

# THE Mount Airian ROTARIAN

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## NEW YEAR, NEW PROJECTS

by Kate Appler



*Kate Appler takes oath from LeeSa Cornelius*

Just like many businesses, Rotary starts a new fiscal year July 1. With that comes a new budget, new committee chairs, a new president, and new projects. As with every incoming president, I want to put my mark on my Rotary year. I want to change it up, to do things the way I've always wanted to see things done. Well, not really----actually if it's not broke, don't fix it.

Mount Airy Rotary has lots of great things going for it, started by other presidents, other years. Why change a good thing? We will still have environmental excursions (who could pass up the beautiful outdoors at 8:00, or is it 9:00, Saturday morning), the blood drive, fireworks with Sunrise Rotary, an incredible project in Uganda, March of Dimes, collecting tons of canned foods, amazing Interact Clubs (maybe four this year), and of course the Budbreak Wine Festival. I'm sure there are others I've forgotten to mention. So, what am I going to add to the pot?

Near and dear to my heart are our schools; the success of our schools means success for all of us as a living, vibrant community. I am so proud of the fantastic job our schools do every day to educate children. How can the Mount Airy Rotary Club help ensure that success? One answer is to get involved in the schools and show children that the entire community cares about them.



Reach Within to Embrace Humanity

Literacy becomes a major problem as demographics change, and we have changing demographics. As I have mentioned before: 85% of Flat Rock Elementary School are free and reduced lunch students as are 65% of Tharrington Primary School students. A new project that you will be hearing about in the next few weeks is our reading to students program. My dream and goal is that 100% of Mount Airy Rotary will visit one of these two schools four times during the school year and read to a child. That's about 30 minutes four times in a year to show children that there are community people who care about them. What a lasting impression that can be, for the student and for you! The truth is: I promise, as much as you give that child, you will gain more by the experience. Brenda Edwards is the chair for the literacy project and will give lots of details in July.

Also, in July, Matt Edwards has arranged for a family event at our July 19th meeting. All I'm going to say is that raptors will be our featured guests, so make plans to bring children and grandchildren for an exciting lunchtime event.

The 2011-2012 Rotary year will be full of things to take part in. This is your club, so please get involved and "Reach Within to Embrace Humanity".

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### LEADING THE WAY

#### OFFICERS 2011-2012

**Kate Appler**

*President*

**Greg Perkins**

*President Elect*

**Cathy Stevens**

*Secretary*

**Macon Sammons**

*Treasurer*

**Charles Dugger**

*Sergeant At Arms*

**Alton Gaither**

*Past President*

#### BOARD MEMBERS

**David Adkisson**

**Jim Petelle**

**Ann Vaughn**

**Marion Goldwasser**

**Candace Sammons**

## NEW EVENTS

*Nothing could be finer than to be in Carolina in the evening... especially if you're a Mount Airy Rotary member.*

“Rotary After Five” will begin on **August 18, 2011 at Cross Creek from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm.** Since conversation time is limited at our noon meetings, this will provide an opportunity for member networking. More details will be provided as plans are finalized.

Attendance checklist will be provided at August meetings in order to provide numbers for Cross Creek Country Club.

### New Member Orientation

New member orientation sessions will be held twice annually beginning in September, 2011. The Membership Committee will be working with Teresa

and Jim Lewis to lead all incoming Rotary members into a full understanding of what Rotary International is all about. Announcements will be forthcoming to inform new members of the timetable for these sessions.

**BUT don't just assume it has to be for new members only.** Many of us either never learned, don't remember, or would like re-education about Rotary. If you fit into one of these categories, then you too are welcome to attend. You will learn something new!!! We are fortunate to have two very knowledgeable Rotarians like Teresa and Jim to lead us. Don't miss this opportunity.

## EED Event (Environmental Excursion Day) aka Trash Pick-up

When you want something done and you need a little extra help, just put a call out to Rotarians. At first we thought we were going to be two people shy of the 16 needed for our quarterly rubbish removal, but Faith put out the call and 21 people showed up. Not only that, some of those helping came from a long way off. Anne Petelle came from Chicago and Kathy Eckenrod's husband Skip and his sister from Dallas, TX pitched in as well. In no time flat we had the trash bagged and were headed off to do engage in other Saturday activities.

Thank you Faith and Tom for keeping us well informed of when and where to show up.



*Skip Eckenrod and his sister join in the fun.*



*Tom hands out safety vests.*

## JULY

### *Birthdays & Anniversaries*

- July 3 Ann Vaughn
- July 7 Alton Gaither
- July 9 Britta Needham
- July 9 Steve Lindsley
- July 14 Sue Brownfield
- July 16 Todd Harris
- July 23 Dick Johnson
- July 25 Matt Edwards
- July 30 Derek Higgs
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- July 2 Gary and Vickie Harold
- July 10 Paul and Cecelia Belk
- July 24 Matthew and Glenda Edwards
- July 29 Gray and Sandra Parker
- July 28 John and Sandra Priddy
- July 29 Ben and Lone Cooke



# NEW MEMBER HIGHLIGHT

We welcome Regina Edwards as our newest member, and one who has already agreed to be the Interact Advisor for Mount Airy High School. Thanks to the diligent and encouraging efforts of Carol Burke, Nelson Clark and Ann Vaughn, Regina will be hitting the road running so to speak.

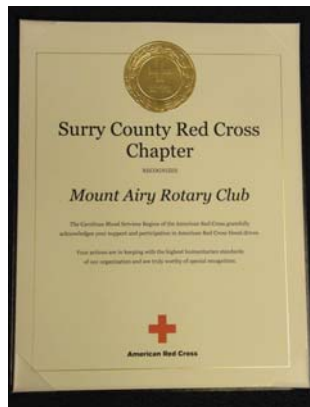
With Regina at her welcoming in ceremony was daughter Madison. Madison will be entering the 9th grade at Mount Airy High and hopefully involved in the Interact Program as well.



*Nelson, Madison, Regina, Ann and Carol*

## Red Cross Blood Drive Recognition

Amy Johnson has done a great job this year organizing and encouraging folks to donate their blood at our Rotary sponsored drives. We recently received recognition for this from the Red Cross and we thank you all members who have either donated their blood or have gotten family and friends to donate. This is a priceless gift and an ongoing project for our club.



## Joan Inman Reaches PHF Level 8

Thank you to Joan Inman for her continued support of The Rotary Foundation and being a member of the Paul Harris Society. Members of the PHS contribute an additional minimum of \$1,000 annually to The Rotary Foundation to support the many programs undertaken by Rotarians around the club.



*Joan Inman*

## JULY 2011

| <u>DATE</u> | <u>ROTARIAN</u> | <u>SPEAKER &amp; PROGRAM</u>   |
|-------------|-----------------|--|
| July 5      | Greg Perkins    | Personal Profile with Cathy Eckenrod   |
| July 12     | Kate Appler     | Club Assembly  |
| July 19     | Matt Edwards    | Gail Dawson – Wildlife Rehabilitation program<br><i>This will be a fun family event.</i> There will be live animals for us to see. Lions, Tigers & Bears - well maybe more like raptors, snakes and lizards. |
| July 26     | Matt Edwards    | Rotary Leadership Institute Program  |

# MEMBERSHIP ROSTER

| ROTARIAN          | SPOUSE  | ROTARIAN        | SPOUSE       | ROTARIAN          | SPOUSE     |
|-------------------|---------|-----------------|--------------|-------------------|------------|
| David Adkisson    | Ellen   | Gary Harold     | Vicki        | Gray Parker       | Sandra     |
| Kate Appler       | Mark    | Todd Harris     | Betsy        | Richard Patterson | Kaye       |
| Faith Ashby       | Ted     | John Haynes     | Barbara      | T.J. Payne        | Sharon     |
| Ted Ashby         | Faith   | Craig Hensley   | Allison      | 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   | Sandy Hurley    | Will         | Vera Reynolds     |            |
| Nelson Clark      | Lisa    | Joan Inman      | Bill         | Burke Robertson   | Carolyn    |
| Betty Ann Collins | Martin  | John Jackson    | Donna        | Aaron Routh       | Lee Ann    |
| John Collins      | Bobbie  | David Jessup    |              | Candace Sammons   | Macon      |
| Gary Cook         | MaryAnn | Alison Johnson  | Alan         | Macon Sammons     | Candace    |
| Ben Cooke         | Lone    | Amy Johnson     | Bill         | Brandt Scholz     | Lynn       |
| Adam Delp         | Tammy   | Bill Johnson    | Tina         | Frank Sells       | Amanda     |
| Charles Dugger    | Shirley | Dick Johnson    |              | Steven Simpson    | Maria      |
| Cathy Eckenrod    | Skip    | Jim Lewis       | Teresa       | P.J. Snow         | Joy        |
| Brenda Edwards    | Allen   | Teresa Lewis    | Jim          | Cathy Stevens     | Mark       |
| Matthew Edwards   | Glenda  | Steve Lindsley  | Lorie        | Ann Vaughn        | Tom        |
| Regina Edwards    |         | Benny Lisk      | Pam          | Dale Watson       | Celena     |
| Jeffery Ellis     |         | John Lockhart   | Alice        | Anne Webb         | Tom        |
| Tom Fawcett       | Mary    | Peter Lydens    | Linda Wright | Tom Webb          | Anne       |
| Fred Folger       |         | Lenise Lynch    |              | Jay Williams      | Beth       |
| Ralph Forbes      | Erika   | Greg Marshall   | Lori         | Jack Wilson       | Marie      |
| Alton Gaither     | Janice  | Kirby McCrary   | Tammy        | Dick Wimbish      | Sue Ellen  |
| Marian Goldwasser | Michael | Carla Majure    | David        | Marie Wood        | Tycho, Jr. |
| Jim Grimes        |         | Tim Marion      | Cindy        | Betty Wright      | Hylton     |
| Steve Gross       | Polly   | Frank Mayberry  | Jerri        | Doug Yarboro      | Amanda     |
| Ken Gulaian       | Kari    | Robert Meinecke | Judy         |                   |            |
| Raymond Hanna     |         | Bob Moody       | Kathy        |                   |            |
|                   |         | Britta Needham  | Jeff         |                   |            |

Key: Past President Board of Directors Paul Harris Fellow

|                         |    |
|-------------------------|----|
| Honorary Members .....  | 1  |
| Active Members.....     | 94 |
| Total Membership.....   | 95 |
| Paul Harris Fellow..... | 77 |

**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 |



## Marion Goldwasser reports in from Uganda

Marion has been in Uganda for 5 weeks, traveling to Gulu and Kitgum visiting fellow Rotarians and looking in on the Rotary project.

“The girls’ washroom has not started yet which gave me the opportunity to talk with members of the Kitgum Rotary and to observe the schools involved. I believe that the changes we have made will improve the project, ensure sustainability, and involve the Rotarians meaningfully.

I attended the Kitgum Rotary meeting on Thursday. Before the meeting we drove to 2 different sites for the washrooms and talked with the administration. Kitgum Rotary had taken the initiative to inspect a War Child project similar to our proposed project at an elementary school. Because the school had no night watchman or fencing around it, the water tank was used by villagers instead of them having to walk much further to a borehole; and the washroom had become a latrine. When I visited YY, a boarding school with 800 girls, I realized our 2 changing rooms and washrooms would hardly suffice. To her credit and fairness, the Headmistress, Gladys Aber, said she would not tell any girl she couldn’t use the washroom. She would offer it to all. So I proposed we put two washrooms at her school and none at the unprotected elementary. She had wonderful ideas for becoming involved which would ensure sustainability. She planned to have the girls voluntarily join a club for training and receiving the Afripads. Then, they would do outreach training themselves for primary schools, other students and other schools. She also wanted to preview the training plans to add her suggestions which I feel certain will be excellent after her 30 years of being in education, her responsibilities as Headmistress and her position in the Rotary club as next year’s President. She will also oversee the mixed day school, Comprehensive, which has 450 girls, is fenced and has a watchman.

Fortuitously, on Saturday at the Ethiopian restaurant, I met a wonderful Peace Corps Volunteer, Mary Beth Johnson, a retired health worker, so she is experienced and seasoned. She asked about our project, and

then offered to be my eyes in Kitgum. This is exactly why I had met with the Peace Corps Director in Kampala, to get just such involvement from the Peace Corps, and I didn’t even have to ask her-- she just offered.

Besides this year’s project, I have been working with a wonderful German NGO which is registered in Uganda and Germany. The project manager, Rudolf Schachner, is

a social worker and registered nurse who has worked in Togo, Rwanda, Sudan, Cameroon, Congo, Sierra Leone and now Uganda. His partner has worked in Chechnya. So between them they have a lot of experience. I met Rudolf last year at his level 2 clinic in Nabongogali in Amuru district. He and his wonderful co-administrator, Florence, a Uganda midwife, trained the staff, the TBA (traditional birth attendants), and the village health teams so all knew their jobs and expectations. He worked very closely with the District Health Officer and CAO (Chief Administrative Officer), always following Uganda health guidelines and procedures. His level 2 clinic had a catchment area of 10,000, but is regularly receiving twice the expected number, people coming even from level 3 clinics to Nabongogali.

He and I discussed a number of possibilities, met with the Rotarians and the District Health Officer and District Education Officer. The Rotarians selected the project for a mobile mother-child unit to serve those remote from clinics and health care. This would involve the purchase and fitting of a 4 wheel drive van; fitting the van with a stretcher, an ultrasound, a way to keep drugs cold, etc. The District Health Officer will supply some staff and offered an office in Kitgum. A midwife, two nurses and a driver will be stationed at a level 3 clinic from which they will organize, then 4 days a week visit areas remote from clinics. There, they will vaccinate all children under 5, and give 4 different visits to pregnant women: the women will receive ultrasounds; HIV/AIDS testing; malaria testing; pre-eclampsia testing and they will be given

appropriate treatment if needed. Women with potential problems will be referred to the next working clinic for birth. The mobile unit will give intensive training to the Village Health Teams and the Traditional Birth Attendants as well as work with Level 2 clinics in the area given to them to serve. After 18 months and evaluation, the mobile unit will move on to another area and the health teams will be provided bicycles to continue serving those in remote areas. This will be a pilot project in more ways than one, as we believe it will be the first such Mother-Child clinic in Uganda and it is part of the Ministry of Health’s goals to have such units all over Uganda.

Besides the Rotary projects, I have helped built Rocket stoves in the village, an idea which a California Rotarian came up with and which uses 1/4 or less wood than usually used in stoves, is safe for children to be near, and is virtually smokeless. I have also visited St. Bakhita pre-primary where we had a wonderful welcome. We go back on Wednesday.

Today I am visiting a house made of used water bottles at St. Monica’s girls’ school where the nun in charge went to Kampala to find a man to teach her how to do it. I’m not sure of the advantage except for getting water bottles off the road, but will report back.

I had lunch with Simon, the Rotarian past president and his family yesterday, and dinner with my friend Betty, her husband, and three little boys, two of which spent the night chasing flying ants, trapping them against the wall, pulling off a wing, and watching them fly with 3 wings. The road was covered with them and people were out with lights and buckets catching them to fry and eat.

I fly back on Monday the 28th and arrive in Winston Salem the 29th sometime around 11pm. I look forward to seeing you.”

Marion