

# MEMBERSHIP ROSTER

ROTARIAN		Spouse	ROTARIAN		Spouse	ROTARIAN		Spouse
	Cooper Adams	Ginny		Robin Hester	Thurman		Hugh Peoples	
	David Adkisson	Ellen		Derek Higgs	Mary		John Priddy	Sandra
	Kate Appler	Mark		Ashley Hinson	Lynne		Gene Rees	Peggy
	Faith Ashby	Ted		Eric Hodges			Bill Refvem	Joanna
	Ted Ashby	Faith		Bill Holcomb	Marjorie		Joanna Revem	Bill
	Paul Belk	Cecelia		Bucky Holcomb	Kim		C.B. Roberson	Jamie
	Chip Bondurant	Patricia		Elmer Holst	Juanita		Burke Robertson	Carolyn
	Ed Bondurant			Larry Hopkins	Eva		Mark Rogers	Deidre
	Horace Bondurant	Jewel		Jack Horne	Donna		Robert Rogers	Deborah
	Ricky Bowman	Lori		Joan Inman	Bill		Aaron Routh	Lee Ann
	Tommy Brannock			John Jackson	Donna		Macon Sammons	Candace
	Don Brookshire	Sylvia		David Jessup	Renee		Brandt Scholz	Lynn
	Sue Brownfield	Hal		Allen Johnson	Alison		Don Schumacher	Karen
	Carol Burke			Alison Johnson	Alan		Frank Sells	Amanda
	Greg Cave	Lynette		Amy Johnson	Bill		Twyla Sickmiller	Roger
	Kevin Cheek			Bill Johnson			P.J. Snow	Joy
	Nelson Clark	Lisa		Dick Johnson			George Snyder	
	Betty Ann Collins	Martin		David Jones	Betty		John Springthorpe	Karen
	John Collins	Bobbie		Jim Lewis	Teresa		Louis Stanfield	Linda
	Ben Cooke	Lone		Teresa Lewis	Jim		Cathy Stevens	Mark
	Adam Delp			Steve Lindsley	Lorie		Wanda Urbanska	
	Charles Dugger	Shirley		John Lockhart	Alice		Ann Vaughn	Tom
	Ron Ellis	Diana		Greg Marshall	Lori		Anne Webb	Tom
	Robbie Ernhart			Kirby McCrary	Tammy		Tom Webb	Anne
	Tom Fawcett	Mary		Carla Majure	David		Laura Wharton	Bayley
	Fred Folger			Tim Marion	Cindy		Melissa White	Jason
	Ralph Forbes	Erika		Robert Meinecke	Judy		Jay Williams	Beth
	Alton Gaither	Janice		Robert Merritt	Cama		Jack Wilson	Marie
	Kendra Garaventa			Mike Milligan	Judy		Dick Wimbish	Sue Ellen
	Brenda Goings			Kenny Moles			Steve Woronoff	
	Jeff Gordon	Kelli		Bob Moody	Kathy		Betty Wright	Hylton
	Jim Grimes	Louella		Julie Moore	Jack			
	Steve Gross	Polly		Ray Morton	Whitney			
	Tonda Hall			Britta Needham	Jeff			
	Raymond Hanna			Chris Nichols	Angie			
	Gary Harold	Vicki		Richard Patterson	Kaye			
	Todd Harris	Betsy		T.J. Payne	Sharon			
	John Haynes	Barbara		Jim Petelle	Ann			

**KEY:** Past President Board of Directors Paul Harris Fellow

Honorary Members .....3  
 Active Members .....105  
 Total Membership .....108  
 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

# THE Mount Airian ROTARIAN



MARCH, 2008

LEADING THE WAY

## Officers 2007-2008

Ben Cooke .....President  
 Cathy Stevens .....Secretary  
 Kendra Garaventa.....Treasurer  
 Charles Dugger.....Sergeant At Arms  
 Tim Marion.....President Elect  
 John Collins.....Past President

## Weekly Meetings

Tuesday, 12:10 pm  
 Cross Creek Country Club  
 1129 Greenhill Road  
 Mount Airy, NC

## ROTARY HELPS UNITED FUND REACH THE TOP



United Fund receives check

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What a thrill it was for our club to be able to present a check to The United Fund that pushed the fundraising goal of \$455,000 over the top. Brenda Goings, campaign chair, knew the going was going to be harder this year with the loss of more than \$60,000 in contributions due to loss of industry in

Surry County. Not one to be undaunted, Brenda and the United Fund board set the goal slightly higher than the previous year. The Mount Airy Rotary board presented a check for \$3,000, money raised from the community at our January fundraiser with the Harlem Ambassadors basketball event.

## MAHS INTERACT CLUB IS BENEFICIARY

The Mount Airy High School Interact Club is working on a project in Uganda, and our club was able to present a check to them for \$1,000. Interact Club advisor, Coach Mayo, was present to receive the check from funds also raised at the Harlem Ambassadors basketball game.



Coach Mayo accepts check for MAHS Interact Club

## Message from President Ben

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

I hope that you have enjoyed our meetings in the New Year. I appreciate your attendance at our rescheduled meeting. It was a very successful "Family of Rotary" event for us, the Moscow Nights and the Surry Arts Council. I would like to thank fellow Rotarian Jay Williams for his efforts in coordinating their stay. I have to say it was an honor to house two of the performers. They could not have been better house guests. We hope they will come back next year.

The month of March in Rotary is dedicated to literacy awareness. Literacy is the foundation for virtually all forms of education and a crucial component of effective social and economic participation, human development, and poverty reduction. According to the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) nearly 800 million people over the age of 15 lack even basic reading and writing skills worldwide. In addition, there are roughly 137 million school age children who are illiterate around the world. Sadly, over 64% of all illiterate people in the world today are women.

Literacy is very important to Rotary and we need to make everyone aware of the worldwide problem. If you know someone that would be a good speaker about literacy please contact me and we will try to have them come and speak to our club in the month of March.

District Conference (April 24-27) will be here before you know it. If you have never experienced it please take the time to go, get away from it all, and enjoy it. When you're at conference you get rejuvenated and excited about Rotary and when you leave there you have a new understanding of what Rotary is all about. So take out your registration form, fill it out and have a Romantic weekend getaway with your spouse and learn all about Rotary.

Sincerely,  
Ben Cooke

## CONGRESSWOMAN VIRGINIA FOXX VISITS ROTARY



Warm Welcome – Left to Right: Alton Gaither, Congresswoman Foxx, Steve Woronoff, and Tom Webb

North Carolina 5th District Congressional Representative Virginia Foxx lead of the month of February's programs providing remarks for the 2/5/08 meeting. Congresswomen Foxx, in keeping with the Rotary theme for the month of World Understanding, focused her remarks on the current Immigration Reform legislation

currently being discussed in Congress. Virginia is on the Government Reform Committee and is very involved with this issue. She talked about the latest estimated illegal immigrant population in the US as well as North Carolina, current plans being discussed in the House and took time to answer questions from the group.

## Surry Early College High School of Design



Left to Right: Ann Vaughn, Patsy Turner, Dr. Deborah Friedman

Patsy Tuner, Principal of ECHS, presented a program to update us on how the students are progressing in this experimental school program, and the word is successfully. The school program is based on three main principles: Rigor, Relevance, and Relationship. Students come from varied backgrounds and socio-economic conditions. What these students have in common is a desire to learn and to be challenged in the process. From the beginning students are expected to perform at a higher level, given the tools and resources to achieve those challenges, and

are succeeding. At the end of the 5 year program these students will graduate with an Associates Degree from Surry Community College.

We thank Ms Turner for her hard work and enthusiasm, and we were glad to hear that our own Rotarian, Dr. Frank Sells, Retired Surry Community College President is volunteering some of his time to work with this effort. In addition we applaud the students and parents for their desire to bring a higher level of education to our area.



# MARION GOLDWASSER PRESENTED PROGRAM ON THE ACHOLI PROJECT



Left to Right: Erick Hodges, Marion Goldwasser and Jarrett Hodges

Retired English teacher and former Interact advisor Marion Goldwasser presented a very interesting program on The Acholi

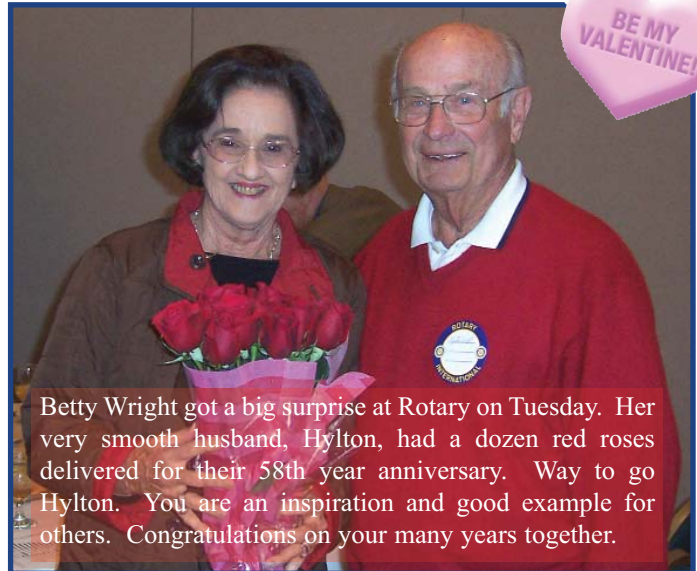
Project. Marion lived for a number of years in Uganda as a missionary and teacher, and last summer took her daughter and her daughter's friend back to the place where she lived and taught. War and poverty have ravaged the nation, but the people are warm, friendly, and were excited to welcome Marion and the girls into their village. The non-profit Acholi Project is a way to raise funds for schooling and lunches through the sale of unique jewelry made by the Acholi Women's Cooperative. If you have an interest in this project, or would like additional information you may contact Marion at [mmmgoldwasser@gmail.com](mailto:mmmgoldwasser@gmail.com) or (276) 728-3360 or Carol Burke at (336) 786-5155.



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To our hard working secretary, Cathy Stevens, we say Thank You for keeping up with all the paperwork required to keep the club running smoothly. We appreciate what you do for us.



Betty Wright got a big surprise at Rotary on Tuesday. Her very smooth husband, Hylton, had a dozen red roses delivered for their 58th year anniversary. Way to go Hylton. You are an inspiration and good example for others. Congratulations on your many years together.

“ *A wise man will make more opportunities than he finds.* ”  
 —Francis Bacon

## MARCH 2008

<u>DATE</u>	<u>ROTARIAN</u>	<u>PRESENTER &amp; TOPIC</u>
March 4 .....	Chris Nichols .....	Randle Brim – Flat Rock School Fire
March 11.....	Bill Johnson .....	Norman Carley – Naval Special Warfare Foundation (Will be introduced by Dick Johnson)
March 18.....	Kirby McCreary .....	Dotty Hall, Author from Four Blocks Literacy
March 25 .....	Jan Critz .....	Reginald Gardner – Surry Community College Upward Bound Program

