

Rotary Club of Alamance

Gold Club

Rotary International Presidential Citation
100% Rotary Foundation Sustaining Member Club

[Home](#) | [Contact Us](#) | [For Prospective Members](#) | [News](#) | [Past Newsletters](#) | [Program Schedule](#) | [Projects](#) | [Online Resources](#) | [District 7690](#)

Club News

June 30, 2015 Meeting

Immediate Past President Sang Ho Lee opened the meeting. Chief Cliff Parker gave the invocation and led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Guests and Visitors

- Assistant District Governor Phil Moseley
- Rotarian Dick Fisher from the Burlington Evening Club
- Rotarians Don Cox and Bill Lennon from the Greensboro Rotary Club
- Dr. Chad Tucker was a guest of Steve Carter. He is the former pastor of Grove Park Baptist Church and is in the process of launching a new church in the area.

General Announcements

- President Lee mentioned recent and upcoming member birthdays and anniversaries, which are listed [here](#).
- Susan Watson, Executive Director of the Women's Resource Center of Alamance County, pictured on the right, was welcomed as the latest new member to join our club.
- Pete Beck and Sam Holt are looking for volunteers to help with writing the summaries for our meetings that will go on the website. After Sam Holt converts the site to the WordPress format, it will be easy for individuals to contribute so that it is not any one person's weekly obligation. If we get two more volunteers, we can spread it out so that each person will only take notes once a month. Let Pete know if you are willing to help.



Upcoming Programs

- July 7 - Angela Parham: Craig Edwards, a recent liver transplant recipient, will discuss his journey

and the importance and future of organ donation.

- July 14 - Pete Sargent: Carol Young from the Dept. of Justice / NC Attorney General's Office Regarding Information on Scams & Frauds
- July 21 - Stuart Sioussat

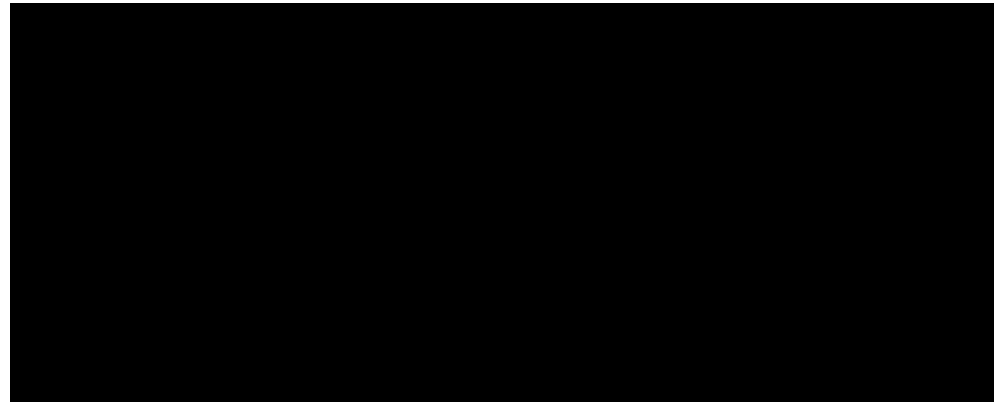
Happy Clams

- Brad Moser – Daughter moving to Africa for job
- Francois – Congo Independence Day & niece getting married
- Frank Longest – 28 lb King Mackerel caught on Alaska trip
- Phil Moseley – Praising Chief Smythe for positive report from the Gibsonville PD
- Dick Fisher – Sold property
- Carolyn Rhodes – ACC closed on donated land which will be used by the horticulture department
- Dick O'Donnell – Success Magazine subscription discounted at \$19.95/yr. Details were sent in an email to members.

Installation of New President, Officers, and Board of Directors for 2015-16



Phil Moseley, our Assistant District Governor, was on hand to transition our club from a dynamic year under Sang Ho Lee to what promises to be a banner year with Katie Dukeshire at the helm. Phil directed our attention to the banner on the podium which K.R. "Ravi" Ravindran, our new Rotary International President, has selected as our theme: Be a Gift to the World. Phil challenged us to personally be a gift by using our time, talents and resources in everyday situations. Afterward, he formally administered the oath of office to Katie, our new president. You can listen to President Ravidran's speech in San Diego on May 1, 2105 by clicking on the YouTube link below.



Katie's Inaugural Speech

Before I begin I want to thank those who counseled me prior to this day, and hopefully will do so going forward. This exemplified for me the decision I made 5 years ago to be a part of Rotary and I thank Micah for inviting me that day in May.

As I look around today I see many friends, co-workers, and key people in this community. People who make this Country safe and viable, people that courageously lead their companies, and people that day in and day out selflessly volunteer for the good of others.

But even more important than what all of us do on a daily basis, we are all either a mother, a father (a new father – Ed and Micah), a sister, a brother, a grandmother or grandfather or even great-grandmother or grandfather. We could be caregivers to loved ones, or even the mother or father to a loving pet. Whatever your situation, this signifies what Rotary is all about – family, fairness, friendship, truth and trust.

It is vital that our committees create an atmosphere where all can respectfully speak freely, and voice their opinions about what is happening in this club. This club, The Rotary Club of Alamance is YOUR club.

In today's world, it seems that no one really works for a business anymore. We play for a team. We take one for the team. We fumble or drop the ball. We stick to the game plan. We hit one out of the park, or we come up with a slam-dunk of an idea. And when those ideas fail, we feel like "it's the bottom of the ninth and the bases are loaded." All we can hope for is that we don't "strike out."

We are responsible for TRCOA's successes as well as its disappointments. We need to come together as a team with ideas, helping hands, families, and friends.

A friend of mine asked me a few weeks ago as I was meeting with all of the Committees, if the pursuit of Gold Club status and The Presidential Citation would rob the club of creativity and personal direction by focusing on crossing every "t" and dotting every "i" to satisfy District requirements.

What we do here on the Area level is NOT "an issue of retaining Gold Club, or "jumping thru hoops" for the District. The District exists to serve the clubs – not the other way around. It is a transparency issue, making us more involved in all areas from Family of Rotary events, to understanding the importance of Foundation giving, to upcoming Service projects, and finally to Membership retention programs. If there is no communication from the inside radiating out to the club, there can be no buy in, participation, or input, good or bad.

Babe Ruth once said, the way a team plays as a whole determines its success. You may have the greatest bunch of individual stars in the world, but if they don't play together, the club won't be worth a dime. We have a lot of talent in this club but, we don't utilize or solicit all of it. If we build for the long-term and put in place a strong foundation, our short-term activities will flourish. But most important of all, the overall reason as to why we are here – Service Above Self – is still the priority, and still what brings us here together week after week.

Yes, we do have our District and club goals to use as a "roadmap" for planning each year. However, even if we didn't have these outlines, the most important "roadmap" we can follow every year are Rotary's Guiding Principles.

Just like the Four Way Test, the Guiding Principles of Rotary are character and value driven; serving as a foundation for our purpose and relationships, and the actions we take in the world.

District and club goals are more measurable, focusing on our strong common objectives, accomplishments, and visions for the future.

The difference between the 2 is, we can create our "roadmap" and goals with just the Four Way Test and Guiding Principles alone. The Rotary theme for this year, Be a Gift to the World, urges Rotary members to



give the gifts of time, talent, knowledge, and resources to improve lives in local communities across the globe. Our club is blessed to have many of these, and I ask you today for your pledge to this theme.



Rotary's brand is about thousands of stories being told in one voice. When you see our wheel stamped somewhere, everyone should know what we stand for. We are stories and service told in one voice. But we need your gifts and talents in order to do that.

Annual Fund contributions help support Rotary's local and global service activities and initiatives. Among the local projects The Rotary Club of Alamance will assist this year include Residential Treatment Services of Alamance, Feed the Hunger, ACC Scholarships, Sustainable Alamance, Junior Police Academy, Rotary Youth Exchange, and Flags to Honor Veterans on Veteran's Day.

I ask all of you today to join our Board with a pledge and contribution to this Annual Fund. Full participation is vital to the accomplishments of our Service goals, and while support is voluntary, I appreciate your consideration and support.

It is a privilege and an honor to serve you along with the 16 individuals on this year's Board. They have made a genuine commitment for the next year, and we all welcome your feedback and constructive comments. A successful club can only exist when it speaks with one united voice.

We pledge to all of you today we will use the Four Way Test as a guiding light of the things we think, say, OR do:

- FIRST We will always tell you the TRUTH
- SECOND We will always be fair to all concerned
- THIRD We will build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS
- And FOURTH our work will be BENEFICIAL to all concerned.

THANK YOU



Card Drawing

No drawing occurred this week since we had so many things to accomplish. Only 45 cards stand between you, the jack of hearts, and the pot. Your odds are getting better every week.

Closing

As is our custom, we all stood to recite the Rotary Four Way Test, which was led by President Dukeshire, who afterward adjourned the meeting. Until next week...

Rotary Club of Alamance Outstanding Service Award 2014-15: Joseph Williams, CEO of Feed the Hunger



- CEO of Feed the Hunger for 7 years (Formerly New Directions International, started by Joseph's father J.L. Williams in 1968. New Directions changed its name to Feed the Hunger in 2013.)
- Service Committee member with the Alamance Rotary Club for three years
- On average, over the last five years, 86% of money given to Feed the Hunger has gone directly to ministry (with 9% to administration and 5% to fundraising)
- In 2013 Feed the Hunger began distributing food to communities in the USA, in addition to the many countries internationally where they've historically served. The local communities/states so far include:
 - Alamance County 800 food packets (or almost 5,000 meals) are distributed a month in Alamance County
 - Other Triad communities like Greensboro and Winston Salem
 - Kentucky
 - South Dakota
- Countries where food is being distributed around the world include:
 - USA
 - Haiti
 - Kenya
 - Jamaica
 - Sri Lanka
 - Bangladesh
- 2014 numbers include:
 - 56 Pack-a-Thons in 18 states
 - 15,108 volunteers participated

- 2.55 million meals packed
- Distribution in 9 countries including the USA
- Overall numbers to date this year include:
 - 167 PackATHons in 20 states
 - 40,560 volunteers have participated
 - 9,923,130 million meals packed
 - Distribution in 10 countries including the USA
- 28 ministry projects happening in 11 countries (Bibles, clean water, transportation, church buildings, etc.)
- 32 Christian workers receiving ongoing support in 7 countries
- 7,800+ children receive ongoing food, education and the Gospel at 73 schools and children's homes in 9 countries
- 73 mission team members served on 10 mission trips in 7 countries in 2014 (this ministry is ongoing, every year)

We are grateful to have such a man as a member of our club and to be able to contribute to the cause. Keep up the good work, Joseph!

Club Related Dates

District and Club Business

- **2nd Tuesday of Each Month** - For officers and committee chairs, 11 am until Noon.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

July	Birthdays	July	Wedding Anniversaries
3	Dan Seiler	3	Gail and Jerry Moore
15	Philip Stewart	31	Don and Beth Jennings
30	Ryan Keur		

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
Chartered March 31, 1981

Copyright 2010-2015