,

the internet, World News Press Agencies, and for distribution of printed reports for competition management, international sports federations and media."

His specific sports are: Baseball, Softball, Table Tennis; Swimming, Diving and Synchronized Swimming for the summer Olympics and Ice Hockey and Curling for winter. Also, you may be interested to know that there are 7 people in the world who do this job: 2 Norwegians, 4 Croatians and Derek. The inordinate number of Croatians is because the man who has the high-level contract with the IOC for this project is Croatian.

SOME INTERESTING FACTS:

- ✿ Opening date: 08-08-08 and start time 8:08 pm
- ✿ Budget - \$34 Billion
- ✿ Roads – working on their 6th outer beltway
- ✿ Adding 1,100 new cars per week to new drivers
- ✿ 50 Million registered Table Tennis players in China
- ✿ 70,000 Chinese Volunteers
- ✿ 1,000 computer servers running simultaneously
- ✿ 1 year in advance – simulated testing of equipment
- ✿ 1 year in advance – World Cup games – these games are really for live testing of the equipment and facilities.
- ✿ Only NBC is allowed to have their cameras at the events. All other networks must buy their footage from them.

August 2008

<u>DATE</u>	<u>ROTARIAN</u>	<u>SPEAKER & PROGRAM</u>
Aug. 5	Jim Lewis	Jeff McPherson – Regional Director – American Heart Association
Aug. 12	Jay Williams	Mark Fuhrman – Education Director of the Children's Center
Aug. 19	Tim Marion	District Governor Charles Allen
Aug. 26	Tom Fawcett	Elizabeth Fawcett – Music Therapy

MEMBERSHIP ROSTER

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

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

Honorary Members	3
Active Members.....	109
Total Membership.....	112
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.....Yadkin-Valley.....	Comfort Inn	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

Why Rotary?

Why did I join Rotary? That is a question we should all ask ourselves periodically. I would guess that some of us joined because we were asked, it seemed like a congenial group, and without a whole lot of insight into what Rotary was we found ourselves as new members.

I would hope you've learned a lot more about Rotary since joining. Rotary is an organization that loves people; looks to find ways to alleviate suffering; bring joy; participate in your community; and be a part of a global organization that can move mountains.

Rotary succeeds because its membership is made up of bright, energetic, capable people who care about the world we live in and are willing to commit to something larger than themselves.

There are potential candidates in our community just waiting for a chance to take part in Rotary. Take a look around and think about the type of individual Rotary needs in order to continue work at home and abroad. Take the time to talk about Rotary and look for ways to bring new folks in.

Reprinted on the reverse side is an article by Jana Bodensteiner are some ideas for recruiting young members.



GSE—Taiwan, fellowship and the United Fund are just a few examples of the successful endeavors through Rotary.



Ideas for Recruiting and Retaining Younger Members

- **Induct several young members at once, instead of recruiting them one at a time.** If your club has no younger members, inducting several at the same time gives these new members an immediate peer group in the club.
- **Conduct service projects that are likely to appeal to younger members.** The Australian Bureau of Statistics found that volunteers in two age groups, 25-35 and 55-65, do the same amount of service work. But the younger volunteers were more likely to focus on areas such as education, sports, and family matters.
- **Recruit Rotaractors, GSE team members, and other Rotary program alumni.** Their participation in RI and Foundation programs shows that they already know about Rotary's ideals and are interested in pursuing its mission.
- **Consider lowering the total cost of membership in your club.** Some younger members have trouble meeting the financial obligations of club membership. To combat this problem, some clubs have lowered their fees or have a meal only once or twice a month instead of every week.
- **Consider waiving certain fees or expenses for the first year or two.** Younger members who aren't yet fully invested in Rotary may be more apprehensive about committing to all of the financial obligations of club membership. Once they become involved in your club and dedicated to Rotary's mission, they may be more willing and able to pay the full amount.
- **Make sure meetings are efficient and productive.** Younger members, who often have competing priorities, are more interested in attending meetings that are conducted efficiently. Also, make sure your club has an appropriate balance of meetings and hands-on projects and activities.
- **Recruit "up-and-comers."** Managers who are on their way to becoming important business and professional leaders are often interested in the networking and professional development benefits of Rotary. Getting them invested in Rotary while young can help ensure their dedication to Rotary when they reach top-level management, executive status, or ownership positions.
- **Be open to the new ideas of younger members.** Maintaining the status quo in your club may bore and discourage them. Younger members will be more likely to stay in your club if their opinions are valued and appreciated – and if they aren't treated like junior members.

