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Club News

July 21, 2015 Meeting

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

Guests and Visitors

- Sam Powell introduced his son, Chris, who is a candidate for the Burlington City Council.

General Announcements

- Peter Barcus announced that the quarterly billing has been sent. He also said that he has a Square dongle that enables him to take credit card payments for quarterly dues. However an extra \$5.35 will be added to cover the finance charge.

Upcoming Programs

- July 28 - **Lane Jones**: Rotary Update - Public Image Presentation
- August 4 - **Chuck Stedman**: Mac Williams, President of the Alamance County Chamber of Commerce
- August 11 - **Dick O'Donnell and Tripp Hilliard**: Rotary Update on Fundraising

Happy Clams

- **Joseph Williams** announced that the container of food packed by our club and others locally is now being distributed in Iraq.
- **Peter Barcus** gave a shout out to Secretary Carolyn Rhode for all the work she does to assist the treasurer.
- **Carolyn Rhode** thanked everyone who took the time to update their directory information online on the district database.

Stuart Sioussat: Burlington Native, Husband, Father, Banker, and Rotarian

Stuart grew up in Burlington and graduated from Williams High School in 1982. He then attended UNC Wilmington. After graduation he stayed in the coastal area for 18 years before moving back to Alamance County eight years ago. He has three children. Two are grown. The youngest is a rising sixth grader at Blessed Sacrament. His wife, Betsy, is a stay at home Mom with an interest in photography. He will have been married for twenty-four years this October. They met at NC State.



Program: John Guss, Superintendent for the Alamance County Recreation and Parks Department

Stuart introduced his friend and former classmate at WHS, John Guss, who is the new Superintendent of the [Alamance County Recreation and Parks Department](#), which is located at Cedarrock Park. Stuart mentioned that John played on the Williams football teams that went 48-0 over four years. John later graduated from the University of Georgia with a marketing degree. He has long been interested in historical preservation. John worked with the Georgia State Park Service in 1988 serving as a historical interpreter in living history

educational programming. He also served as a film and television consultant in documentary film productions for Georgia State Parks. John worked with the National Park Service in 1988 serving as a historical interpreter in living history educational programming. He also served as a film and television consultant in documentary film productions for the NPS. He was president of the Pierce County Historical & Genealogical Society from January 1999 – May 2001 in Blackshear, Georgia, where he wrote and published a book on the history of the county. Later John was the site manager at Fort James Jackson, National Historic Landmark from May 2001 – November 2004 in Savannah, Georgia. There he managed the overall park operations, visitor services, special event planning, marketing and public relations, as well as historic site and preservation consulting. Next he served as Director of Marketing & Development at Historic Rural Hill from September 2005 – October 2006. He was in charge of the development of the 265-acre historic plantation located in Huntersville, North Carolina, and was in charge of special event planning, which included the Amazing Maize Maze, Loch Norman Highland Games, 225th Anniversary of the Battle of Cowan's Ford Revolutionary War Reenactment, and Rural Hill Sheep Dog Trial Competition. His next stop was to become the Chief of Marketing & Membership Services at Pamplin Historical Park & The National Museum of the Civil War Soldiers, where he supervised the marketing and public relations of one of the largest privately owned Civil War historic parks in the United States. His last stop before coming to Alamance County was the job of Site Manager at Bennett Place State Historic Site in Durham, North Carolina, where he served as site manager of overall park operations, including visitor services, special event planning, marketing and public relations, historic site and preservation consulting. Bennett Place Historic Site was the site of the negotiations which led to the largest surrender of the American Civil War. John is Assistant Director in the Directors Guild of America. He is a Certified DGA Assistant Director of film, television, and commercial production. Some of his [film credits](#) include [Glory](#), [Gettysburg](#), [Return to Lonesome Dove](#), [The Yearling](#), and [Andersonville](#). He has written four books.

The Alamance County Recreation and Parks Department started in 1972. Its mission is to provide parks, trails and programs that inspire visitors and welcome all participants. The map on the right shows the location of the parks managed by the department. It also manages the Haw River land and paddle trails. Little League, T-Ball, Softball, Basketball, and Football programs are offered for the county's youth. Disc golf is very popular at Cedarrock Park.

John said that Alamance County is at the forefront of developing the Mountains to the Sea trail, largely due to our being such a rural county. He told us that we are still "connecting the dots" by acquiring rights to land along the river for the trail. He also informed us that Cedarrock Park is working on upgrading its equestrian offerings.

At the end of his presentation, President Dukeshire gave John a children's book which she asked him to give to a local school or agency.

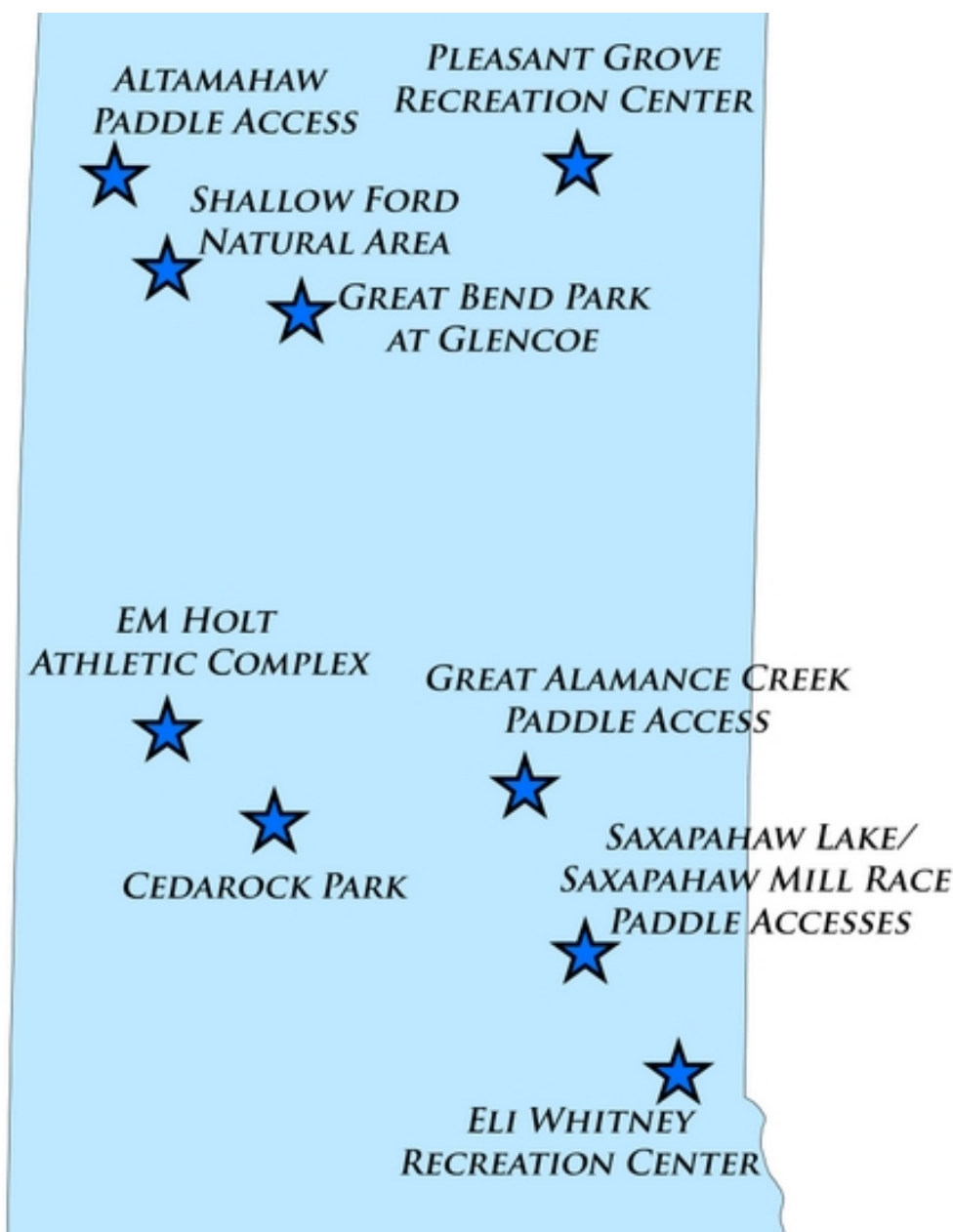
Card Drawing

Brian Dement's table held the winning ticket, but he failed to pull the elusive winning card. Now only 42 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

Club 6090, District 7690 Piedmont NC

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