

Mount Airian THE ROTARIAN

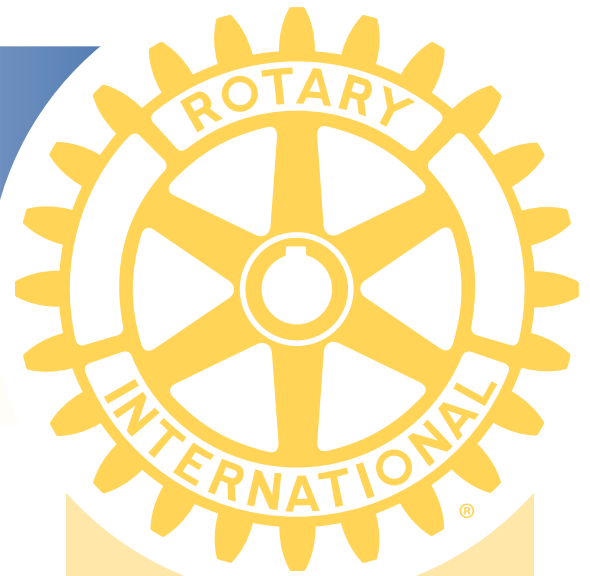
August/September 2016

Filling the Cart!



Rotarian leaders gather during the RUSH food drive

Rotary was filling the cart on August 8 at the Hampton Inn in Mount Airy. The Rotarians in our area united to stop hunger until 2 p.m. along with the International Rotarian President. All together we collected \$15,000 in canned goods and donations.



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2016-2017

THEME:

ROTARY SERVING
HUMANITY



Rotary Recap

PERFECT ATTENDANCE



56

Great Job on perfect attendance, Rotarians! Above, the group gathers for a quick photo. Above left, Bill Holcomb is pinned by treasurer, Lee Lawson

A special round of applause goes to Jim Grimes for 56 years of attending meetings and being a Rotarian! Left, our secretary, Cathy Stevens, pins Jim during our meeting, September 27.

J e s s i c a R o b e r t s

TOURISM AND ITS EFFECTS ON OUR COMMUNITY



Jessica has been the Marketing and Tourism Director for 12 years in the Surry County area.

Jessica explained that the power of tourism helps fuel our economy and saves taxpayers \$254 a year in local and state taxes. There are jobs that tourism provides and these employment opportunities will never go overseas. Jessica encouraged everyone in Rotary to come by the visitors center and see what is offered to the public when they visit Mount Airy.

Mount Airy has a large variety of visitors from around the world and also locally from neighboring states.

Surry County as a whole has grown 28% in expenditures and tourism revenue has risen from 95 million dollars to 113 million. These numbers take into account lodging, food, travel, and more.

There are many things offered from Mayberry to Merlot in Mount Airy!

Rotary Recap

Superintendent for Surry County Schools

Dr. Travis Reeves

Dr. Reeves spoke to Rotary about the importance of having multiple pathways for kids to accomplish their high school diploma. Students can access so many things that were not available years ago because of the internet and technology of today.

Surry County Schools has a graduation rate of 91%. The highest ever for the School system. It is also ranked 15th out of 115 schools within the system. Dr. Reeves said, "We are proud of the work we are doing." He stated that the key is personalized learning and giving students options. It keeps them motivated and interested in what they wish to pursue as a career.



Dr. Travis Reeves

Dr. Reeves shared many examples of different student's course work and how the variety of pathways was a positive thing. He also explained how the combination of a high school diploma, college credits and career credentials are the new norm for success.

"We are proud of the work we are doing"



Spotlight on Spain

with Morris Samet

Morris Samet shares his trip to Spain



Morris Samet brought Spain to the Noon Club on Tuesday. We began our travels in Madrid and viewed photos of Sagovia, the capital of Spain; El Escorial where King Philip II lived, and from there traveled to Cordoba Spain and viewed architecture from the Islamic Golden Age. The beauty of Spain in the spring was evident with photos of wild flowers and gardens Morris visited during his travels.

Morris described his visit so vividly it was hard not to book a trip yourself after the meeting. It was a wonderful presentation.



Cordoba

Rotary Recap

District Governor John Spillman Visits



District Governor John Spillman encouraged Rotarians to help Rotary evolve by joining in the District theme: The Power of Everyone. Invite a friend to join Rotary, and be fearless when it comes to new ideas and programs for Rotary. John reminded everyone that Rotary must evolve or we run the risk of becoming obsolete.

John also introduced the Mount Airy Club's Shining Star and Rising Star.

Marion Goldwasser is our Shining Star who has made a difference world wide. Barbi Manchester is our Rising Star who has raised over \$25,000 for the Lupus Foundation and also helps with the Interact Clubs in our area.

"Rotary happens at the club level"



Pictured left to right, John and Barbi after Barbi is recognized for her work, and Marion Goldwasser receiving her award from Jim during the meeting.

Personal Profile:

Brenda Edwards

Teaching is her passion

The Rotary Club enjoyed learning more about Brenda's childhood and her contributions to education and the arts.

After getting married and moving around N.C. with her husband Alan, they settled down in Rocky Mount where Alan was the Principal at the junior high school. Brenda received her masters degree in language arts and reading and taught children with reading disabilities during that time.

Later Brenda was involved with the Cancer Society and helped plan a basketball fundraiser between senior high school students and senior college students from NC State. It was a huge success. Brenda was also a member of the Junior Women's Club and was the Arts Department Chairman. With that responsibility came the production of a community play called "Spring For Sure". Local talent filled the cast and after four months of preparation and planning the play hit the stage and was a sell out event.

Brenda continued to be involved in her community and teaching a variety of grade levels in elementary education over the years.



Brenda taking time to read to students during the Rotary Literacy Project

While living in Mount Airy, Brenda was a reading teacher at Tharrington elementary and later was hired as a 5th grade teacher at Jones Elementary. Brenda brought about change in the Jones cafeteria when she steered her students to do a styrofoam recycling project which they presented to the local government and received front page news coverage. This in turn led to Jones Elementary discontinuing the use of styrofoam in the school.

There is no doubt that Brenda Edwards made a impact in each community she has lived in and we are glad to have her in our Rotary club where she continues to make a difference.

Rotary Recap

Nora Santillan

Spanish Immersion Program

The immersion program helps children expand their education. The success of the program is due to family support and the support of the school system. The children find the program fun and pushes them to learn to speak Spanish in the correct way. The students learn Spanish but also learn the curriculum outlined by the school district. Languages help children open their minds and also the young age helps them absorb the information more easily. As the program grows there will be more Spanish teachers added so that the children can progress in their grade levels along with a Spanish teacher.



Above, Mrs. Santillan explains the benefits of the Spanish Immersion Program.



Left, Barbi Manchester (second from left) and the Tharrington teachers from the Spanish Immersion Program.

Welcome New Members

Lone Cooke and
Sandra Hurley



Lone Cooke

Rotary welcomes new members Lone Cooke and Sandra Hurley.

Lone works with her husband Ben Cooke at Cooke Rentals. Sandra Hurley works at The Mount Airy Newspaper as the Regional Publisher. Welcome to the Noon Club!

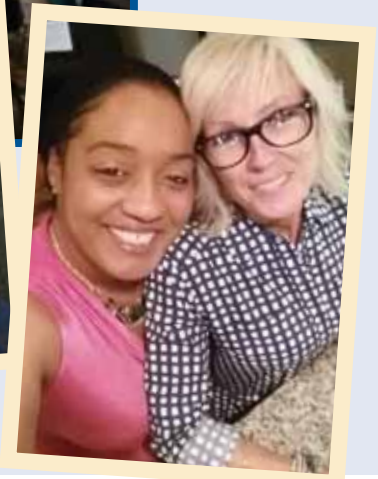


Sandra Hurley



Fellowship fun at Old North State Winery

Rotary
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MEMBERSHIP ROSTER

ROTARIAN	SPOUSE	ROTARIAN	SPOUSE	ROTARIAN	SPOUSE
Brady Adcock		Derek Higgs	Mary	Gray Parker	Sandra
Faith Ashby	Ted	Jan Frye Hill		T.J. Payne	Sharon
Ted Ashby	Faith	Eric Hodges		Loida Pereira Slate	Les
Paul Belk	Cecelia	Bill Holcomb		Greg Perkins	Julie
Sue Brownfield		Sandra Hurley	Will	Jim Petelle	Ann
Carol Burke		Joan Inman	Bill	John Philips	Tina
Blake Cheek		David Jessup		Christina Plitt	Randy
Nelson Clark	Lisa	Alison Johnson		Zane Poindexter	Lori
John Collins	Bobbie	Amy Johnson		Gene Rees	Peggy
Gary Cook	MaryAnn	Dick Johnson		Travis Reeves	Leslie
Ben Cooke	Lone	Laney Johnson		Burke Robertson	Carolyn
Lone Cooke	Ben	Sheila Jones	Clark	Aaron Routh	Lee Ann
Jerry Cox		Mary Kilby	Bud	Candace Sammons	Macon
Beckie Derrick	James	Ken Klamfoth	Ann	Macon Sammons	Candace
Nancy Dixon	David	Ashly Lancaster	Justin	Colt Simmons	Ashley
Dale Draughn		Van Lankford	Ann	P.J. Snow	Joy
Cathy Eckenrod	Skip	Curtis Largen	Lauren	Cathy Stevens	Mark
Brenda Edwards	Allen	Lee Lawson	Kevin	Sherry Speight	George
Matthew Edwards	Glenda	Jan Legere	Laurie	Ann Vaughn	Tom
Regina Edwards		Jim Lewis	Teresa	Casey Vedder	
Tom Fawcett	Mary	Peter Lydens	Linda Wright	Dale Watson	Celena
Fred Folger		Lenise Lynch		Anne Webb	Tom
Laurie Forbes		Barbi Manchester		Travis Wilmoth	Jera
Marion Goldwasser	Michael	Kirby McCrary	Tammy	Betty Wright	
Jim Grimes		Robert Meinecke	Judy	Amanda Yarboro	Doug
Ken Gulaian	Kari	Ray Milian		Doug Yarboro	Amanda
Barbara Haynes		Bob Moody	Kathy	Steve Yokeley	Ann
		Britta Needham	Jeff		

Key: Past President Board of Directors Paul Harris Fellow

Honorary Members	2
Active Members.....	80
Total Membership.....	82
Paul Harris Fellow.....	59

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.....	Yadkin Cultural Arts Ctr.	7:30 am
Wednesday.....	Yadkin-Valley.....	Fairfield Inn	7:45 am
Wednesday.....	Surry Sunrise.....	Holiday Inn	7:30 am
Wednesday.....	Galax, VA	Prime Sirloin.....	Noon
Thursday.....	Hillsville, VA	Shoney's Restaurant.....	Noon
Thursday.....	King	PB Clarks.....	7:00 am
Friday.....	Reynolda	Winston-Salem Col.....	12:30 pm

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2016-2017**

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BOARD MEMBERS

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