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Club News

April 28, 2015 Meeting

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

Guests and Visitors

- Patricia McDaniel, Gail Moore's daughter and newest employee at Home Instead Senior Care
- Brandon Brewer, owner of Brewer Machinery and guest of Pete Beck

General Announcements

- President Lee mentioned member birthdays and anniversaries. See below.
- The next members with program responsibilities are Dick O'Donnell and Cliff Parker.
- President Lee, Katie Dukeshire, Debbie Porch, Lane Jones, Randy Perkins, and Beth Powell plan to attend the upcoming District Conference this weekend. The ACC Rotaract Club will be making a presentation.
- Randy Perkins, Sam Powell, and Ed Woodall were recognized for bringing new members into our club. (Photo on the left)
- Randy Perkins urged our members to either give \$100 right away or pledge to give that amount before the end of the Rotary year (June 30) so we can be recognized at the upcoming District Conference for EREY.
- The next Feed the Hunger Packathon will be held at Holly Hill Mall May 7-9. Plenty of financial support has come in; so, now mostly volunteers are needed to pack the food that will be distributed in Northern Iraq to ISIS victims and refugees, as well as locally. A sign up sheet was passed around again today. Joseph Williams said he will ask for volunteers over the next couple of weeks. The times will be Thursday - 6:30 to 8:30 pm, Friday - 3 to 5 and 6:30 to 8:30 pm, and Saturday - 9 to 11 am. Plan to bring family and friends to this important Rotary family event.
- Master Lee congratulated Ed Woodall for the soon arrival of their new child, which is due on May 4.
- A check for \$400 was given to Corporal Chad Laws of the Burlington Police Department to help fund the Junior Police Academy. Chad thanked our club for its continued support over the past



several years. He said JPA is in its twentieth year.

Happy Clams

- Dean Jones announced [The American Patriot Ball](#), which is a black-tie-optional benefit for the Snow Camp Theatre, which will be

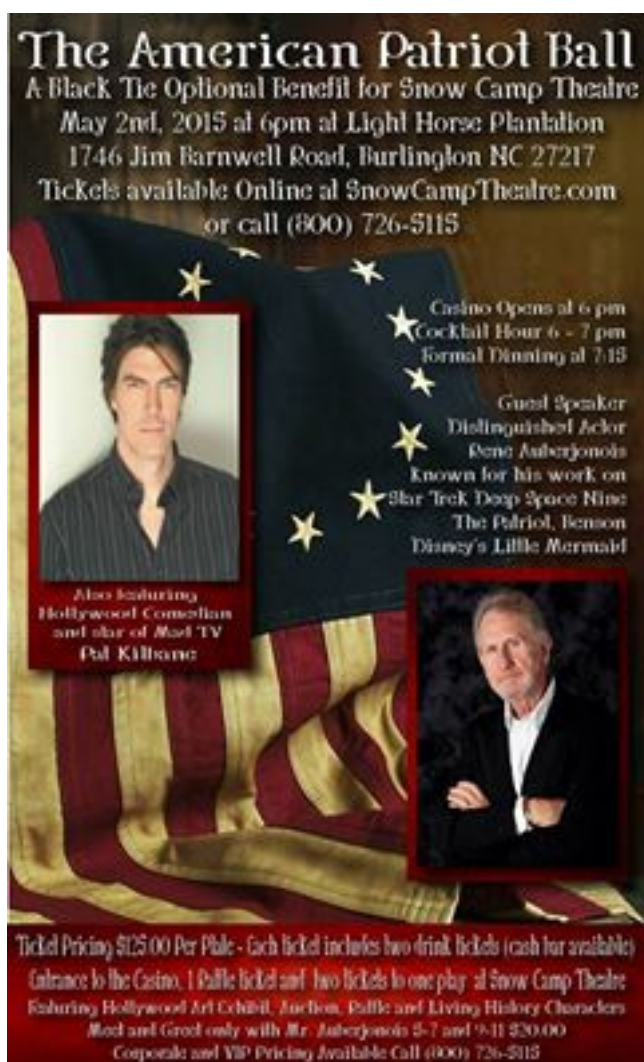
held on May 2, 2015 at 6 pm at the Light Horse Plantation, 1746 Jim Barnwell Rd., Burlington, NC 27217. Tickets are available online at [SnowCampTheatre.com](#) or call (800) 725-5115. Tickets are \$125 per plate and include two drink tickets, entrance to the casino, one raffle ticket, and two tickets to one play at the Snow Camp Theatre. Features will include a Hollywood art exhibit, an auction, raffle, and living history characters. Meet and greet guest speaker and actor Rene Auberjonois for \$20 and see comedian Pat Kilbane. Corporate and VIP pricing are available.

- Pete Beck paid a dollar to let all the Carolina and State fans know that yesterday Brandon Ingram committed to attend Duke as a scholarship basketball player, giving the Blue Devils the #1 recruiting class in the nation. Once again, the applause was underwhelming. Only David Moore seemed to be pleased.



Carolyn Rhode: VP of Institutional Advancement at Alamance Community College, Wife, Mother, Rotarian, and Secretary for Life, or at least we hope so...

Carolyn let us know that she switched program dates with Brad Moser, who has been extremely busy at work of late. She is married to Mark Toscza, a PR consultant in Alamance County and around the state. They have two daughters. Carolyn has been in the club since 2005 and is a Paul Harris Fellow.



Program: Bennett Harris - Founder and Director of the Alamance County Makers Guild and Burlington Mini-Maker Faire



Ben Harris earned a B.S. in Technology Education from NC State University (with minors in Psychology and



Communications). He moved to Burlington in 1998 to become a product developer for Carolina Biological Supply Company. He left there in 2001 to start his own business "Harris Educational" doing educational consulting and eventually designing and building "Reinventing Science" kits. Harris educational has been a full time and/or part time effort ever since. He also worked 5 years as an instructional designer for IBM, which included e-learning and video development.

Carolyn Rhode met Ben at the recent Mini-Maker Faire held at Holly Hill Mall last Saturday, which was visited by 4500 people. Ben said: "I am a Maker and so are you." He's been making things all his life, but actually became an official "Maker" in 2011. The Maker Movement began in Germany in 2000. The concept is to help people get back to basics, as it was in earlier times when people knew how to do more things and were more self-reliant, before the advent of specialization. In 2011, Ben attended a Maker Faire to exhibit his science kits and was overwhelmed by what he saw. The Faire took up the entire State Fair Grounds and was attended by 250K people. He discovered that Makers in larger



towns were able to acquire "Maker Spaces" where tools can be used by members in their quest to make things and collaboration takes place. He was amazed at the number of children who were taking part and inventing some incredible things.

Ben decided that he wanted to bring the concept to Burlington and Alamance County; so, he launched the [Alamance Makers Guild](#). His goal is to create a Maker Space here using some form of Crowd Funding, now that he sees there is enough community support. He said the Maker Movement can ultimately bring new jobs to the area and contribute to the education of our youth. The local guild meets on the 2nd

Thursday of the month.

At the conclusion of his talk, President Lee presented Ben with a plaque acknowledging his speaking to our club.



Card Drawing

No drawing today since our great leader, Dick O'Donnell was away. Only 51 cards remain.

Closing

As is our custom, we all stood to recite the Rotary Four Way Test, which was led by President Lee, who afterward adjourned the meeting. 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.
- **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
May	Birthdays	May	Wedding Anniversaries
2	Angela Parham	3	Brad and Mel Moser Micah and Kari Fox
4	Philip Smith	26	Mike and Barbara Dunning
20	Pete Sargent	30	Richard and Stacy White
23	Sam Holt		

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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