

# Rotary Club of Alamance

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## Club News

### July 14, 2015 Meeting

President Katie Dukeshire opened the meeting. Steve Carter gave the invocation and led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

### Guests and Visitors

- Dick Fisher with the Burlington Evening Club
- Janelle Papay from Elon University, a guest of Francois Masuka
- Graham Albright, an intern at Apple Bell Johnson, a guest of Dale Greeson

### General Announcements

- Ed Woodall announced that there will be a Picnic in the Plaza on Wednesday at 200 South Main St. from 11:30 to 1:30, to raise funds for the Make-a-Wish Foundation. (Hamburger or hotdog, chips, fruit, and a drink for \$.98!)

### Upcoming Programs

- July 21 - **Stuart Sioussat**: John Guss, the new director of Alamance County Parks & Recreation
- July 28 - **Lane Jones**: Rotary Update - Public Image Presentation
- August 4 - **Chuck Stedman**: Mac Williams, President of the Alamance County Chamber of Commerce

### Happy Clams

- **Chief Jeffrey Smythe**: The BPD will present its Strategic Plan to the public tonight at the Paramount Theater from 6 to 8 pm. He wants us to check out the BPD Facebook pages in English and Spanish, too.
- **Dale Greeson**: Took his family on a vacation to Belize.

- **Dick O'Donnell:** Next Tuesday is leaving for Walla Walla, WA for a 2-week trip to see his grandson, Carter Joseph. He will be driving home.
- **Carolyn Rhode:** A directory update sheet is being passed around. Please make any needed changes.

## **Pete Sargent: Transplanted Massachusetts Yankee, Credit Counselor, and Rotarian**

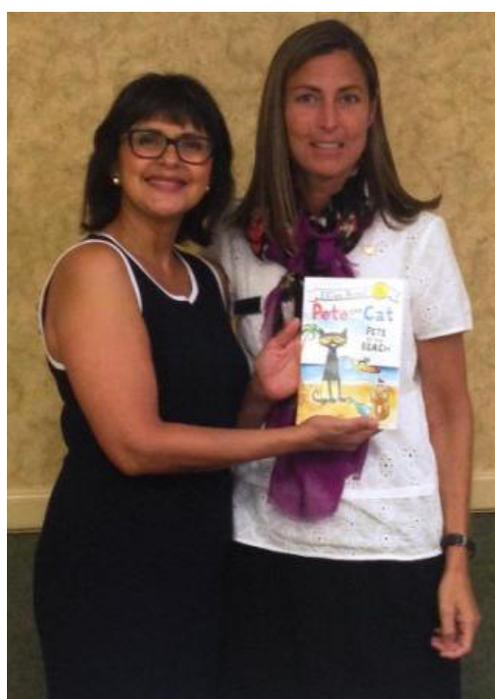


Pete grew up near Boston, but has lived in this area longer than he did there. He is a counselor at Family Services of the Piedmont. For the last 8 years he has helped clients keep their homes during the economic downturn that began in 2008. He was our former Sergeant-at-Arms from 2005-2010 and has been a member of our club since 2003. He is married to Cathy.

## **Program: Carol Young, Outreach Coordinator for the NC Attorney General's Office - Protecting Ourselves from Scams and Fraud**

The NC District Attorney's office has been aggressively educating the populace about fraud, scams, and identity theft for the past eight years. Carol was born in Ecuador and moved to the States in order to get the best treatment possible for her sister who suffered the ravages of polio, which she contracted at the age of nine. She has been in the US for some 47 years now. Carol traces her career in advocacy to those early years when she acted as interpreter for her family. She said she is grateful for Rotary which has a focus on the eradication of polio. She is also thankful for the opportunity to live in the States.

Fraud and identity theft are becoming more and more frequent on an ever larger scale. Nations and crime syndicates are in the mix now, which makes it even more threatening. On a simpler level, employees are using their positions to gain access to personal information which they use to obtain money and information by fraud. The elderly are some of the most vulnerable and highly targeted since many times they have access to cash and a lower resistance to scams. She said criminals are basically lazy and are looking for easy targets. Carol told the club that individuals who stay off the internet can still be targeted anytime they share personal and sensitive information. She encouraged us to be very careful to whom we give our SSN, Medicare numbers, etc. Carol also told us to regularly check our credit reports.



Law enforcement agencies are faced with the problem of who has jurisdiction over criminal cases that may target individuals in NC but originate in California. This problem is nowhere near being solved and gives criminals an edge. Should you become the victim of identity theft, several steps should be taken.

- File a police report
- Register a complaint with the Federal Trade Commission
- Close any compromised accounts.
- Notify the credit bureaus and have them attach a fraud alert to your account.

Carol said that her office does not endorse any identity theft protection services and that none of them can guarantee that you will never be hit. Regarding the jurisdiction issue, she told us that some things are being done, but nothing has really solved the problem as yet.

At the end of his presentation, President Dukeshire told Carol that a children's book will be donated by our club in her honor to a local school or agency.

## Card Drawing

Peter Barcus' table held the winning ticket, but he failed to pull the elusive winning card. Now only 43 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...

# 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

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