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Student Power – Pilot Mountain Middle School



Pilot Mountain Middle School Folks

If you don't think pennies add up, just ask any 8th grader from Pilot Mountain Middle School. The students wanted to do something to help Haiti and boy did they go at it. They set a goal of \$1,000 and raised \$2,000 and donated it to the Mount Airy Rotary Club to purchase 2 Shelter Boxes which will be distributed in Haiti. Rotary has been involved with Shelter Box USA for several years as a way to assist victims of disasters by providing shelter and essential supplies until more permanent help can be found.

We were very pleased to have representatives from Pilot Mountain Middle School at our Feb. 9 Rotary meeting. Attending from the school were Neil Atkins, Principal; Christine Kidd, Teacher; Sonia Dickerson, Community Relations; and students Brock



Bob Meinecke accepts check

Jessup, Madyson Hunter and Peter Gosnell. Their funds along with those collected by our Rotary club will be sent to Shelter Box USA. Based on the needs of the area, a shelter box may contain one or two 10-person tents. For more information on Shelter Box USA, go to www.shelterboxusa.com.

Many thanks to the students, teachers, parents, and everyone else who so generously donated to this worthy cause. We are very proud of the Pilot Mountain Middle School and hope the memory of this project will prompt these students to continue looking for ways to give back to their communities and the world at large. One day some of these same students may desire to join a student Rotary Interact Club to continue the tradition of Service Above Self.

Rotary Youth Leadership Program

The Rotary Youth Leadership Program has been a phenomenal success and we have seen the rewards of this from students who have back to describe their experiences. This program is designed to provide leadership training concepts, skills and models. The students take away from this program the understanding of peer networking, learning skills that will be invaluable to them from college and beyond.

It will soon be time to select a new group of students for this program. Be thinking of any high school students who might like to come before a selection committee for a chance to attend this year's program.

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LEADING THE WAY

OFFICERS 2009-2010

Bob Meinecke
President

Cathy Stevens
Secretary

Marie Wood
Treasurer

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Sergeant At Arms

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President Elect

Tim Marion
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Kate Appler
Ann Vaughn

Amy Johnson
Steve Lindsley

Greg Perkins
Jim Petelle

A Message from President Bob



March is going to be a critical month as we "march" to the finish line for the Budbreak Wine Festival. All indications are that this is going to be a big success for our community and our Rotary charities. Thanks in advance for all those who have stepped up to the plate with your sponsorship ads and who will be donating your time on event day. More details coming soon.

Our next Rotary blood drive is scheduled for Tuesday March 30th. Keep your blood till then. Watch for more details.

We will be wrapping up our obligations to meet the Gold Club and President's Citation requirements. Thanks to all those who made that happen. Look forward to seeing many of you at District Conference when the Mount Airy Rotary club receives those cognitions.

When you give yourself, you receive more than you give.
— Antoine De Saint-Exupery 1900-1944,
French Aviator, Writer

*We are pleased to welcome two new members—
Dale Watson and Ken Galaian*



Dale Watson and Grey Parker

We welcome Mount Airy Chief of Police, Dale Watson to our club. Dale has been a police officer for 12 years and married to his wife Celena 13 years. Dale serves as a reading tutor at Tharrington Elementary School; is a Sunday School Teacher and a Royal Ambassador Director for youths aged 6 to 9.

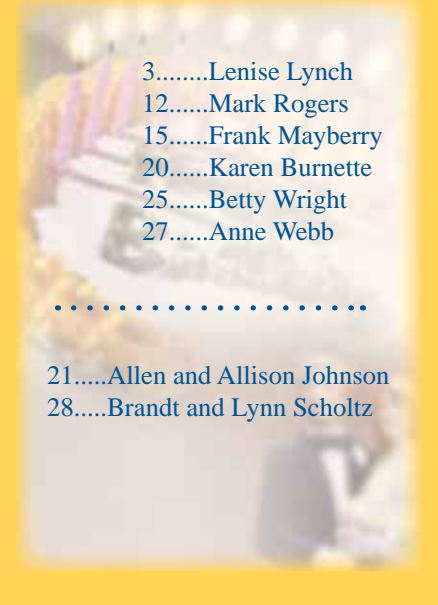


Peter Cook inducts Ken Galaian

Ken and his wife Kari own Round Peak Vineyards. Ken has a strong desire to get involved in the local community and he has come to the right place. There is much to be done and we look forward to Ken becoming a part of the many activities and projects of Rotary.

MARCH

Birthdays & Anniversaries



- 3.....Lenise Lynch
- 12.....Mark Rogers
- 15.....Frank Mayberry
- 20.....Karen Burnette
- 25.....Betty Wright
- 27.....Anne Webb

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- 21.....Allen and Allison Johnson
- 28.....Brandt and Lynn Scholtz

Citizen of the Year 2009 – Kate Appler

Congratulations to Kate Appler for being selected as Citizen of the Year. At the annual Chamber of Commerce dinner on January 28, Kate was surprised by Teresa Lewis with the 2009 honor. Kate has been an outstanding member of our community for many years with a passion for service that goes beyond desire and into action. She tirelessly works for the United Fund of Surry, giving far more hours than she gets paid; she has served on the school board; is a member of our Rotary Club; active member of her church; she has been involved with a variety of charitable organizations before working for United Fund, and she has just announced her candidacy for the Surry County Board of Commissioners. On top of this she is married and the mother of three boys.



Kate Appler accepting award



Time to Give the Gift of Life on March 30

Make plans now, and ask your friends to join you in our blood drive on March 30. Your willingness to give blood is one of the best things you can do for another human being. Without blood we can't live, and every drop is precious. Please help.



Sign-up for our Environmental Excursion outing – March 13 at 8:00am

Come out early on Saturday, March 13 and join your Rotary friends as we bond together for trash pick-up. If we get at least 15 folks we can take smaller sections and be done in under 30 minutes. It may not sound like a lot of fun, but we actually have a good time, and the added benefit of cleaning up Greenhill Rd is a make you feel good kind of day.

NC 2-1-1 for Surry County

by Kate Appler

If you were at the meeting on Tuesday, February 16 you heard about NC 2-1-1. If not, here's the quick story. NC 2-1-1 is a three digit number to call for health and human service needs. The US Senate and House have bills drafted to make 2-1-1 a national service number. With so much time being spent on healthcare, 2-1-1 may be on a back burner nationally for now. The call service is currently available for 80% of the population of the United States, something that you might want to know when traveling and for family in other parts of the country.

In North Carolina the 2-1-1 service is available to about 75% of the population. United Fund of Surry has decided to take on the role of bringing 2-1-1 to Surry County. The United Fund hopes the financing of 2-1-1 will be a public/private venture in Surry County enabling all citizens to locate help for health and human service needs. The proposal is being considered for the

upcoming county budget and if approved the United Fund will seek private support. There are businesses locally that will benefit by the availability of 2-1-1. There will be help with employee job transitioning (i.e. job programs, unemployment counseling); along with help locating services for clients.

The 2-1-1 call center is manned 24/7 with live people answering the phone (really, no menus). When you are seeking help you need a person to work through the problem with you. Having a knowledgeable person on the other end of the line will help reduce stress and speed up the process for gaining assistance.

The United Fund of Surry looks forward to having 2-1-1 up and running in our county and will keep our Rotary posted on its progress. Check out the website at www.nc211.org

Budbreak Wine Festival – Saturday May 1st



The plans are coming together, sponsors are jumping onboard, wineries are signing up and everything is on track to make the first annual Budbreak Wine Festival a tremendous event. Bob Meinecke and Jessica Eisenhour gave an update at our meeting on the 23rd and a sneak peek at the marketing ads being printed in various publications throughout North Carolina and beyond. There will be wine tasting; wine judging; art exhibits; music and food - all good things to bring folks together at a beautiful time of year in Mount Airy. A crowd of between 2,500 and 4,000 is anticipated.

This is an opportunity for our club to get many of our members involved in a variety of ways. By working together on this project we can not only raise money for the work of our club, but provide an event that brings people to our town and shows off the best qualities we have to offer. While the Festival is officially only on Saturday, there will be other events from Thursday through Sunday to make our town **the place to be the first weekend in May.**

Please get with Bob or one of our board members and volunteer to help make this event special for everyone. This is a club event and we need you!!!

Boy Scouting Celebrates its 100th Birthday on February 8



Rotary celebrates 100 years of Boy Scouting

The Boy Scouts of America was incorporated on February 8, 1910 under the laws of the District of Columbia. 34 national representatives of boys' work agencies met in temporary quarters at a YMCA office in New York to develop the plans. Honorary President was President William Howard Taft and Honorary Vice President and Chief Scout Citizen was former President Theodore Roosevelt.

The mission of the Boy Scouts of America is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law.

Our club is blessed to have Steven Simpson as Area Director for the Old Hickory Council. Steven is one of our newest club members and transferred from the King Rotary Club. He is a Paul Harris Fellow and we are proud to have this fine young man as a member.

Owen Perkins knows how to Spell



Owen Perkins with father Greg

Owen Perkins, son of Greg and Julie Perkins, knows his way around words. In the Mount Airy City Schools Spelling Bee, Owen just missed coming in first place. He was beaten out by an eighth grader over the word, diagonal. Did I mention Owen is in the 3rd grade at Jones Intermediate School? Good work Owen and props to Julie and Greg for helping their son achieve high marks. Owen has come to Rotary several times with his dad and one day we hope he too will participate in the many opportunities of Rotary service.

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HORSEPOWER – Therapeutic Learning Center



Tim Clifford talks about HORSEPOWER

For children and adults with disabilities HORSEPOWER just may be the answer. In 1995 Jan Clifford found her dream and opened the learning center that uses big, four-legged animals to bond with their riders and helps them physically, emotionally and socially. They also have a cast of 300+ volunteers to assist with every aspect of the facility. This is a wonderful program that can change the life of a child and the parents. They also provide a program for kids who need help learning about choices and responsibilities and what consequences come from their actions. This program is called Personal Achievement Through Horses (PATH) and is taught by Tim Clifford.

Located in Colfax, NC, HORSEPOWER is a non-profit center certified by the North American Riding for the Handicapped Association (NARHA). They have also been affiliated with the Piedmont Saddle Club since 1998. For more information on how Horsepower can help someone you know, go to: www.horsepower.org.

March

<u>DATE</u>	<u>ROTARIAN</u>	<u>SPEAKER & PROGRAM</u>
March 2	Kirby McCrary	Associate Justice Paul Newby
March 9	Ben Cooke	Catrina Alexander, Reeves Community Center
March 16	Fred Folger	Lyons Gray, Former CFO with the EPA
March 23	Jeffrey Ellis	Paul Clifford, CEO & President, ECU Alumni Associate Ernest Logemann, ECU Board of Trustee Member, ECU
March 30	Ray Hanna	Jill Borders with Yokefellow Ministries

MEMBERSHIP ROSTER

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

Key: Past President Board of Directors Paul Harris Fellow

Honorary Members	1
Active Members.....	102
Total Membership.....	103
Paul Harris Fellow.....	82

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