

# THE Mount Airian ROTARIAN

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## EAST SURRY HIGH SCHOOL INTERACT CLUB



*ESHS Interact Club — Rotary welcomes ESHS Interact Club*

District Governor Terry Titus initiates the East Surry High School Interact officers. They are: **Ashley Jessup**— President; **Kaitlyn Anthony** and **Dallas Hartley**— Vice Presidents; **Jacob Scott** — Treasurer; **Madison Bowman** — Secretary; **Greg Upchurch** — Local Service Projects; **Bridgette Whitesell** — International Service Projects; **Laureen Sechrist** — National Committee Chair and **Meghan Sechrist** and **Madeline Angel** — Fundraising Co-Chairs. **Renee Watson** is their school Advisor and Rotarian **Vera Reynolds** is the club advisor.

The East Surry High School group is excited to start on this year's events and we look forward to hearing from them.



*Steven Simpson and Vera Reynolds*



## Rotary After 5— event #3 at Round Peak Vineyard

A good time was had by all at Round Peak. The setting was lovely, the weather delightful and about 17 members and guests attended. Candace is working on the next event and will let us know as plans come together.

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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**

# Australian Friendship Exchange – Huge Success

What a wonderful experience to make new friends and invite them into your home. We had a wonderful time with our Aussie friends. Thanks go out to all our Rotarians who participated in this week-long event. Our new friends got to experience many of our local sites; had a little time for shopping; wine tasting at Old North State and Raffaldini Vineyard; time to relax and enjoy dinner a few times with their host families; and a lovely reception at Sue and Hal Brownfield's home. Thanks to Carol Burke, Doug

& Amanda Yarborough and Dick Johnson who acted as drivers.

Wouldn't it be great to have a group from Mount Airy participate in a Friendship Exchange and head to Australia next year? There is a group working on that so if you think you would like to go, please contact Matthew Johnson at [mjohnson@jamestown-nc.gov](mailto:mjohnson@jamestown-nc.gov) or 336-286-1020 at his home. If not next year, then perhaps The Rotary International Convention in Sydney. Think about it.



*Australian friends visiting Rotary .....*



*Visiting Old North State Winery .....*



*Reception at Sue & Hal Brownfield's home .....*



*Carol and new Aussie friends .....*



*Mac & Candace (right) talk with Leila & David Thompson .....*



*Enjoying dinner at reception .....*



*Visit to Rock Quarry .....*

# Message from President Kate

New Members: Wow, what a year so far! We have inducted eight new members in the months between September and November. Welcome, Van Lankford, Ray Milian, Casey Vedder, Barbie Manchester, Steve Yokeley, Jason Pike, Laney Johnson and Fred DeWeese. We are so pleased to have you as new members. Thank you for seeing the benefits of becoming a Rotarian.

Barbi Manchester is the co-owner of Precision PneuDraulics and has one son. Jason Pike works for BB&T Insurance and is married to Jennifer. Laney Johnson is a Retirement Planner for The Hartford and works out of her home. She has one son, Michael, who is a student at NC State. Fred DeWeese is retired and moved here from East Point, Michigan. Welcome all to our newest Rotary members.



*Barbi Manchester*



*Brenda, Jason & Kate*



*Laney, Candace & Kate*



*Brandt, Fred & Kate*



*Steve & Kate*

Rotary After 5: Rotary After 5 has been more of a success than we envisioned. The gatherings at CCCC, Old North State, and Round Peak Vineyard were extremely well attended. It is great having the opportunity to meet and talk with Rotarians that you don't talk with at meetings and bringing potential new members who show interest in Rotary. I know of three people who decided to seek joining Rotary after attending these get-togethers. I guess that we look pretty fun when we're drinking wine!

Leave of Absence and Honorary Membership: There is a question that is unclear for many of us in Rotary. I want to bring everyone up to speed concerning "Leave of Absence" and "Honorary" membership.

When a member knows that he/she will be out of the area, or work has gotten overwhelming, or has an illness/physical issue, then at that time the member needs to get in touch with Cathy Stevens to go on a Leave of Absence. During a Leave of Absence, you are obligated to cover all the quarterly expenses of Rotary except for weekly lunches. That means that you will have a bill for each quarter consisting of the dues, Paul Harris donation, and the club fundraiser assessment, which will be approximately \$81.00.

If while you are on leave of absence you attend a meeting then you have to pay for your meal that day. It cannot be added to your bill. Your bill for meals is paid forward, for the next three months, not for the last months. The software can't address each week. The

Honorary member is decided by the board of Rotary and is given to a member who has given to the club of their time and talent over many years. An honorary member doesn't pay anything to attend Rotary, but is still on the rolls and receives benefits of Rotary members. The club's board can decide to pay for an honorary member's lunches or not, there is no club obligation to cover that cost. If the club is not paying for your lunches as an honorary member then you must pay for lunch each week that you attend. So as far as a Leave of Absence goes, the long and short of it is: if you know that you will not be able to attend Rotary for a period of time, a minimum of 3 months and a maximum of 6 months then you need to ask Cathy Stevens to be put on leave of absence. It is your obligation to let her know that you need to be on leave of absence and when you come off leave of absence. Without notifying Cathy you are charged for lunches like the rest of the membership.

If you need to be on leave of absence longer than 6 months that is at the discretion of the club.

I am so proud to be a member of Mount Airy Rotary. We have a membership who truly believes the four way test and lives by those questions asked each week. So many members are working in the community making Rotary proud. If you don't feel that you are as involved as you would like to be, stop by and talk with me before or after club. When everyone participates we make an unstoppable team.



Rotarian Pete Lydens has assumed the task of coordinating the Toys for Tots collection effort. A box will be placed in the hallway outside the Rotary meeting room each Tuesday. Please bring **unwrapped** gifts and let's fill up that box. If you don't feel like shopping for toys, you can write a check payable to Toys for Tots Foundation and give that to Pete instead. I think we had a fairly successful collection effort last year, so let's make it happen again in 2011.

## *Saving Little Hearts of Nicaragua – Clemmons Club*



We were pleased to have several folks for the Clemmons club come speak with us about an ongoing project involving 9 clubs that has been in the works since 2001. The focus is on 6 areas: Rheumatic Fever, Open Heart Surgery, Water Wells, Orphanage Work, Rotary Clinic and Hospital/Rheumatic Clinic remodeling. This 501c3 organization has been the recipient of 4 Rotary Grants in the past two years.

Carlos Pereira is the Clemmons Club VP of International Projects. He is a native of Nicaragua and knows the needs of the children there. These Rotarians have made a several trips to Leon, Nicaragua to help fund penicillin; heart surgeries; home and school visits; and the installation of clean water wells. For some reason not yet determined, the city of Leon has a high concentration of children with Rheumatic Fever. This is an illness that left untreated will kill the child. Our fellow Rotarians are working hard to raise funds to do everything they can to alleviate the death of these precious lives.

*Clemmons Club Members  
led by Carlos Pereira*

# Odds 'N Ends

Lt. Armbrister from the Mount Airy Police Department spoke to us about criminal activity in our area. The recidivism rate is at least 30% meaning many of the crimes being committed are by the same folks over and over. Most people don't wake up one morning and decide to commit criminal acts. Hard economic times can push those already into criminal actions to increase those activities. Our segment that has seen a huge rise is the stealing of copper pipe and wire. The damage being caused to the property owners far outweighs the price the criminal is getting paid for the stolen property. However, when they are arrested they are charged with the full amount of the loss, not just what they got paid for the items.



*Lt. Armbrister talks about crime* .....

Todd Tucker, Director of the Surry County Economic Development Partnership (SCEDP) dropped by to let us know how things are working during these economic hard times. He said every deal they look at is different. The folks looking at Surry County may want different things, but real estate is one thing that runs true through all of them. Todd went on to say that manufacturing processes today don't necessarily fit into the older manufacturing buildings we have empty. Also, the workforce needed for some of the industries do not match up evenly with those who are out of work. It can be a long and difficult process to attract new business to our area, but even those companies that have located in Southern Virginia or in the Triad benefit people in Surry County. This is a never ending process between the government and private sector to search out and find those companies that match what we have to offer.



*Todd Tucker – SCEDP Director* .....

Melissa Hiatt, Director of SCAN (Stop Child Abuse Now) for Surry and Stokes Counties gave us an uplifting program considering the topic. We learned how the SCAN program works in the home doing in depth research and considerable training with the whole family to educate and assist families in crisis. This is an award winning program helping 150 families a year. Melissa and her 7 team members have dedicated themselves to improving the lives of not only the children, but of the extended family and this is why the program is working so well.



*Melissa Hiatt – Director of SCAN* .....

# Foundation Dinner – Koury Convention Center – Big Success

The Mount Airy Rotary Club had a big turnout for the event this year. The Koury Convention Center in Greensboro was lovely and there were over 700 people in attendance for the dinner and program. We were honored to have Rotary International President Kalyan Banerjee as the keynote speaker. He is the chairman of United Phosphorus, Bangladesh, and a director of United Phosphorus Ltd., one of the largest manufacturers of agrochemicals in India. Mr. Banerjee has been a Rotarian since 1972 and began his international service to Rotary in 1995 when he was appointed to the RI Board of Directors. This is a man

who lives the Rotary mission to its fullest – “Reach Within to Embrace Humanity”. It is during the Foundation Dinner when you can really get the feel of what Rotary accomplishes throughout the world. It is always a humbling experience to meet Rotarians who, like our own Marion Goldwasser, travel to far off lands to bring together people of like minds who want to improve the lives of strangers.

Congratulations to Joan Inman for being named a Level One Major Donor. The Mount Airy club now has three members at this level: Teresa Lewis, Dick Johnson

and Joan Inman. Former Rotarian John Springthorpe and wife Karen are at Level Two.

We have three members who are current Paul Harris Society Members and those are Dick Johnson, Teresa Lewis and Joan Inman. The Mount Airy Club is also a 100% Sustaining Paul Harris Club – Every Rotarian Every Year. For more information about the foundation please talk with Van Lankford, our club’s Foundation Chairman.



*Foundation Dinner - 2011*



*Dick Fawcett, Fred DeWeese and Mary Fawcett at Foundation Dinner*



*Joan Inman receives Major Donor Award from Kalyan Banerjee*

## UPCOMING EVENTS



**Rotary After 5** – Candace says we will have one more event before year end and it will be on **Friday, December 9 from 5:00 to 7:00 at Dick Johnson’s house**. His address is 507 S Main St. Dick has a great house for entertaining and he is always a good host. This will be a good time to socialize and to bring potential new members to the event. See you there!!!



### **Dec 3 – Salvation Army Bell Ringing**

A signup sheet will be passed around so please find a time slot where you can work. This is always good fun because we see folks we know and people love to put money in that red kettle.



**Rotary March Madness** - Plans are starting to be made for a new event - Mount Airy Rotary. March Madness is coming to Mount Airy. We need members for the March Madness party. We’re looking for foodies to plan the menu, logistics experts to line up tv’s and the location, pool sharks(betting pools, not table) to plan how to support your favorite team.

There will be a meeting **Tuesday, December 6 at 5:00 at the Cross Creek bar** to discuss the preliminaries. So if you like basketball, friendly wagers, or food come join us to get the ball on the court and start planning a great Rotary party.



**April 19-22** – It isn’t too early to start thinking about the 2012 District Conference. It will be held at the **Embassy Suites North Charleston** in North Charleston, SC

# Terry Titus -Attracting Younger Members

District Governor Terry Titus addressed our meeting recently with a challenge to us all on how to find ways of bringing in younger members. One of the major stumbling blocks for younger folks is the cost. Terry suggested we look at some alternative ways, getting creative, that would allow eager, interested young professionals find a way to balance the costs of Rotary with work and family. The only way to keep our clubs growing and going strong is to find young professional who have a passion for working for the good of others. We need to find a way to bring them in and help them along the path.

Terry is also very interested in your thoughts regarding Rotary and is ready and willing to answer any questions you may have. He can be reached at [TerryTitus@Rotary7690.org](mailto:TerryTitus@Rotary7690.org)

*Steven Simpson, Carol Burke,  
DG Terry Titus and Greg Deputy ...*



## 2011 Holiday Food Drive - Nov 8-29

The format may be a little different this year, but WOW are we off to a good start. The campaign this year runs November 8-29. This is a little shorter time period than last year, but if we all pull together we can get this done in a few short weeks. Our dedicated member, Karen Burnette has taken this task to heart and each week she will have her car parked near the door so you can load your bags of canned goods straight into the trunk.

To date we have collected the equivalent of 2,434 cans of food. Some folks have given canned goods and others donated money for the purchase of the food. Last year we collected 3,335 cans so we are already 72.9% of the way there. Let's see if we can't beat last years' collection by collecting 3,500 cans. For every dollar you donate, that equals 5 cans of food. If you would rather write a check, please make it to Mount Airy Rotary and mark it for Holiday Food Drive, then give it to Karen Burnette.

### NOVEMBER 2011

<u>DATE</u>	<u>ROTARIAN</u>	<u>SPEAKER &amp; PROGRAM</u>
Nov 01	David Adkisson	Cathy Shields – Legacy Center of Mt. Airy
Nov 08	Barbi Manchester	Melissa Hiatt – Director of SCAN
Nov 15	Kate Appler	Carlos Pereira – Saving Little Hearts in Nicaragua
Nov 22	Van Lankford	Rotary Foundation
Nov 29	Ben Cooke	Jennifer Freeman – Jones School Christmas Program

### DECEMBER 2011

<u>DATE</u>	<u>ROTARIAN</u>	<u>SPEAKER &amp; PROGRAM</u>
Dec 6	Dr. Ashley Hinson	TBA
Dec 13	Tom Fawcett	Sandy George – Mt Airy High Musical Group
Dec 20	TBA	TBA
Dec 27	Betty Ann Collins	Marion Goldwasser – Rotary Project Update

# MEMBERSHIP ROSTER

ROTARIAN	SPOUSE	ROTARIAN	SPOUSE	ROTARIAN	SPOUSE
David Adkisson	Ellen	Todd Harris	Betsy	Britta Needham	Jeff
Kate Appler	Mark	John Haynes	Barbara	Gray Parker	Sandra
Faith Ashby	Ted	Craig Hensley	Allison	Richard Patterson	Kaye
Ted Ashby	Faith	Robin Hester	Thurman	T.J. Payne	Sharon
Paul Belk	Cecelia	Derek Higgs	Mary	Greg Perkins	Julie
Ed Bondurant		Ashley Hinson	Lynne	Jim Petelle	Ann
Horace Bondurant	Jewel	Eric Hodges		Hugh Peoples	
Ricky Bowman	Lori	Bill Holcomb		Jason Pike	Jennifer
Sue Brownfield	Hal	Bucky Holcomb	Kim	John Priddy	Sandra
Carol Burke		Sandy Hurley	Will	Gene Rees	Peggy
Karen Burnette	Bruce	Joan Inman	Bill	Bill Refvem	Joanna
Nelson Clark	Lisa	John Jackson	Donna	Joanna Refvem	Bill
Betty Ann Collins	Martin	David Jessup		Vera Reynolds	
John Collins	Bobbie	Alison Johnson	Alan	Burke Robertson	Carolyn
Gary Cook	MaryAnn	Amy Johnson	Bill	Aaron Routh	Lee Ann
Ben Cooke	Lone	Bill Johnson	Tina	Candace Sammons	Macon
Adam Delp	Tammy	Dick Johnson		Macon Sammons	Candace
Fred DeWeese		Laney Johnson		Brandt Scholz	Lynn
Charles Dugger	Shirley	Van Lankford	Ann	Frank Sells	Amanda
Cathy Eckenrod	Skip	Jim Lewis	Teresa	Steven Simpson	Maria
Brenda Edwards	Allen	Teresa Lewis	Jim	P.J. Snow	Joy
Matthew Edwards	Glenda	Benny Lisk	Pam	Cathy Stevens	Mark
Regina Edwards		John Lockhart	Alice	Ann Vaughn	Tom
Jeffery Ellis		Peter Lydens	Linda Wright	Casey Vedder	
Tom Fawcett	Mary	Lenise Lynch		Dale Watson	Celena
Fred Folger		Barbi Manchester		Anne Webb	Tom
Ralph Forbes	Erika	Greg Marshall	Lori	Tom Webb	Anne
Alton Gaither	Janice	Kirby McCrary	Tammy	Jay Williams	Beth
Marian Goldwasser	Michael	Carla Majure	David	Jack Wilson	Marie
Jim Grimes		Tim Marion	Cindy	Dick Wimbish	Sue Ellen
Steve Gross	Polly	Frank Mayberry	Jerri	Marie Wood	Tycho, Jr.
Ken Gulaian	Kari	Robert Meinecke	Judy	Betty Wright	Hylton
Raymond Hanna		Ray Milian		Doug Yarboro	Amanda
Gary Harold	Vicki	Bob Moody	Kathy	Steve Yokeley	Ann

Key: Past President Board of Directors Paul Harris Fellow

Honorary Members .....	1
Active Members.....	101
Total Membership.....	102
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