

# Mount Airian THE ROTARIAN

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## BILL REFVEM - DOCTOR/ENTERTAINER - BOTH

It's always a good time when Bill gets up to speak. His sense of humor, which he says comes from both grandmothers is witty and makes you laugh. He comes from a family of carpenters, but decided that his calling was elsewhere, he just didn't know what it was. Fortunately he found his niche in being an orthopedist and as he says, "I'm still a carpenter, just using different tools and parts". Bill comes from a long line of Rotarians and remembers going to meetings with his dad. For a while Bill's wife Joanna was part of our club, but work obligations with the school system had to take precedence. Being a Rotarian is part of the family framework.



Above: Pres. Greg Perkins, Bill Refvem  
and Joanna Refvem



Bill Refvem

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## MATT EDWARDS BECOMES A PAUL HARRIS FELLOW

Matt was already a Rotarian when he moved to Mount Airy and our club was happy to see him join us. Matt is full of life and loves to learn and teach others. That's why being Director of the Mount Airy Museum of Regional History is such a great job for him.

As a special recognition of two very important people in his Rotary life, Matt asked Dr. Gary Goforth who is the past AG of 7750 to present him with his pin along with Claire Kuhl who first introduced Matt to Rotary at the Greenwood Rotary Club in SC.

2012-2013 THEME:  
PEACE THROUGH  
SERVICE



## PAUL BELK RECEIVES 2<sup>ND</sup> PAUL HARRIS FELLOWSHIP PIN

Congratulations Paul on reaching your second PHF. Thank you for your dedication and commitment to Rotary. Your contributions go a long way in helping our local club and Rotary International in accomplishing the many projects being undertaken.



*Pres. Greg Perkins and Paul Belk*



*Paul Harris*



## Dr. Gary Goforth, MD

Dr. Goforth is the kind of man who sees an opportunity and doesn't let the naysayers get in the way. In 2008 and 2009 he went to Afghanistan on a mission of Bringing Hope to a Troubled Land. He worked for CURE International Hospital where he and others concentrated on establishing family medicine residency training. The practice of Family Medicine was not something the people understood.

A structured curriculum was setup to train a variety of procedures and education through the residency program. Doctors from the US went over there to assist and doctors from there came here to gain additional experience. The team was able to make some major infrastructure changes in the healthcare system that continues to this day.

Working with government factions and local customs presented its own set of challenges, but the experience was one he and his wife will never forget. While living there, his wife taught math at the western style International School of Kabul with grades k-12. They lived in a nice apartment, but without any central heating or air conditioning. Thankfully they had an outdoor patio on the roof which was a good place to relax with family and friends. Dr. Goforth helped re-establish a local Rotary club and by the time he left they were up to 20 members.



*Pres. Greg Perkins and Gary Goforth*



# American Freedom Association World Peace Essay Contest

Elizabeth Dinkins was the winner of the 2013 Global Studies Essay Contest from Mt. Airy High School. The essay contest is sponsored by American Freedom Association, an organization founded in 1953 whose purpose is to educate students on the relationship of law to world peace. Every school in North Carolina is invited to participate with the winner of the school essay contest and the teacher sponsor being invited to participate in a trip to the United Nations and Washington, D. C. to meet with elected officials from North Carolina. Elizabeth Dinkins and her teacher, Mrs. Barbara Merritt, participated in the trip which was March 9-March 12, 2013.

Elizabeth's speech was titled:

## **Clean Water, Basic Sanitation, and Human Rights**

The purpose of my World Peace Essay was to explore the connection between clean drinking water, basic sanitation, and the realization of human rights in developing nations. Water is a human right essential to the realization of all other human rights. Progress in political, economic, and humanitarian endeavors in developing nations is hindered by lack of access to clean drinking water and basic sanitation among the populations. Developing nations need assistance in developing practically applicable and economically feasible methods of purifying water. The connection between a nation's education and its health is also apparent. A top down infrastructure push will not change the behavioral patterns of people in developing nations. Aid packages must include not only resources, but also education programs that enable populations to understand the need for hygienic personal habits. A bottom up community led approach is the most effective way to mobilize communities in a sustainable way.



*Elizabeth gives AFA speech to Rotary*



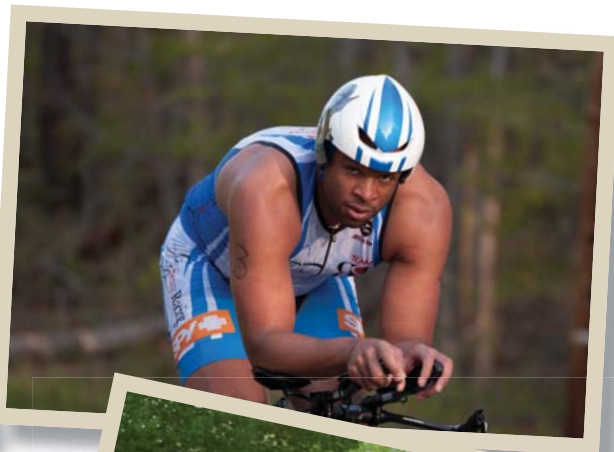
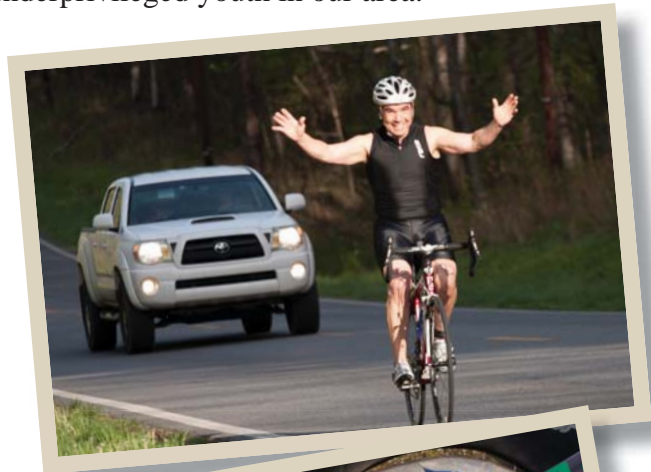
*Elizabeth Dinkins receives Oscar Merritt Scholarship*



# ROTARY EVENT RESULTS *by Matt Edwards*

On April 21, the Mount Airy Rotary Club, in collaboration with Reeves Community Center and supported by title sponsor Perkins and Associates presented the first annual “Tri-Mayberry” sprint triathlon. During the inaugural, event 83 participants from as far away as Fayetteville, NC completed a course that included a 300 yard swim, a challenging 17 mile bike ride, and a 5k run. The men’s overall winner, Greg Petty from Charlotte, NC finished the race in just over 1 hour 19 minutes, and the ladies overall finisher, Megan Roper from Harrisonburg, VA finished in 1 hour 52 minutes. Our own Rotarian Casey Vedder finished the race a little over a minute behind the overall winner—not a bad showing for his first triathlon.

Race day administration was handled by Set-up events. Triathlons are also a very volunteer heavy event and this year we had some 70 volunteers on race day, most from Reeves Community Center and the Mount Airy Interact Club. In the end, we netted a total of \$3,576 that will be split between our club and the Reeves Community Center Foundation. Our club’s portion will be used to support various local and international charities and Reeves portion will be used to help fund their ongoing scholarship program to encourage healthy living for underprivileged youth in our area.







# 4th Annual Budbreak Festival

While it might have been a little on the cool side getting started, it turned out to be a good day. Tickets sales are still being calculated, but by every indication the folks attending Budbreak and the vendors were very pleased with this year's festival. Greg Perkins worked Will Call again this year and said significantly more wine was collected in that area, making most of the wineries very happy. Sue Brownfield and others tried to impress upon the wineries to promote Will Call and it worked. We gave out over 1,000 wine glasses and ran out. Pre-sale tickets were up and traffic at the admissions areas was up over last year. Eric Chilton did a good job as MC, the music was good and the sun did shine.

*Budbreak happens because of the yearlong planning ahead of time. This event was successful because of our dedicated Rotarians and others who worked diligently to make it happen. Thank you!!!*

*Quote from an attendee – “My girlfriend and I had a good time. We sampled almost all the wines and stopped by Leon’s to eat. I hope they keep having it!”*



## New Member - Jerry Cox



*Jerry Cox Welcomed back to Rotary. L to R: Carol Burke, Pres. Greg Perkins, Jerry Cox and Ann Vaughn*

Jerry is not totally new to our club. He was a member from 1986-1990. He is currently the Director of Management Services at North State Professional Services. His career has involved City Management duties and activities including Economic Development, multiple utility management, and land use planning.

## UPCOMING ROTARY EVENTS

### Deadline Approaching – May 31

Applications for District Grants are due by May 31. Jon Spillman is the District Grant Chair and available for answering questions.

### Installation Banquet – June 17

Starmount Country Club will be the site for the installation of Cookie Billings as our new District Governor and for the installation of the Assistant Governors. Registration is now open and you can register by going to [www.rotary7690.org](http://www.rotary7690.org); click on District 7690 Calendar and look for Installation Banquet.

# MEMBERSHIP ROSTER

ROTARIAN	SPOUSE	ROTARIAN	SPOUSE	ROTARIAN	SPOUSE
David Adkisson	Ellen	Raymond Hanna		Richard Patterson	Kaye
Jenny Anderson		Gary Harold	Vicki	T.J. Payne	Sharon
Kate Appler	Mark	Barbara Haynes		Greg Perkins	Julie
Faith Ashby	Ted	Derek Higgs	Mary	Jim Petelle	Ann
Ted Ashby	Faith	Eric Hodges		Hugh Peoples	
Paul Belk	Cecelia	Bill Holcomb		Beth Pequeno	Peter
Horace Bondurant	Jewel	Bucky Holcomb	Kim	Jason Pike	Jennifer
Sue Brownfield	Hal	Sandy Hurley	Will	Zane Poindexter	Lori
Carol Burke		Joan Inman	Bill	John Priddy	Sandra
Karen Burnette	Bruce	Donna Jackson	John	Gene Rees	Peggy
Nelson Clark	Lisa	John Jackson	Donna	Travis Reeves	Leslie
John Collins	Bobbie	David Jessup		Bill Refvem	Joanna
Gary Cook	MaryAnn	Alison Johnson	Alan	Vera Reynolds	
Ben Cooke	Lone	Amy Johnson	Bill	Burke Robertson	Carolyn
Jerry Cox		Dick Johnson		Aaron Routh	Lee Ann
Adam Delp	Tammy	Laney Johnson		Candace Sammons	Macon
Fred DeWeese		Mary Kilby	Bud	Macon Sammons	Candace
Cathy Eckenrod	Skip	Van Lankford	Ann	Steven Simpson	Maria
Brenda Edwards	Allen	Lee Lawson	Kevin	P.J. Snow	Joy
Matthew Edwards	Glenda	Jim Lewis	Teresa	Cathy Stevens	Mark
Regina Edwards		Greg Little	Julie	Ann Vaughn	Tom
Tom Fawcett	Mary	Peter Lydens	Linda Wright	Casey Vedder	
Fred Folger		Lenise Lynch		Dale Watson	Celena
Laurie Forbes		Barbi Manchester		Anne Webb	Tom
Ralph Forbes	Erika	Kirby McCrary	Tammy	Jack Wilson	Marie
Alton Gaither	Janice	Carla Majure	David	Dick Wimbish	Sue Ellen
Marian Goldwasser	Michael	Robert Meinecke	Judy	Marie Wood	Tycho, Jr.
Jim Grimes		Ray Milian		Betty Wright	Hylton
Steve Gross	Polly	Bob Moody	Kathy	Amanda Yarboro	Doug
Ken Gulaian	Kari	Britta Needham	Jeff	Doug Yarboro	Amanda
		Gray Parker	Sandra	Steve Yokeley	Ann

Key: Past President Board of Directors Paul Harris Fellow

## OFFICERS 2012-2013

**Greg Perkins**

*President*

**Jim Petelle**

*President Elect*

**Cathy Stevens**

*Secretary*

**Marie Wood**

*Treasurer*

**Matt Edwards**

*Sergeant At Arms*

**Kate Appler**

*Past President*

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### BOARD MEMBERS

**David Adkisson**

**Regina Edwards**

**Marion Goldwasser**

**Jim Lewis**

**Jim Petelle**

**Candace Sammons**

**Ann Vaughn**

Honorary Members .....	1
Active Members.....	90
Total Membership.....	91
Paul Harris Fellow.....	74

## 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.....	Yadkin Cultural Arts Ctr.	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 .....	PB Clarks.....	7:00 am
Friday.....	Reynolda .....	Winston-Salem Col.....	12:30 pm