

Rotary Club of Alamance

Gold Club

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100% Rotary Foundation Sustaining Member Club

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Club News

February 3rd, 2015 Meeting

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

Guests and Visitors

- Doreen Gibbons was introduced by Pete Beck. She just moved here from Connecticut with her husband. She was chaplain in her Rotary club there before moving to Alamance County.
- Sam Holt, owner of Catalyst Advertising, turned in his application for membership. Steve Carter is his sponsor. I

General Announcements

- President Lee announced the current birthdays and anniversaries, which are listed at the bottom of this page.
- Next week our board will meet at 11 am. Sang asked the board members who were present to stand. They received a round of applause for their volunteer service.
- Don Jennings will have next week's program, followed by James Honeycutt and Ryan Keur. 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.
- Sang reminded us that February is Women in Rotary month.
- The District Conference will be held in Roanoke, VA from April 30 to May 3. We were encouraged to attend.
- President Lee announced that Tom Manning is moving and has resigned from the club. He will be missed.

Happy Clams

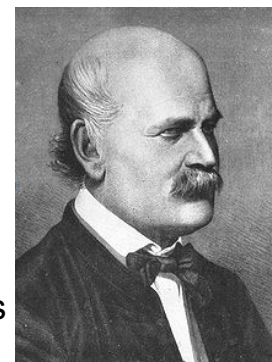
- Carolyn Rhode paid her dollar to remind us that she is still selling Girl Scout cookies. Short breads were featured. Peter Barcus, who purchased a couple of boxes, shared them with the club.

Lane Jones and Randy Perkins: The Rotary Foundation



Randy opened his remarks by saying that he and Lane were a dog and pony show, with his being the dog. He said he graduated from UNCG in 1976 with a degree in biology. His dream was to have his own science laboratory. Instead he took a teaching job at Gillespie Junior High in Greensboro as a science teacher. He said the first couple of weeks were great. That was when he set up the classroom. Unfortunately Randy quickly discovered that he was not cut out to teach the same lesson seven times a day. To him it was boring. After two years of teaching, which he called the "biggest mistake of my life," he took a job at a textile mill. Eventually that led to his present business, Prime Personnel.

During his brief stint as a teacher, however, each week Randy would tell his students about one scientist who made a significant contribution to the world. He told us about one such man, named Ignaz Philipp Semmelweis (1 July 1818 – 13 August 1865) who was a Hungarian physician of German extraction who is now known as an early pioneer of antiseptic procedures. Described as the "savior of mothers," Semmelweis discovered that the incidence of puerperal fever could be drastically cut by the use of hand disinfection in obstetrical clinics. Puerperal fever was common in mid-19th-century hospitals and often fatal, with mortality at 10%–35%. Semmelweis proposed the practice of washing with chlorinated lime solutions in 1847 while working in Vienna General Hospital's First Obstetrical Clinic, where doctors' wards had three times the mortality of midwives' wards, since they were bringing in germs from other places they worked in the hospital. He published a book of his findings in *Etiology, Concept and Prophylaxis of Childbed Fever*. Despite various publications of results where hand-washing reduced mortality to below 1%, Semmelweis' observations conflicted with the established scientific and medical opinions of the time, and his ideas were rejected by the medical community. Some doctors were offended at the suggestion that they should wash their hands, and Semmelweis could offer no acceptable scientific explanation for his findings. Semmelweis' practice earned widespread acceptance only years after his death, when Louis Pasteur confirmed the germ theory, and Joseph Lister, acting on the French microbiologist's research, practiced and operated, using hygienic methods, with great success. In 1865, Semmelweis was committed to an asylum, where he died at age 47 after being beaten by the guards, only 14 days after he was committed.



Randy segued beautifully into talking about how just two drops of polio vaccine can be just as revolutionary today in the four remaining countries on the active polio virus list - Pakistan, Afghanistan, India, and Nigeria. (India has been polio free for two years. After this year, they should fall off the list!) Some of the governments and people in these countries are as ignorant and hostile toward getting help as those doctors were in Semmelweis' day. Randy said that the World Health Organization and the CDC are both active in helping promote Rotary's efforts worldwide to stamp out this horrible disease. We are very close. The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation is also playing a big part financially by matching Rotary's fund raising efforts. (Randy and Rita Perkins will be participating in a World Immunization Day project in India in just a few days on February 11. We are privileged to have representatives of our club take part in this.)



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Lane Jones, our club Foundation Chair, then took over and talked about how Rotary International works through its Foundation. She put signs on six of the tables, which illustrated Rotary's six areas of focus:

- Peace and Conflict Resolution and Prevention
- Clean Water
- Disease Prevention
- Support for Mothers and Children
- Basic Education and Literacy
- Economic and Community Development

She asked us to remember to give to the Foundation. 92% of our donations will go directly to those who need it. Six percent goes toward fund raising, and the other two percent provides for administrative costs. For each dollar we give to the Foundation, half is directed to the Global Fund for worldwide projects, and half goes to the District to be spent according to local directives. Lane

told us that we can even set things up for automatic recurring giving according to whatever schedule we desire. Just go the following link: www.rotary.org/give.

She said individuals and clubs receive receive recognition for their giving to the the Foundation. Giving is measured and recognized several ways.

Individual Recognitions

- **ALOHA** - At Least One Hundred Annually (**Sustaining Member**)
- **Paul Harris Fellow** - \$1000 over time
- **Paul Harris Society** - \$1000 annually
- **Benefactor** - Include the Endowment Fund in your estate or give \$1000 outright to it.
- **Bequest Society Member** - Give \$10,000 or more via your estate.
- **Major Donor** - when your accumulated donations reach \$10,000. There are four levels.
 - Level One - \$10,000 - \$24,999
 - Level Two - \$25,000 to \$49,999
 - Level Three - \$50,000 to \$99,999
 - Level Four - \$100,000 to \$249,999
- **Arch C. Klumph Society**, when your cumulative giving reaches \$250,000.
 - Trustees Circle: \$250,000 to \$499,999
 - Chair's Circle: \$500,000 to \$999,999
 - Foundation Circle: \$1 million and above

Club Banner Recognitions

- **100% Paul Harris Fellow Club**, for clubs in which all dues-paying members are Paul Harris Fellows. This is a one-time recognition. Please contact your district governor to receive this banner.
- **100% Rotary Foundation Sustaining Member Club**, in which every dues-paying member personally gives \$100 or more to the Annual Fund. Awarded annually at the end of the Rotary year.
- **Every Rotarian, Every Year Club**, for clubs that achieve a minimum \$100 per capita with all dues-paying members contributing some amount to the Annual Fund. Awarded annually at the end of the Rotary year.
- **Top Three Per Capita in Annual Fund Giving**, for the top three per capita giving clubs in each district. Clubs that give at least \$50 per capita to the Annual Fund are eligible. Awarded annually at the end of the Rotary year.

Our District 7690 has distinguished itself in several categories.

- The first district to have 100% Paul Harris Fellow Clubs
- #3 in Sustaining Members
- #1 in Sustaining Clubs

- All-time Giving - \$12.6 million

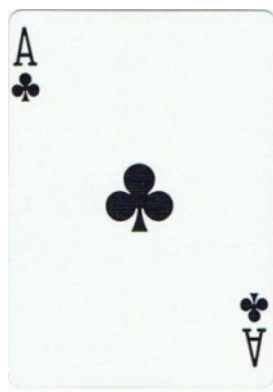
Randy said he hopes we can someday become a Triple Crown Club, which is a one-time award for having all members be 100% Sustaining, Benefactors, and Paul Harris Fellows on a single day. In conclusion, he told the club that he appreciates the support for his and Rita's trip to India. During the short Q&A period, Secretary Carolyn Rhode said that she can generate paper invoices to submit as a reminder to give annually the the RI Annual Fund.

Lane Jones reminded us that our District has created a dedicated website for the upcoming Conference in Roanoke. Simply go to www.conference7690.com in order to sign up and find out everything you need to



know. The District set a goal of having 15% of each club's membership attend, which for us would be around 8 people, including family members. Several service opportunities will be provided this year.

President Lee presented a plaque to Randy commemorating his being our speaker. He said that he owes Lane one. The photo is on the right above.



Card Drawing

The 2 of Spades was pulled this week. The law of averages predict a winner pretty soon, since only 19 cards remain, and one of them is the elusive Ace. The pot continues to grow, being at \$797 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

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.

Programs Schedule



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

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