

Message from President Tim



Fellow Rotarians---

March is Literacy Month, and I would like to share a few words about how important this topic is for mankind, and how Rotarians all over the globe work to improve this primary facet of education.

UNICEF estimates that about 15 percent of the world's population, or roughly 1 billion people are illiterate. And, astonishingly, approximately 500 million women cannot read. I cannot imagine the struggles that these people face on a daily basis, and cannot fathom how different my world would be without this basic ability!

Fortunately, Rotary International has developed a program, called the Concentrated Language Encounter to help alleviate this problem. CLE has been adopted by over 30 countries in the world, and has been in operation for a little over 20 years. Through this program, classroom instructors use one of two approaches: activity based or text based to help youngsters learn to read. Activity based programs teach a structured activity, and then teachers help the students to write about their experiences. In the text based activity, the classroom will read together, then the teacher helps the students uncover the meaning of what they have just read.

The Rotary Foundation has been instrumental in the CLE program. As of June 2008, the Foundation has awarded more than 140 grants for CLE programs totaling over \$3.3 million, including six Health, Hunger and Humanity (3-H) Grants backing multiyear projects in Bangladesh, Brazil, Philippines, South Africa, Thailand, and Turkey. The 3-H grants alone amount to nearly \$2.4 million.

Thank you for reading these words, and thank you once again for allowing me to be your President!

Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 12.....Mark Rogers
- 26.....Betty Wright
- 27.....Robert Merritt
- 27.....Anne Webb

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

Blood Drive Results

We appreciate all who came out to give blood at our recent Red Cross Blood Drive. A total of 20 pints of blood was collected. This is a gift that costs only the time it takes to lay on a table and squeeze the rubber ball. Thank you to Britta for organizing this event and to our members who participated.

Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarships

Alex Tilley recently joined us as Ben Cooke's guest. Alex is a native of Mount Airy, graduated from Mount Airy High School and is a soon to be graduate of Duke University. Alex is hoping to apply for the Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship for the fall of 2010. He got a big welcome from his many friends and acquaintances, especially Carol Burke, his former Sunday school teacher, and Marion Goldwasser, his former English teacher.



Carol Burke, Alex Tilley, and Marion Goldwasser visit during the meeting.

Club News Update

A special committee is reviewing our club's by-laws and constitution and hopes to have this information available by the next board meeting. It is the committee's objective to have this information posted on our website, www.mtairyrotary.org, to help both old and new members learn more about our club's structure and obligations of membership. Bob Meinecke will make a full club presentation once this is complete.

Mary Sue's Safe Haven

A highly motivated, concerned and committed group has worked diligently over the past 18 months to pull together a workable plan for a domestic violence shelter. Their efforts are about to pay off. If all goes according to plan, Mary Sue's Safe Haven will be open by mid March.

The ugly realities of life are reflected in the need for such a facility. The number of women in our area who need protection grows as the economic outlook turns bleaker. This facility will provide a place to breathe without fear; to sleep and be rested; and to find respite from having to be on guard against a look, movement, or word that might unleash a torrent of hatred and violence.

For more information, please contact Tamara Veit at 786-1420; Cathy Stevens at 786-4529 or Bob Meinecke at 719-2345. Monetary contributions and/or donated items are all welcome.



Surry Community College – Globalization Through Languages

Dr. Loida Peterson presented a program on how Surry Community College has grown from offering an ESL (English as a Second Language) course to a degree program, English/Spanish Interpreter Degree. This degree program requires students to immerse themselves in the cultural aspects of the country. This better prepares them for the process of understanding that is integral to successful completion of the program. One part of the course requirement requires the student to spend time fully engaged in the culture and language of the program. Successful completion of this experience is required for graduation.

Dr. Peterson recently returned from Russia where she and her husband, Dr. Robb Peterson, adopted 18 month old Anna.



Try not to become a man of success but a man of value.
— Albert Einstein

MARCH 2009

DATE

March 3
March 10
March 17
March 24
March 31

ROTARIAN

Aaron Routh
Teresa Lewis
Todd Harris
Robert Merritt
Don Brookshire

SPEAKER & PROGRAM

Robin Testerman – Children's Center of Surry Cty.
Laura Joyce – The Wound Center of NHSC
Todd Harris – Surprise Video
Member Profile
Martin Collins – Surry Cty Economic Development

MEMBERSHIP ROSTER

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

Key: Past President Board of Directors Paul Harris Fellow

Honorary Members	3
Active Members.....	106
Total Membership.....	107
Paul Harris Fellow.....	95



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