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

Club News

March 24th, 2015 Meeting

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

Guests and Visitors

- John Ellingwood - Visiting Rotarian from Mebane Computer Department
- Angela Parham - Sponsored by Steve Carter, was introduced and applauded as a full member
- Dean Jones, sponsored by Sam Powell - 2nd reading
- Phil Stewart, sponsored by Ed Woodall, officially turned in his green card and received his first reading.
- Dale Grissom, sponsored by Randy Perkins, also submitted his application form and received his first reading.

General Announcements

- President Lee mentioned current member birthdays and anniversaries.
- Joseph Williams announced that the next Packathon will be held at the Mall on April 30-May 2. There will be 20-22 slots available. He hopes that by then arrangements will have been made to not only use some of the food to help local families, but also to assist victims of Islamic terror by ISIS.
- Katie Dukeshire, our president-elect, attended PETS, a three-day session to prepare incoming presidents for their year in office. She said more than five hundred were in attendance from 3 to 4 districts from our region. It gave her the opportunity to meet people, trade ideas, and work on plans for joint projects and events.
- Steve Carter reminded the club that we 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. Now is the time to put your team together. Several sponsors have been found, including Westcott Automotive for the hole-in-one contest. **Let's make this a big success by doing our part!**
- Next Tuesday 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. Katie, Sang, Randy and Rita Perkins, Debbie Porch, and Beth Powell plan to attend.
- The next members with program responsibilities after the Club Assembly will be Paul Mauney and David Moore.
- President Lee asked Sam Powell, Ed Woodall, Steve Carter, and Randy Perkins to stand. The club applauded their efforts in bringing in new members during the past month.

Happy Clams

- Gail Moore told us that she nominated one of her caregivers at Home Instead for Caregiver of the Year. She won the Mid-Atlantic Region and is in the running for national honors.
- Peter Barcus magnanimously congratulated the three area men's basketball teams that made it to the sweet sixteen: Duke, UNC, and NC State. He mentioned that only one will be around after next weekend, which was probably his cryptic way of predicting Duke's going to the final four.
- Ever vigilant Trip Durham recognized the Tar Heel Women for making it to the Women's Sweet Sixteen. Several persons thought Trip should pay a dollar for that announcement, which he did. While up front he also told us, for another dollar, that his firm, 2D Consulting, just landed its first West Coast client.
- Sang Ho Lee also contributed to the pot to tell us that he took thirty students from Lee Brothers Academy to a tournament in Washington, DC. They did well, and no one was injured.

Francois Masuka: Husband, Father, Director of International Student and Faculty Scholarship Services at Elon University, Paul Harris Fellow, Rotarian Extraordinaire, and Man with an Accent



Francois has been a member of our club since November 9, 2010. He was born in the Democratic Republic of Congo, where he earned a Masters Degree and taught English to

Peace Corps volunteers. He came here twenty-four years ago and has never returned. He currently works with international students at Elon University. His three daughters remain in the Congo. One is a lawyer, another is an accountant, and a third is a clothing designer. He mentioned that he will finish paying for their tuition this semester! Francois joked that he is the man with an accent, which is not surprising since he speaks five languages and "ain't from around here." He has served our club on the Projects Committee, Membership, and in other capacities. Some would even say that he would make a great president down the road.

Phil Smith: Entrepreneur and Proprietor of The Oak House in Elon, NC



Phil was born in Durham, NC. Nevertheless, he managed to become a Tar Heel fan. He earned a BS in Biology at UNC Wilmington, but veered away from medicine into Seminary at Mercer University. He eventually became a youth minister at First Baptist Church in Rome, GA. After that he ended up at Elon, where he served in various capacities, including Assistant University Chaplain & Director of Religious Life, Interim University Chaplain, Associate University Chaplain & Director of Religious Life, and Interim Director of Study USA. He taught on entrepreneurship, and, not surprisingly, felt challenged to live out his own dream, which resulted in launching The Oak House, which is a gourmet coffee, fine wine, craft beer, and artisan fare establishment located in Elon, NC across from Elon University. He guessed that he is the only ordained Baptist minister who is a bar owner.

His journey began when he watched the building located at 112 N. Williamson St. remain vacant for a year. He produced a business plan which he submitted to and accepted by the university. The idea was to provide a location with a climate that will foster relationship building and conversations among students, faculty, and townspeople. He quit his job at Elon at the age of forty-two and gathered support, financial and otherwise. He was able to fund his project without taking out a bank loan by borrowing from friends and conducting a kick start campaign online. One big asset is a twenty-three year old Elon alum who joined him and brought social media savvy to the operation. He opened on September 5, 2014.

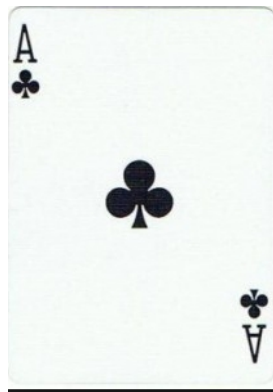
The Oak House is a combination of Cheers and Central Perk, a place where friends and community gather. It is actually a combination of three spaces. The original bar remains as it was. Some of the colors were changed to more muted tones. The goal was to make it upscale without being "snooty." The middle area, which was the kitchen, was gutted to make room for a coffee serving line. What was the restaurant area was converted into a lounge with meeting tables and laptop locations. Not having a kitchen helps to keep the overhead down.



The Oak House employs mainly students and is open seven days a week. The main struggle is to find ways to remain profitable during university breaks and over the summer. 70% of the sales come from coffee, which was a surprise to Phil. They carry twenty-five varieties of organic coffee

which are roasted in Hillsboro.

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



Card Drawing

The winning raffle ticket was pulled by Pete Beck's table. Having lost some of his previous mojo, he failed to pull the winning card, selecting the five of diamonds instead. We are now down to only 13 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		
Apr	Birthdays	Apr	Wedding Anniversaries
13	Dennis Franks	7	James and Bonnie Honeycutt
14	Deva Reece	10	Dennis and Carolyn Franks
17	Trip Durham	28	Cliff and Karon Parker
		30	Julian and Betty 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

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