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Budbreak Festival Enjoyed By All

by Tom Webb

Budbreak Wine Festival • Mt.Airy, NC

Bob Meinecke works the Festival

Our first Budbreak Festival started out with a delicious wine dinner on Thursday April 28th at Cross Creek Country Club. Our lead wine Judge Pierre-Louis Teissedre from Bordeaux, France was very entertaining and engaging at the 6 course dinner which paired food and wine from Rotarian Ken Gulaian' and his wife Kari's Round Peak Winery and Ben Webb's Old North State Winery.

Judging of the 72 wines entered into the Budbreak Festival wine competition took over 9 hours on Friday with a VIP Awards Ceremony following in the Barrel Room at Old North State Winery. The Festival Volunteers, Judges and Winery participants assisted in disposing of the wine that was opened earlier in the day for the Judging.

Saturday May 1st was the big day of the Budbreak Festival with perfect weather, 26 wineries and calm souls participating. Everyone enjoyed the entertainment, especially the performers on stage including The Carolina Nights, Stevie Bar, Melva Houston, and Bobby Keys. The food vendors Olde Mill, Primland, 13 Bones and Aunt Beas had awesome entrées to pair with the wines.

The wineries, food vendors, tasters and major sponsors indicated that they had a great day and are looking forward to next year's event. A Budbreak Festival discussion was held at the May 18th Rotary Board meeting. Even though we only broke even, the Board voted to make the Budbreak Festival an annual event due to the potential to be a major fund raiser for our club. A recap and planning session is scheduled in the near future to plan next year's event. Bob Meinecke will continue as Chairman of the Budbreak Festival planning committee. Anyone with comments on how to improve next year's festival are invited to share them with Bob at *bob@libertybusinesspartners.com.*

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Leading the Way

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Kate Appler
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Steve Lindsley
Greg Perkins
Jim Petelle

March of Dimes Walkathon

March of Dimes
Saving babies, together

Rotarians prepare hotdogs

We may have let the date slip up on us, but true to form our Rotarians got out and saved the day. Ben Cooke hauled out the portable grill and cooked up 200 hotdogs and Cathy Stevens got WalMart to donate hotdogs, buns, ketchup and mustard. Speedy Chef donated a gallon of slaw and a gallon of chili. Helping prepare and distribute the food were Benny Lisk, Jeffrey and Ron Ellis, Ben Cooke, Teresa Lewis, Cathy Eckenrod and Sue Brownfield.

I always remember how much CB Roberson loved to prepare his slaw and chili for this event. Thank you for everyone who came out to feed the walkers and make this event special.

JUNE

Birthdays & Anniversaries

3.....Adam Delp
3.....Dick Wimbish
4.....Eric Hodges
8.....Betty Ann Collins
14.....Fred Folger
15.....Eddie Bondurant
24.....Ken Gulaian
27.....Greg Perkins

6.....Derek & Mary Higgs
13.....Frank & Amanda Sells
14.....Sue & Hal Brownfield
14.....Ann & Tom Vaughn
20.....Bob & Kathy Moody
23.....Steve & Polly Gross
23.....Marion & Michael Goldwasser
30.....John & Bobbie Collins

Budbreak Festival Photos

Far Left clockwise: The Restless Soul from Old North State Winery; The Connolly family resting from the festivities; Main Street fills up with attendees; Melva Houston with guest saxophonist Bobby Key

Environmental Excursion Day– aka trash pickup

June 12th - We will meet at 8:00 at Cross Creek Country Club for our quarterly trash pick-up event. With at least 16 people we can get the job done quickly and be on our way back home for the other "honey-do" projects that await us. Surprisingly this isn't the onerous job you might think. We actually have a good time and the roadway looks nice and spiffy in about 30 minutes. Bright orange vests are provided, but bring your own gloves.

SEE YOU THERE!

Mercy Ships servicing Western Africa

We thank Linda and Rick Snyder for coming once again to Rotary to update us on the latest work of Mercy Ships.

Over the past year Mercy Ships, and specifically the medical ship *Africa Mercy*, has been serving the medical needs of Benin, Africa. Benin is listed number 163 out of 177 nations that suffer severe poverty. The ship operates 10 months out of the year and a record number of people received medical care – over **300,000**. All medical staff volunteer their time; equipment, drugs, bandages, all other medical care needs are donated by drug companies or help funded by individuals or organizations like Rotary to make it happen.

The average life expectancy in Benin is 53. If that were the case here in Surry County, a good many of us in Rotary would be pushing up daisies. Illiteracy contributes to the poverty where only 34% can read or write and the average annual income is $300.00.

One of the missions of the trip to Benin was the undertaking to train local African surgeons and other medical professionals so they could carry on the work once the ship left. This education is critical to the future care of Benin's citizens. With only 1 surgeon for every 2,000,000 people, this is a lifesaving measure.

There are many opportunities for anyone wishing to become a part of this mission. Volunteers are needed for a wide variety of jobs, no medical training needed, just a willing heart. Volunteer trips can last from two weeks to several months depending on your circumstances. For more information go to: *www.mercyships.org*.

Linda and Rick Snyder with Bob Meinecke

Former Rotarian Publishes New Book

As always we were pleased to have back with us Wanda Urbanska who is a former 17 year member of our Rotary club. Wanda has recently returned from a seven month sabbatical in Warsaw, Poland where she worked on a new book; gathered material for future works; and exposed 12 year old son Henry to new experiences of living in a foreign country. It was an exciting and eventful trip for mother and son. They got to practice their Polish and help the Poles they met practice their English.

Wanda's newest book in her Simple Living series is ***The Heart of Simple Living***. If you feel the need to lower your stress and find a more relaxed state of being, then the guides listed in this book will help move you down that path.

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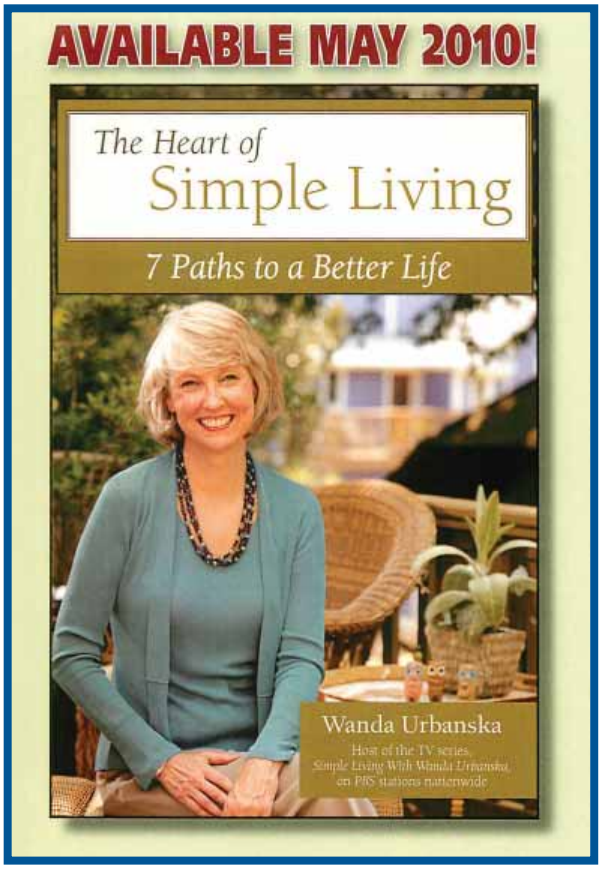

District Conference Success

The sun was shining, dogwoods were in bloom and Grove Park Inn was at its finest. In this environment you meet like minded people, confer on projects and learn more about what Rotarians in our district have been doing this past Rotary year. Everyone attending takes away something of importance and interest. It was good seeing the GSE team form Australia gain and hearing from both the incoming and outgoing teams. This is also a time for us to show appreciation for the work being done by so many dedicated folks.

We all know polio is still around, but only in four countries. Rotary continues its push to eradicate this terrible disease. Those countries where polio still wrecks havoc are: Pakistan, Afghanistan; India and Nigeria.

It was also a time to relax and enjoy the many offerings of the community. Not even a little rain could dampen the spirits of Kate and Mark Appler as they canoed down the French Broad River. Alton and Janet toured the magnificent Biltmore Estate and beautiful gardens. Bob, Marion and Joan explored the many shops in the Grove Arcade, a building conceived by E W Grove who built the Grove Park Inn. The building opened in 1929 and is on the National Register of Historical Places. John and Barbara Haynes relaxed and enjoyed the amenities of GPI.

Next year the conference will be in Wilmington, NC at the newly renovated Hilton Hotel right on the Cape Fear River on the famous boardwalk in downtown Wilmington.

Gold Club Award 2009-2010

Donate Life – Trailer/Rolling Billboard Program

Our thanks go out to fellow Rotarian Gary Harold, owner of H & W Trucking, for agreeing to donate one of his trailers for the Have a Heart, Give a Part program. You may remember this program from a couple of years back. The program was such a success that funding was secured to roll it out again.

On April 21 at H & W Trucking, the newest trailer was unveiled. Relatives and family members of donors were invited to attend. You may recognize Mount Airy's own David Rowe as one of those pictured. David received a kidney from a generous donor which has saved his life. Also pictured was a young woman killed in an auto accident whose donated organs have made it possible for others to live. Gary said it was a heart warming and moving experience. When the H & W trailer is not traversing the highways it can be seen going southbound on Hwy 52 in the trucking company lot.

Trailer Rollout

Again thanks to Gary and this wonderful program for giving us a visible reminder of how important organ donation is. If you have donated an organ or if you are signed up to be a donor, bless you. For more information on organ donation, go to: *www.donatelifenc.org*.

wy 52 view

Gary with donor

We should give as we would receive, cheerfully, quickly, and without hesitation; for there is no grace in a benefit that sticks to the fingers.
—Seneca, Spanish-born Roman Statesman, philosopher

JUNE

Date	Rotarian	Speaker & Program
June 1	Ralph Forbes	Denise Franklin – WFDD Public Radio Personality Topic: Public Radio's Past and Future
June 8	Jim Grimes	Ms. Ginny Haynes, Area Coordinator for ACS Relay For Life Surry Chapter & Ms. Roxann Moore
June 15	Gray Parker	Winfield Beroth – Shriner Children's Hospital
June 22	Ted Ashby	Todd Tucker, Director SCEDP – Surry County Economic Develop Partnership
June 29	Club Assembly	Swearing in new President, Alton Gaither and new board members

Rotarian	Spouse
David Adkisson	Ellen
Kate Appler	Mark
Faith Ashby	Ted
Ted Ashby	Faith
Paul Belk	Cecelia
Ed Bondurant	
Horace Bondurant	Jewel
Ricky Bowman	Lori
Sue Brownfield	Hal
Carol Burke	
Karen Burnette	Bruce
Greg Cave	Lynette
Nelson Clark	Lisa
Betty Ann Collins	Martin
John Collins	Bobbie
Gary Cook	MaryAnn
Peter Cook	
Ben Cooke	Lone
Adam Delp	
Charles Dugger	Shirley
Cathy Eckenrod	Skip
Matthew Edwards	Glenda
Ron Ellis	Diana
Jeffery Ellis	
Tom Fawcett	Mary
Fred Folger	
Ralph Forbes	Erika
Deborah Friedman	
Alton Gaither	Janice
Brenda Goings	
Marian Goldwasser	Michael
Jim Grimes	Louella
Steve Gross	Polly
Ken Gulaian	Kari
Raymond Hanna	

Rotarian	Spouse
Gary Harold	Vicki
Todd Harris	Betsy
Darrin Hartness	Lisa
John Haynes	Barbara
Robin Hester	Thurman
Derek Higgs	Mary
Ashley Hinson	Lynne
Eric Hodges	
Bill Holcomb	
Bucky Holcomb	Kim
Joan Inman	Bill
John Jackson	Donna
David Jessup	
Allen Johnson	Alison
Alison Johnson	Alan
Amy Johnson	Bill
Bill Johnson	Tina
Dick Johnson	
Jim Lewis	Teresa
Teresa Lewis	Jim
Steve Lindsley	Lorie
Benny Lisk	Pam
John Lockhart	Alice
Peter Lydens	Linda Wright
Lenise Lynch	
Greg Marshall	Lori
Kirby McCrary	Tammy
Carla Majure	David
Tim Marion	Cindy
Tony Marion	Janice
Frank Mayberry	Jerri
Robert Meinecke	Judy
Bob Moody	Kathy
Julie Moore	Jack
Britta Needham	Jeff

Rotarian	Spouse
Chris Nichols	Angie
Gray Parker	Sandra
Richard Patterson	Kaye
Greg Perkins	Julie
Jim Petelle	Ann
Hugh Peoples	
John Priddy	Sandra
Gene Rees	Peggy
Bill Refvem	Joanna
Joanna Refvem	Bill
Vera Reynolds	
Burke Robertson	Carolyn
Mark Rogers	Deidre
Aaron Routh	Lee Ann
Candace Sammons	Macon
Macon Sammons	Candace
Brandt Scholz	Lynn
Frank Sells	Amanda
Twyla Sickmiller	Roger
Steven Simpson	
P.J. Snow	Joy
Cathy Stevens	Mark
Ann Vaughn	Tom
Dale Watson	Celena
Anne Webb	Tom
Tom Webb	Anne
Jay Williams	Beth
Jack Wilson	Marie
Dick Wimbish	Sue Ellen
Marie Wood	Tycho, Jr.
Betty Wright	Hylton
Doug Yarboro	

Key: *Past President* *Board of Directors* *Paul Harris Fellow*

Honorary Members 1

Active Members.....101

Total Membership.....102

Paul Harris Fellow..... 81

Weekly Meetings

Tuesday, 12:10 pm
Cross Creek Country Club
1129 Greenhill Road
Mount Airy, NC

MAKEUP MEETINGS

Monday	Stuart, VA	Rotary Park	6:30 pm
Tuesday	Winston-Salem	Benton Conv. Ctr.	12:30 pm
Tuesday	Yadkinville	Ace's Restaurant	7:30 am
Wednesday	Yadkin-Valley	Fairfield Inn	7:45 am
Wednesday	Surry Sunrise	Prime Sirloin	7:30 am
Wednesday	Galax, VA	Prime Sirloin	Noon
Thursday	Hillsville, VA	Shoney's Restaurant	Noon
Thursday	King	Town & Country Rest.	7:00 am
Friday	Reynolda	Winston-Salem Col.	12:30 pm