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Club News

January 27th, 2015 Meeting

President Sang Ho Lee opened the meeting. Pete Beck gave the invocation and led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Guests and Visitors

- Sam Holt, owner of Catalyst Advertising, attended as a prospective member.
- Visiting Rotarians: John Brooks from the Burlington Breakfast Club and Russell Guy, president of the Graham Club

General Announcements

- President Lee announced the current birthdays and anniversaries, which are listed at the bottom of this page.
- Paul Mauney was welcomed by President Lee who informed him (in jest) that anyone who leaves early will owe him 20 pushups. Sang did not notice Philip Smith make his exit just a few minutes earlier.
- Lane Jones will have next week's program, followed by Don Jennings and James Honeycutt. For a complete schedule, click on the **Programs Schedule** link on the menu on the left.
- President Lee reminded the club that we will sponsor a golf tournament hosted by the Alamance Country Club on Monday, April 20, with a shotgun start at 1 pm. Cost will be \$500 per team. We hope to raise between \$3000 and \$4000 to enable us to adequately fund our adopted projects. We are encouraged to recruit country club members because our club will have a higher profit margin with them, since their rate will be discounted by the country club.
- President Lee said we received a thank you note from Jeneva Harris, a recipient of the scholarship our club funds at Alamance Community College. She wrote that she is working toward a degree in Medical Office Administration. She is employed part-time at Wal-Mart as a stock clerk and said that it is difficult to save enough money for her education. She expressed that she would not have been able to continue at ACC without our help. She hopes to eventually find a full-time job in her desired field after graduation.

- Sang asked us to please bring a prospective female guest during February, which is Women in Rotary month.



Happy Clams

- Carolyn Rhode paid her dollar to thank Penn Corbett and Peter Barcus for helping her carry those HEAVY boxes of Girl Scout cookies into the room. She said she is counting on us to take the load off her shoulders by snapping up as many Thin Mints as possible. She thanked Russell Guy for personally relieving her of twelve boxes. Good job, Russell!



Julian Griffin: Resident Rotarian Emeritus

Our club is privileged to have Julian for a member. He was the charter president for the club in 1981 and served as District Governor in 1989. The 57-year Rotarian said he has enjoyed life together with the other members and opined that today we are more effective and enthusiastic than ever. He said he knows this because we contribute financially to Rotary International projects as well as local ones, truly modeling Service above Self, the Rotary motto. Julian introduced his long time friend and our speaker, Ron Osborne, the Director of Residential Treatment Services of Alamance, by saying he knew him when he was a student at what was then Elon College. Julian informed us that RTSA was originally known as Wesley Hall, which was founded in 1971 by a group of concerned citizens who believed Alamance County needed to provide formalized residential services for alcoholics. Julian's mother was on the first board. Before coming to RTSA, Ron spent 9 years working for the State in the mental health area. He is married and has two daughters.

Ron Osborne: Director of [Residential Treatment Services of Alamance](#)

RTSA is a private non-profit organization offering 24-hour services to both men and women and is dedicated to improving the lives of adults living with alcoholism, addiction, and/or mental illness by providing them with the resources they need to build strong programs of recovery. Its services are available to all residents of North Carolina, with priority admission to residents of Caswell and Alamance Counties, without regard to race, creed, national origin, sex, age, or handicap. Ron said that no one is turned down due to lack of funds either. To begin his remarks, Ron asked us to sit back and remember our own childhood or that of our kids - the innocent, carefree times, the aspirations we may have had. He reminded us that no one dreams of one day being an addict or mentally ill and feeling hopeless. Nevertheless, an increasing number of people find themselves in this condition. That is where RTSA's service can provide structure and hope to those who are looking to rebuild their lives. RTSA provides non-hospital detoxification, facility-based crisis services, residential services to alcoholics and addicts, and residential services to adults with mental illness. The 136 Hall Avenue location provides an 8-bed detox/crisis unit and a 17-bed residential services program in a home environment. Mebane Street is a six-bed unit providing housing for women recovering from alcoholism and drug abuse. Two homes housing six residents each are located on Crestview Drive. Both are for individuals suffering from mental illness. One is for women, and the other for men. Trollinger Treasures is located on Trollinger St. in the old Wooten Appliance building. It sells donated items to help support the overall program.

Ron said that RTSA served 368 people last year. Of those, 91% were stabilized. He said the population seeking help is trending younger. Many more are showing up with opiate addictions. Each person who completes detox is referred for additional treatment in a residential program. Last year 46 men entered a personal recovery program at RTSA. Each morning participants come for devotions, after which they have

chores and classes. After thirty days, residents are evaluated to see if they are ready for work. The average length of stay is around six months.

During Q&A time, Peter Barcus asked what drives people into addiction. Ron said that he believes it is more than a simple choice. He believes there is a genetic component and it is a disease. David Moore asked how the program is funded. Ron said fifty percent comes from contracts with Managed Care Organizations. The rest comes from sales from Trollinger Treasures, donations, and grants. Ron emphasized that no one is turned away because of a lack of finances. He said by the time people arrive at RTSA, they usually have used up all their resources. David encouraged us to get involved with this organization and to support it financially. He also expressed hope that we will support them as a club in the future. President Lee commented that he had never before heard of the organization, but was moved by the presentation. He said that we greatly appreciate what RTSA is doing for the betterment of our community.



President Lee presented a plaque to Ron commemorating his visit. The photo is on the right above.



Card Drawing

David Moore represented his table which held the winning ticket today. He selected the 6 of Clubs instead of the elusive Ace of Clubs. The suspense is growing since only 20 cards remain and the pot continues to grow, being over \$770 now.

Closing

As is our custom, we all stood to say aloud the Rotary Four Way Test, after which the meeting was adjourned by President Lee. Until we meet again...

Club Related Dates

District and Club Business

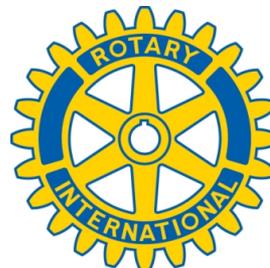
- **2nd Tuesday of Each Month** - For officers and committee chairs, 11 am until Noon.
- **March 31, 2015** - Club Assembly
- **April 30 - May 3, 2015** - District Conference in Roanoke, VA
- **June 30, 2015** - Installation of New Officers and Board

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Jan	Birthdays	Jan	Wedding Anniversaries
14	Debbie Porch		None This Month
17	Tom Manning		
20	Carolyn Rhode		
29	Cliff Parker		
Feb	Birthdays	Feb	Wedding Anniversaries
2	John Beshel	18	Dick and Bebe O'Donnell
14	Pete Beck	24	Lloyd and Ethel Ann Carter
22	Chuck Stedman		
26	Julian Griffin		

Want to see when you have program speaker responsibilities? Simply click on the Programs link below or the same link on the menu on the left above.

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Meets on Tuesdays from Noon until 1 PM at 40 West Grill in the Ramada Inn in Burlington, NC

Club 6090, District 7690 Piedmont NC

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