

Rotary Club of Alamance

Gold Club

Rotary International Presidential Citation
100% Rotary Foundation Sustaining Member Club

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Club News

May 5, 2015 Meeting

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

Guests and Visitors

- Rotarian John Ellington
- ACC Rotaract Members: David Restrepo, Michael Proctor, and Mattie Lance
- Pat Kilbane, a guest of Dean Jones - actor, comedian, and director from Los Angeles

General Announcements

- President Lee mentioned member birthdays and anniversaries. [See below.](#)
- The next members with program responsibilities are Cliff Parker, Randy Perkins, and Debbie Porch.
- Micah Fox presented Phil Bowers, the executive director of Sustainable Alamance, with a check from our club in support of their ongoing efforts to help men and women with criminal histories to rebuild their lives and find employment. Phil stated that last week SA put their fifty-sixth man to work full time, which brings some \$1,000,000 annually back into the community in the form of taxes, child support, purchases, and not having to pay to incarcerate these people. An Elon University economic impact study has shown that \$10 come back into the community for every dollar invested in Sustainable Alamance. Not many NPOs can make that claim.
- The next Feed the Hunger Packathon will be held this weekend 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. 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. Phil Moseley, our Assistant District Governor, is arranging a joint packing event for all four area clubs for later in the year.
- Master Lee congratulated Ed Woodall for the arrival of their new child, Nolan Edward Woodall born May 5, 2015 at 3:10 PM. Weight & Length: 9 lbs & 3 oz. & 21 1/4 inches long.



- President Lee, Katie Dukeshire, Debbie Porch, Lane Jones, Randy Perkins, and Beth Powell attended the recent District Conference last weekend. President Lee showed the club the awards we received: Gold Club, Presidential Citation, and



100% Sustaining Member. Randy said the conference was outstanding. He told us that our club received a lot of recognition, especially for the fine way it handled the reception desk. He asked our club to give a round of applause to the Rotaractors present for their fine presentation. Debbie Porch added that she also enjoyed the weekend and especially liked learning about what other clubs are doing. President Lee said that we compare very favorably to the other top clubs in the state. He added that Lane Jones is coordinating the social media for the entire district. President Lee also participated in the Scripture reading and the talent show, demonstrating his martial arts ability.

- President Lee read a newspaper article written by Burlington Police Chief Jeffrey Smythe, which acknowledged his appreciation for the ongoing support his officers have received from the general

public of late. Afterward, the club gave Chief a standing ovation.

- A collection basket was passed around from table to table to receive any donations club members would like to make toward a matching grant from the District in relief of Nepalese earthquake victims. Members donated \$214.

Happy Clams

- Carolyn Rhode acknowledged the three Rotaract members who were present. She told the club that David Restrepo would graduate in two weeks. He will be transferring to UNC Chapel Hill to major in chemistry. Michael Proctor will also graduate and is transferring to UNCG to study kinesiology (biomechanics).



Dick O'Donnell: The Man in Green

Dick, who provided the speaker this week, moved from Hawaii to North Carolina in 2004 in order to be closer to his two daughters. In 2006 he married his lovely wife, Bebe. They have a blended family of four children and now one grandchild. He related the story of how he came to be known as the man in green. He said he has been an on and off Rotarian since 1978. He has been a member of our club since 2011. He is a Paul Harris Fellow and has served as Sergeant-at-Arms. [Dick told us that he is the Man in Green that saves companies Green \(\\$\\$\\$ that is \) with Ring Central phones and Total Merchant Services.](#)

Program: Joe Jacob - Owner and Guide at the Haw River Canoe and Kayak Co.

Joe Jacob is a marine biologist and conservationist. He spent two decades working with The Nature Conservancy, serving as director of science for the Southeastern United States and working two years with the Conservancy's Alaska office, before launching his first paddle sports business. Joe has a strong background in aquatic ecology. He also has worked as a researcher in a marine lab and taught at both the high school and university levels. He is trained in first aid and is a certified canoe and kayak instructor.

of the North Carolina Piedmont's most engaging rivers, [The Haw River Canoe & Kayak Co.](#) features canoe, kayak, and stand-up paddleboard rentals for 3 to 11 mile segments of the Haw River and covers a total of 40 miles of the river flowing through Alamance and Chatham counties from Altamahaw to Bynum, NC. For those who want to learn all they can about the river, guided canoe and kayak trips are offered throughout the year, and canoe, kayak, and stand-up paddleboard courses, taught by experienced instructors, allow both novice and experienced paddlers to enhance their skills. Courses, guided trips, and summer camps have been offered in cooperation with several local organizations, including Elon University, Hawbridge School, and the Haw River Assembly. Alaska adventures are offered through a sister company, Alaska Personal Journeys, operated by Joe Jacob and based in Clam Gulch, Alaska.



The Haw River Canoe & Kayak Co. offers far more than boats, courses and trips, because its guides understand the river and its natural significance. Joe Jacob's goal is to help everyone appreciate this precious natural resource and help preserve it for future generations. All courses and trips offered by The Haw River Canoe & Kayak Co. are intended to raise public awareness to the need to protect our environment. Most of all, everyone at The Haw River Canoe & Kayak Co. believes special places like the Haw River allow people to escape the frenetic pace of life and reinvigorate their lives and souls. It's a belief rooted in the motto: "Reconnect with Nature. Have fun paddling." At the conclusion of his talk, President Lee presented Joe with a plaque acknowledging his speaking to our club.



Card Drawing

Rotaract member David Restrepo held the winning ticket, but failed to draw the Jack of Hearts. Only 50 cards stand between you and the pot.

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

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		
27	David Moore		

Want to see when you have program speaker responsibilities? Simply click on the Programs Schedule link below or the same link on the menu above.

Programs Schedule



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

Club 6090, District 7690 Piedmont NC

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