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**1st Annual Golf Tournament
Alamance Country Club**

Club News

March 17th, 2015 Meeting

President Sang Ho Lee opened the meeting. Pete Beck gave the invocation and led the pledge of allegiance to the flag. President Lee wished everyone a Happy St. Patrick's Day. He mentioned that he saw the St. Paddy's Day parade in D.C.

Guests and Visitors

- Dick Fisher - Member of the Burlington Dinner Rotary Club
- Angela Parham - Second reading. Next week she will be a full member.
- Dean Jones, sponsored by Sam Powell - 1st reading
- Grand Master Son from Des Moines, IA, attended as a guest of President Lee. He teaches at Iowa State University in the Masters Program by coaching instructors and giving seminars. He has been training students at Lee Brothers Academy in Burlington.

General Announcements

- Happy birthday, Tripp Hilliard and Mark Laferriere!
- Micah Fox announced that our club donated \$1000 toward the scholarship program at the ACC Foundation. This scholarship was established during the presidency of Bonnie Whitaker and assists business curriculum students. Carolyn Rhode said that it is particularly helpful during the summer months when most other sources of financial aid dry up. Rotaract members are given first preference.
- Our club will sponsor a golf tournament hosted by the Alamance Country Club on Monday, April 20, with lunch at 11 am and a shotgun start at Noon. Cost will be \$500 per team. We hope to raise between \$3000 and \$4000 to enable us to adequately fund our adopted projects for next year. Volunteers are needed. **Mark Laferriere asked members to download the flyer by clicking on the picture above and using it to invite people to participate.** Now is the time to put your team together. Several sponsors have been found, including Westcott Automotive for the hole-in-one contest and beverage sponsors. Let's make this a big success!
- March 31 is the date of our next club assembly. Lane and Randy will do a presentation on Randy's recent trip to India. Please arrive early so the meeting can get underway at 12:15 pm.
- The District Conference will be April 30 - May 3. So far, Katie, Sang, Randy and Rita Perkins, and possibly Debbie Porch plan to attend.
- The next members with program responsibilities will be Francois Masuka, Club Assembly, and Paul Mauney.



Steve Carter received special recognition for bringing new member Sam Holt into the club. He was given a pin signifying this honor.

Happy Clams

- Dick O'Donnell, in his traditional green, wished everyone a Happy St. Patrick's Day. Someone suggested that we should call it Dick O'Donnell Day.

Frank Longest: Husband, Father, Soon-to-Be Grandfather, Attorney, Past President, and Paul Harris Fellow



Frank has been a member of Rotary since 1981. He said his real name is Frank O'Longest and that his forebears were kicked out of the Emerald Isle in 1651 when they embarked for the Virginia Colony. Frank has been married and practiced law (currently at Holt, Longest, Wall, Blaetz, & Moseley) for forty-two years. Both his son and daughter are married, for which he is still paying off the bill! His daughter is expecting her first child in August. He mentioned that our speaker's daughter is also expecting in September.

Terry McNeill: VP of Institutional Support at Alamance Community College



Terry is of Scotch-Irish ancestry, a common St. Patrick's Day theme, and a former member of the Graham Rotary Club.. He told us that he has worked at ACC for twenty-five years. He recognized Dick Fisher and Sam Powell for their substantial contributions to the college as board members.

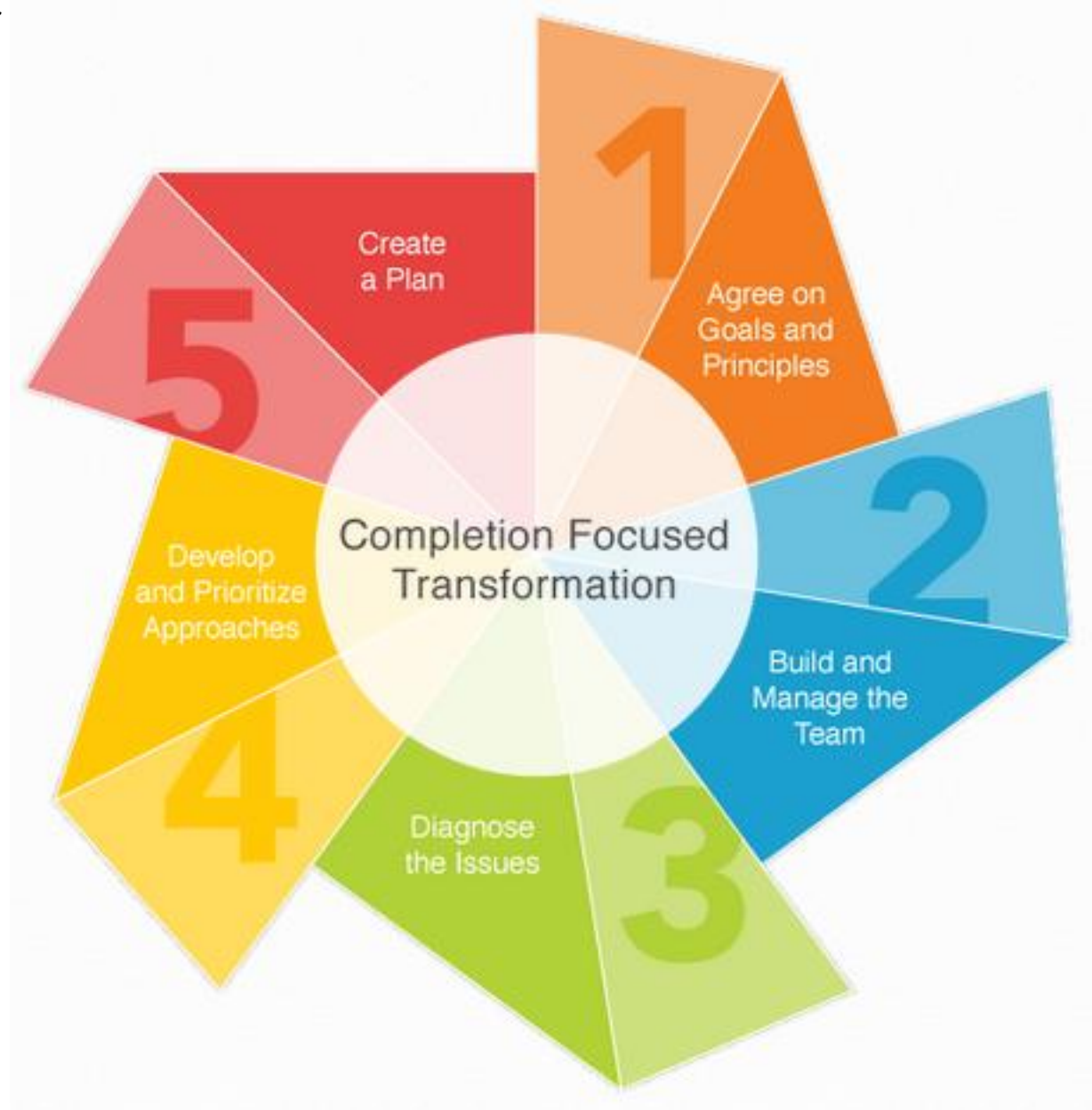
The Community College system began in 1901 in Joliet, IL. primarily as a way to help GI's gain access to a low cost education beyond the high school level. ACC launched in 1958 as a technical institute. The Community College system got its start in North Carolina in 1964 under then governor Terry Sanford. Today NC boasts fifty-eight community colleges and is the third largest system in the nation.

Three key developments have pushed the community college system forward in recent years.

1. Jack Kent Cook, the former Washington Redskin owner, gave seed money to six universities, including UNC-Chapel Hill, to develop a workable transfer system between local community colleges and four-year institutions of higher learning. The UNC system developed what is called the [Carolina Student Transfer Excellence Program \(C-STEP\)](#), which gives support to transfer students to help them succeed at the university level. C-STEP continues to this day even though the initial funding has long since been used up.
2. The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation gave \$34.8 million over five years to help dramatically increase the graduation rates of today's community college students in six states, including NC. The [Completion by Design](#) program awarded competitive grants to groups of community colleges to devise and implement new approaches to make the college experience more responsive to today's student. CBD has identified a set of adaptable pathway design principles so that colleges make their own unique plans to boost completion rates through systemic changes. CBD is intentionally more aggressive and intrusive in an attempt to help students succeed at a higher level than might be otherwise possible. ACC is part of this program.
3. [Workforce Development](#). Two local companies approached ACC about developing a better form of workforce training. One of the companies desperately needed qualified machinists. As a result, ACC, in cooperation with the Alamance-Burlington School System and area industry, has developed a program that allows high school student to take free courses at ACC. Last Friday, a new program called Early College was approved, which allows grades 9-12 high school students to take community college courses. At high school graduation, these students can receive, in addition to their HS diploma, either an AA (Associate or Arts) Degree, an AS (Associate of Sciences), or an Applied Science Associate Degree.

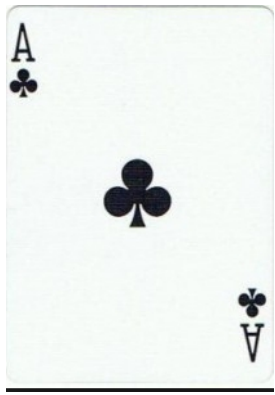
In conclusion, Dr. McNeill mentioned that the ACC Foundation, headed up by our own Carolyn Rhode, is

well-known in the state for its excellence.



Peter Barcus asked Dr. McNeill what percentage of ACC's budget comes from the State and what from other sources. Our speaker answered that most of the school's 39 million dollar budget comes from the state. The Federal Government also supplies funds through its financial aid programs. Three million dollars comes from the county, which is earmarked for capital improvements, building maintenance, and utilities. Carolyn Rhode added that all tuition paid to the school is sent immediately to Raleigh to repay the state for its support. Tuition is set by the general assembly. It has been raised two or three times over the past decade to the present rate of \$71 per credit hour. The current administration is planning to raise it again by \$4. Dick Fisher contributed that ACC is now often the first choice of many families because it makes great financial sense in addition to being a quality education.

President Lee presented Terry with a plaque to express our appreciation for his sharing with us.



Card Drawing

The winning raffle ticket was pulled by Debbie Porch's table. She failed to pull the winning card, selecting the four of diamonds instead. We are now down to only 14 cards, and one of them is the elusive Ace. The pot continues to grow, being well around \$800 now.

Closing

As is our custom, we all stood to recite 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 20, 2015** - First Annual Golf Tournament
- **April 30 - May 3, 2015** - District Conference in Roanoke, VA
- **June 30, 2015** - Installation of New Officers and Board

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Mar	Birthdays	Mar	Wedding Anniversaries
12	Lane Jones	8	Francois and Andrea Masuka
17	Tripp Hilliard	27	Joseph and Susannah Williams
22	Mark Laferriere		

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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