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Rotary Club of Alamance



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

Club News

March 31st, 2015 Meeting

President Sang Ho Lee opened the meeting. Dick O'Donnell gave the invocation and led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Guests and Visitors

- Randy Perkins introduced his guest, Leanna Giles, the Membership Director at the Alamance Country Club.
- Pete Beck introduced his guest and prospective member, Scott Read, owner of Central Carolina Insurance.
- Phil Stewart, sponsored by Ed Woodall, received his second reading.
- Dale Grissom, sponsored by Randy Perkins, received his second reading.

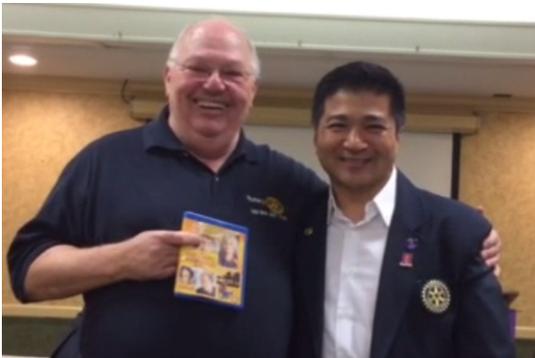
Happy Clams

- Leanna Giles announced the upcoming Butterfly Ball on Saturday, April 18, at the Children's Museum in Graham from 7 until 10 pm.
- Pete Beck mentioned that Peter Barcus predicted last week that only one ACC team would be left standing by today. Pete announced that Duke University is the fulfillment: Go DUKE!
- Peter Barcus said he is looking forward to football season. Go HEELS!
- Dick O'Donnell, wearing his new green shoes, said that he now has his own website - www.maningreen.com.
- Francois said that he just completed a membership orientation prior to the Noon gathering.

General Announcements

- Angela Parham and Dean Jones were introduced as full fledged members.
- President Lee mentioned current member birthdays and anniversaries.
- The next members with program responsibilities will be Paul Mauney and David Moore.

Randy Perkins: India Trip Report



Randy and his wife, Rita, recently participated in their first, and our club's first, Rotary World Polio Immunization Day in India. He visited 8 cities and as many Rotary projects while there, in addition to helping immunize children. He said that part of the problem is that many of the people migrate from place to place, living in tents, making it difficult to keep track of every child. Immunization workers were stationed in bus and train stations in an effort to give vaccine to as many children as possible. 114 million children were immunized during this campaign, thanks to Rotary, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, and countless volunteers. Workers wore special uniforms and were trained to administer the vaccine. Detailed rosters were kept to make sure every child in each village got the treatment. Randy said that his group engaged in what was essentially a "mop up" operation in an attempt to vaccinate any who were missed during the yearlong campaign. India has been declared free of polio, going on the second year. Rotary will continue immunization efforts there for five more years to be safe. Now only three more nations remain: Pakistan, Afghanistan, and Nigeria.

Randy next mentioned attending a Sewing School Inauguration Party. This school is sponsored by two Rotary Clubs, thanks in large part to the efforts of a village leader who went on a 5000 mile walkabout in search for help for his people, especially the women who lacked any means to support their families. [The Rotary Club of Bokaro - Midtown Couples Club](#) put on the celebration in acknowledgment of the many donations made to this school, which included the thirteen machines donated by our club and district. Nancy Barber, a past district governor, was awarded the international Rotary award for Service above Self at this gathering.

Lastly, Randy spoke of meeting a Mr. Shaker, who is a past trustee of Rotary International who worked hard to organize the polio immunization project in his home country, India. He said that his next efforts will be in the realm of increasing literacy in his nation, to better prepare it for self-governance.

Above, you can see the photo of Randy presenting President Lee with a copy of the movie, [The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel](#), a joyful film celebrating Brits falling in love with Indian culture.

Club Assembly

President Lee kicked off the Club Assembly by citing some of our club's accomplishments during his presidency.

- An online "new look" membership directory, which complements the one Secretary Carolyn Rhodes supplies each year,
- The weekly presentation of appreciation certificates to our speakers, and
- Table rotation of our officers and board during lunch each week.
- President Lee attended leadership seminars and the Rotary Leadership Institute.
- We gained ten new members to offset the nine we lost to finish one up for the year.
- Our club sponsored its first ever exchange student, Katherine Segposyan, who will spend a year in Croatia.
- We successfully chartered the Elon Rotaract Club.
- Mark Laferriere put together a Rotary family night at a Burlington Royals game last summer.
- Mark, with the help of Steve Carter and others, put together a fund raiser golf tournament coming up April 20.
- Randy and Rita Perkins visited India as part of World Immunization Day.
- David Moore helped to organize a joint-club meeting that hosted retiring Congressman Howard Coble.
- In January, as a result of our having given dollars to the Burlington-Alamance Sister Cities program, our club received twenty high school students from South Korea, along with their chaperones.

Treasurer Peter Barcus told the club we have \$8000 in the bank, and tomorrow quarterly invoices will go out. He thanked Dan Seiler for helping with the transition. Dan said, "Thank you!"

Micah Fox, Service Committee Chair, mentioned that his committee consists of himself, Pete Beck, Francois Masuka, and Joseph Williams. This year we gave funds to the Junior Police Academy, Sustainable Alamance, The ACC Foundation, and the Current Events Challenge, in addition to arranging for a donation of fire alarms from Lowes to the Burlington Fire Department. Internationally, we supported the work of Feed the Hunger, Polio Plus, Sister Cities, and a district global grant water project. Next year's projects are being planned; so, now is the time for club members to give their input. Our ability to take on projects will hinge on the available budget, which is one reason we hope everyone will get behind the golf tournament.

Mark Laferriere, the Fund Raiser Committee Chair, thanked Micah for his support for the golf tournament. He said we need about seven more teams. This is our club's first attempt to establish an annual significant fundraiser to underwrite the projects we support each year. He said we are also working on putting together another family of Rotary baseball outing.

Francois Masuka, Membership Committee Chair, said the he has conducted two orientations this year for new members. Pinning ceremonies are becoming more meaningful and often, thanks to the recent influx of new members. He said that he would like to see more women and more diversity reflected in our club makeup.

Steve Carter, New Generations Committee Chair, reported that last Wednesday the ACC Rotaract Club added five new members, bringing them up to twenty-five. Steve told us that Rotary's role with Rotaract is to provide speakers for their meetings as needed and to set up mentoring opportunities for their members who visit our club.

Brian Dement, the PR Chair, said that he will be playing in the upcoming golf tournament and wants us to participate in the Packathon planned for April 30- May 2.

Lane Jones, our Foundation Chair, reminded us to give to the annual fund by going to www.rotary.org/give. Members can even set up regular recurring gifts. She said the we will receive district grant money next year based on how much we gave two years ago. She also reminded us that annual fund giving is completely separate from Polio Plus giving. Only annual fund giving is credited to sustaining member status.

President Lee concluded the Club Assembly by saying that we are one of four county Rotary clubs, but we are the largest and most diverse. We have more young people and are the only club to sponsor any Rotaract Clubs. No other club sponsors an Interact Club, either, something we hope to see happen in the near future at Burlington Christian Academy.



Lastly, President Lee welcomed our newest members, Angela Parham and Dean Jones, into the club with the mandatory photo shoot. Unfortunately, Francois left the pins in his car in his rush to make the orientation meeting. We can save that for another day. (Left to right - President Sang Ho Lee, Membership Chair Francois Masuka, Dean Jones, Angela Parham, Past President Ed Woodall, and Rotarian Emeritus Julian Griffin.)



Card Drawing

The winning raffle ticket # 540 was held by Debbie Porch's table. Like all those before her, Debbie selected the wrong card, much to the relief of the rest of the club, who want to get their hands on that ever growing pot of money. We are now down to only 12 cards, and one of them is the elusive Ace of Clubs. The pot has reached to lofty sum of \$967. Half of that will go to the winner(s). The rest will be used to restock the pot and make a generous donation to Rotary International. Come prepared to buy some tickets next week.

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.

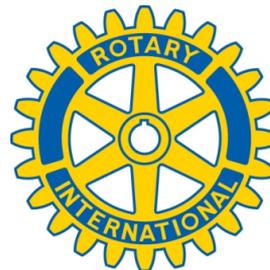
- **April 20, 2015** - First Annual Golf Tournament
- **April 30 - May 3, 2015** - District Conference in Roanoke, VA
- **June 30, 2015** - Installation of New Officers and Board

Birthdays and Anniversaries

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.

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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