

THE Mount Airian ROTARIAN

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Rotary District 7690 Conference – April 23-26

Good News!!! The Rotary District Conference is being held at Myrtle Beach this year at the fabulous **Myrtle Beach Hilton Resort & Conference Center**. Learn how this year's theme of "Make Dreams Real" has been successful and how we as Rotarians build on our dreams and dreams of others to provide opportunities for growth and success around the globe.

The conference is setup so you and your family can take full advantage of all the Grand Strand has to offer. Meeting sessions

are scheduled for the mornings with speakers and presentations you don't want to miss. Afternoons are free to participate in any activities you signed up for or whatever pursuits you enjoy. The Clemmons Club will once again host the Friday evening Beach Party and on Saturday night enjoy the entertainment of The Catalinas.

For more information on the conference and the resort, go to www.Rotary7690.org or <http://rotary7690conference.com/>.

The Gallery Group & Art Studio, Inc.



As I sat down to work on the February newsletter I was struck by how our Rotary theme "Make Dreams Real" and one woman's dream became a working reality. Donna Jackson was a stay-at-home mom, taking care of her family. She and John have three sons, the youngest having special needs. School had provided an outlet for their son and gave him the opportunity to interact with other students and be a part of a group. However at the age of 22, with school ended, the days became long and her son no longer had his classmates around to socialize with nor the challenge of projects that interested him.

On night Donna had a very clear and powerful

dream. Upon awakening she told John she knew what she had to do. With that she began talking about her dream to friends, other families with handicapped adults, and then to anyone who would listen and slowly the seeds for The Gallery Group took root. With a determination borne only by love and a desire to create a place for handicapped adults to find a place, a sense of purpose, did she and others see those tiny roots turn into vines that continue to grow.

Local artists give of their time and share their talents with these special folks, creating art in a variety of forms. Donna says "The Gallery Group is the most amazing example of how people working together through the arts, can create not only beautiful art but create an environment of peace, harmony and trust. When you walk into the gallery you feel welcomed and at every turn you are amazed at the beauty of the art and the spirit of these special people."

The studio is located at 162A West Pine Street. For more information go to: www.gallerygroup.biz.

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LEADING THE WAY

OFFICERS 2008-2009

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---

February is upon us, and it is important to note that this is World Understanding Month. World Understanding can encompass many things, but for Rotarians, it is imperative that we focus our thoughts and attention on our global agenda, and that we continue to serve our fellow man through our thoughts, deeds, and contributions. Our club is an active participant in many global initiatives, including the eradication of polio, clean water projects, and helping heal our fellow man by use of the Mercy Ships project. All of these are worthwhile, and they help us achieve our mission of Service Above Self.

Also, February 23rd is the Anniversary date of Rotary. Founded in Chicago in 1905 by Paul Harris, Rotary has evolved into an international service organization devoted to improving mankind. Harris wanted to form this professional group to try and capture the friendly spirit he knew growing up in the small towns of his youth. Eventually, as Rotary grew, the mission of the group changed to focus on helping communities in need. Today, over 1.2 million Rotarians keep Service Above Self as their motto, and continue to serve the global community on a daily basis. I hope that we maintain this tradition of excellence in our community, and continue to shine as we help our global neighbors.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 14.....Ray Hanna
- 21.....John Jackson
- 23.....Bill Holcomb

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- 3.....John and Alice Lockhart
- 10.....Horace and Jewel Bondurant
- 12.....Betty and Hylton Wright

A New Era Begins



Tuesday, January 20, 2009 was an historic event witnessed by millions around the globe. Barack H. Obama was sworn in as our 44th President. Our club joined, via television, the over two million people who braved bitter cold and wind to bear witness to the election of the first black American to serve in our nation's highest office. We wish President Obama well as he begins his term as the leader of our nation.



The Power of Change

Rotary Interact to assist the **United Fund of Surry – February 14**

The Mount Airy High School Interact Club is holding a fundraiser for the United Fund of Surry. Check your dressers, the pocket of your coats, and your sofas and save that change! Start saving your loose change from now until February 14. On February 14, the Interact Club will be at the Mount Airy Rescue Squad building, the Pilot Mountain Rescue Squad, the Dobson Rescue Squad, and the Ararat Rescue Squad to collect your spare

change (other than your CART change). All those pennies that are a bother, here's a place to have someone else roll them. Bring your change by between 10:00 and 4:00 on the 14th and the students will be there to help you lift your piggy bank to put your change in their collection box. Spread the word, the club is excited about this service project and needs your support. **PLEASE SUPPORT YOUR INTERACT CLUB AND THE UNITED FUND OF SURRY!**



by Kate Appler

Integrity without knowledge is weak and useless, and knowledge without integrity is dangerous and dreadful.

— *Samuel Johnson*

Boy Scouts of America Venturing Program

Our club approved needs based sponsorships for any member of the Mt. Airy Rotary Interact Club to attend the Venturing Program at Raven Knob. The cost per person is \$20.00 per year.



CART Collections

We have had great response to the CART program so far. Through November we have collected \$1,062.02. The coins collected each week are used for research into the causes of Alzheimer's. This debilitating disease is heartbreaking to those who know they have it and painful for those who care for loved ones.

Please give as you can to help find ways of prevention; ways to slow progression; and most hopefully, a cure.



FEBRUARY 2009

DATE

February 3

February 10

February 17

February 24

ROTARIAN

Kendra Garaventa

Paul Belk

Frank Sells

Carla Majure

SPEAKER & PROGRAM

Ms. Marion Goldwasser – Education in Uganda

TBA

Ms. Loida Peterson – The importance of languages in our global business world.

Ms. Shawn Clements, RN – Mission trip to Africa

MEMBERSHIP ROSTER

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

Key: Past President Board of Directors Paul Harris Fellow

Honorary Members3
 Active Members.....104
 Total Membership.....105
 Paul Harris Fellow.....95



MAKEUP MEETINGS

Monday.....Stuart, VA Rotary Park6:30 pm
 Tuesday.....Winston-Salem Benton Conv. Ctr.....12:30 pm
 Tuesday.....Yadkinville..... Ace’s Restaurant7:30 am
 Wednesday.....Yadkin-Valley..... Comfort Inn7:45 am
 Wednesday.....Surry Sunrise..... Prime Sirloin7:30 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