

# THE Mount Airian ROTARIAN

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## Budbreak Festival Enjoyed By All



by Tom Webb



Bob Meinecke works the Festival

Our first Budbreak Festival started out with a delicious wine dinner on Thursday April 28th at Cross Creek Country Club. Our lead wine Judge Pierre-Louis Teissedre from Bordeaux, France was very entertaining and engaging at the 6 course dinner which paired food and wine from Rotarian Ken Gulaian' and his wife Kari's Round Peak Winery and Ben Webb's Old North State Winery.

Judging of the 72 wines entered into the Budbreak Festival wine competition took over 9 hours on Friday with a VIP Awards Ceremony following in the Barrel Room at Old North State Winery. The Festival Volunteers, Judges and Winery participants assisted in disposing of the wine that was opened earlier in the day for the Judging.

Saturday May 1st was the big day of the Budbreak Festival with perfect weather, 26 wineries and calm souls participating. Everyone enjoyed the entertainment,

especially the performers on stage including The Carolina Nights, Stevie Bar, Melva Houston, and Bobby Keys. The food vendors Olde Mill, Primland, 13 Bones and Aunt Beas had awesome entrées to pair with the wines.

The wineries, food vendors, tasters and major sponsors indicated that they had a great day and are looking forward to next year's event. A Budbreak Festival discussion was held at the May 18th Rotary Board meeting. Even though we only broke even, the Board voted to make the Budbreak Festival an annual event due to the potential to be a major fund raiser for our club. A recap and planning session is scheduled in the near future to plan next year's event. Bob Meinecke will continue as Chairman of the Budbreak Festival planning committee. Anyone with comments on how to improve next year's festival are invited to share them with Bob at [bob@libertybusinesspartners.com](mailto:bob@libertybusinesspartners.com).

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### LEADING THE WAY

#### OFFICERS 2009-2010

**Bob Meinecke**  
*President*  
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**Marie Wood**  
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**Charles Dugger**  
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**Alton Gaither**  
*President Elect*  
**Tim Marlon**  
*Past President*

#### BOARD MEMBERS

**Kate Appler**  
**Ann Vaughn**  
**Amy Johnson**  
**Steve Lindsley**  
**Greg Perkins**  
**Jim Petelle**

# March of Dimes Walkathon



*Rotarians prepare hotdogs*

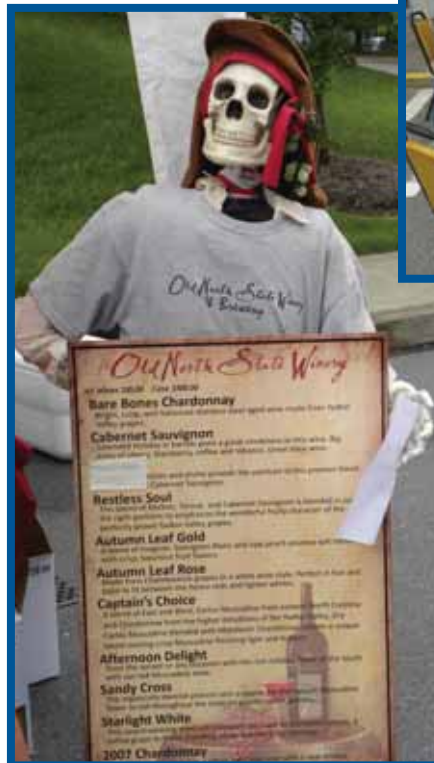
We may have let the date slip up on us, but true to form our Rotarians got out and saved the day. Ben Cooke hauled out the portable grill and cooked up 200 hotdogs and Cathy Stevens got WalMart to donate hotdogs, buns, ketchup and mustard. Speedy Chef donated a gallon of slaw and a gallon of chili. Helping prepare and distribute the food were Benny Lisk, Jeffrey and Ron

Ellis, Ben Cooke, Teresa Lewis, Cathy Eckenrod and Sue Brownfield.

I always remember how much CB Roberson loved to prepare his slaw and chili for this event. Thank you for everyone who came out to feed the walkers and make this event special.



## Budbreak Festival Photos



*Far Left clockwise: The Restless Soul from Old North State Winery; The Connolly family resting from the festivities; Main Street fills up with attendees; Melva Houston with guest saxophonist Bobby Key*

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## *Birthdays & Anniversaries*

- 3.....Adam Delp
- 3.....Dick Wimbish
- 4.....Eric Hodges
- 8.....Betty Ann Collins
- 14.....Fred Folger
- 15.....Eddie Bondurant
- 24.....Ken Gulaian
- 27.....Greg Perkins



- 6.....Derek & Mary Higgs
- 13.....Frank & Amanda Sells
- 14.....Sue & Hal Brownfield
- 14.....Ann & Tom Vaughn
- 20.....Bob & Kathy Moody
- 23.....Steve & Polly Gross
- 23.....Marion & Michael Goldwasser
- 30.....John & Bobbie Collins

# Environmental Excursion Day— aka trash pickup

**June 12th** - We will meet at 8:00 at Cross Creek Country Club for our quarterly trash pick-up event. With at least 16 people we can get the job done quickly and be on our way back home for the other “honey-do” projects that await us. Surprisingly this isn’t the onerous job you might think. We actually have a good time and the roadway looks nice and spiffy in about 30 minutes. Bright orange vests are provided, but bring your own gloves.

**SEE YOU THERE!**



## Mercy Ships servicing Western Africa

We thank Linda and Rick Snyder for coming once again to Rotary to update us on the latest work of Mercy Ships.

Over the past year Mercy Ships, and specifically the medical ship *Africa Mercy*, has been serving the medical needs of Benin, Africa. Benin is listed number 163 out of 177 nations that suffer severe poverty. The ship operates 10 months out of the year and a record number of people received medical care – over **300,000**. All medical staff volunteer their time; equipment, drugs, bandages, all other medical care needs are donated by drug companies or help funded by individuals or organizations like Rotary to make it happen.

The average life expectancy in Benin is 53. If that were the case here in Surry County, a good many of us in Rotary would be pushing up daisies. Illiteracy contributes to the poverty where only 34% can read or write and the average annual income is \$300.00.

One of the missions of the trip to Benin was the undertaking to train local African surgeons and other medical professionals so they could carry on the work once the ship left. This education is critical to the future care of Benin’s citizens. With only 1 surgeon for every 2,000,000 people, this is a lifesaving measure.

There are many opportunities for anyone wishing to become a part of this mission. Volunteers are needed for a wide variety of jobs, no medical training needed, just a willing heart. Volunteer trips can last from two weeks to several months depending on your circumstances. For more information go to: [www.mercyships.org](http://www.mercyships.org).



*Linda and Rick Snyder with Bob Meinecke*

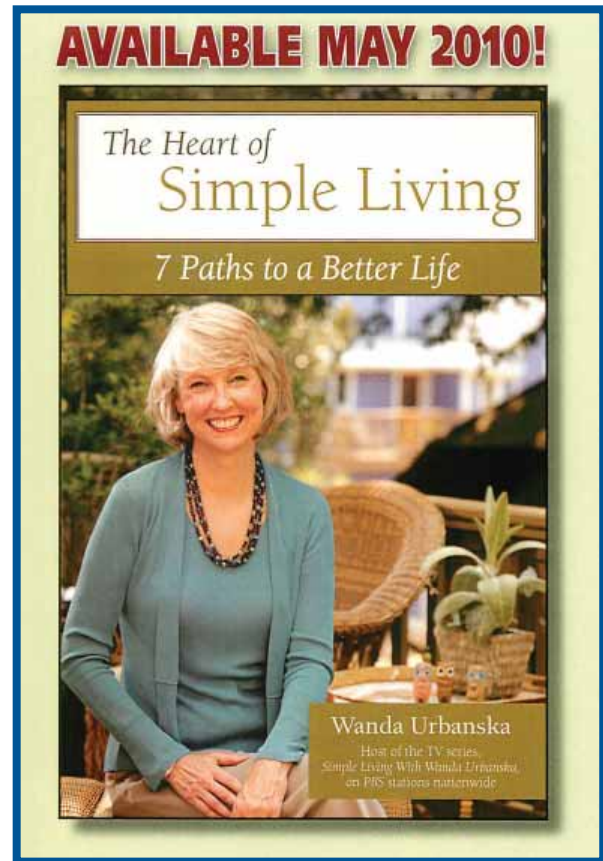


# Former Rotarian Publishes New Book

As always we were pleased to have back with us Wanda Urbanska who is a former 17 year member of our Rotary club. Wanda has recently returned from a seven month sabbatical in Warsaw, Poland where she worked on a new book; gathered material for future works; and exposed 12 year old son Henry to new experiences of living in a foreign country. It was an exciting and eventful trip for mother and son. They got to practice their Polish and help the Poles they met practice their English.

Wanda's newest book in her Simple Living series is *The Heart of Simple Living*. If you feel the need to lower your stress and find a more relaxed state of being, then the guides listed in this book will help move you down that path.

*Photo provided by Krause Publications a division of F & W Media, Inc.*



## District Conference Success

The sun was shining, dogwoods were in bloom and Grove Park Inn was at its finest. In this environment you meet like minded people, confer on projects and learn more about what Rotarians in our district have been doing this past Rotary year. Everyone attending takes away something of importance and interest. It was good seeing the GSE team from Australia gain and hearing from both the incoming and outgoing teams. This is also a time for us to show appreciation for the work being done by so many dedicated folks.

We all know polio is still around, but only in four countries. Rotary continues its push to eradicate this terrible disease. Those countries where polio still wrecks havoc are: Pakistan, Afghanistan; India and Nigeria.

It was also a time to relax and enjoy the many offerings of the community. Not even a little rain could dampen the spirits of Kate and Mark Appler as they canoed down the French Broad River. Alton and Janet toured the magnificent Biltmore Estate and beautiful gardens. Bob, Marion and Joan explored the many shops in the Grove Arcade, a building conceived by E W Grove who built the Grove Park Inn. The building opened in 1929 and is on the National Register of Historical Places. John and Barbara Haynes relaxed and enjoyed the amenities of GPI.

Next year the conference will be in Wilmington, NC at the newly renovated Hilton Hotel right on the Cape Fear River on the famous boardwalk in downtown Wilmington.



*Gold Club Award 2009-2010*

# Donate Life – Trailer/Rolling Billboard Program

Our thanks go out to fellow Rotarian Gary Harold, owner of H & W Trucking, for agreeing to donate one of his trailers for the Have a Heart, Give a Part program. You may remember this program from a couple of years back. The program was such a success that funding was secured to roll it out again.

On April 21 at H & W Trucking, the newest trailer was unveiled. Relatives and family members of donors were invited to attend.

You may recognize Mount Airy’s own David Rowe as one of those pictured. David received a kidney from a generous donor which has saved his life. Also pictured was a young woman killed in an auto accident whose donated organs have made it possible for others to live. Gary said it was a heart warming and moving experience. When the H & W trailer is not traversing the highways it can be seen going southbound on Hwy 52 in the trucking company lot.



### Trailer Rollout

Again thanks to Gary and this wonderful program for giving us a visible reminder of how important organ donation is. If you have donated an organ or if you are signed up to be a donor, bless you. For more information on organ donation, go to: [www.donatelifenc.org](http://www.donatelifenc.org).



Hwy 52 view



Gary with donor

*We should give as we would receive, cheerfully, quickly, and without hesitation;  
for there is no grace in a benefit that sticks to the fingers.*  
— Seneca, Spanish-born Roman Statesman, philosopher

## JUNE

<u>DATE</u>	<u>ROTARIAN</u>	<u>SPEAKER &amp; PROGRAM</u>
June 1	Ralph Forbes	Denise Franklin – WFDD Public Radio Personality Topic: Public Radio’s Past and Future
June 8	Jim Grimes	Ms. Ginny Haynes, Area Coordinator for ACS Relay For Life Surry Chapter & Ms. Roxann Moore
June 15	Gray Parker	Winfield Beroth – Shriner Children’s Hospital
June 22	Ted Ashby	Todd Tucker, Director SCEDP – Surry County Economic Develop Partnership
June 29	Club Assembly	Swearing in new President, Alton Gaither and new board members

**MEMBERSHIP ROSTER**

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

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

Honorary Members .....	1
Active Members.....	101
Total Membership.....	102
Paul Harris Fellow.....	81

**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