

# THE Mount Airian ROTARIAN

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## Flight of Honor a Roaring Success

Respectfully submitted by Bob Meinecke, President and privileged guardian.

Veterans make their way to the terminal



At Reagan International airport we were greeted by the DC Symphony Brass and dozens of well wishers, and then loaded onto buses for the day long visit to the WW II, Vietnam, Korean, and Air Force Memorials as well as sight seeing of all the history of Washington DC. At the end of the tour we were again escorted by motorcycles back to Reagan for the flight home.

The inaugural Triad Flight of Honor was an amazing event. Local veterans, their guardians, Betty Lynn (Thelma Lou); a reporter from WXII and a group of Hogs (Harley motorcycle club members) arrived at the VFW Park in Mount Airy, at 4:30 am, Saturday October 3rd for the big day. Local veterans included our own Charles Dugger, Norman Webb, Jack Leach, Craig Burcham, Grover Haymore, Clifton Smith and Robert Thomas. The Hogs were lead by VFW member Donald McClusky. Our escort led the VFW bus to PTI, then we were off to Washington DC.

Upon arriving at PTI that evening, once again we were met by nearly a thousand well wishers, sharing their thanks to the veterans

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Musicians play for a big send-off

A group photo at the war memorial



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### LEADING THE WAY

#### OFFICERS 2009-2010

**Bob Meinecke**  
*President*  
**Cathy Stevens**  
*Secretary*  
**Marie Wood**  
*Treasurer*  
**Charles Dugger**  
*Sergeant At Arms*  
**Alton Gaither**  
*President Elect*  
**Tim Marion**  
*Past President*

#### BOARD MEMBERS

**Kate Appler**  
**Ann Vaughn**  
**Amy Johnson**  
**Steve Lindsley**  
**Greg Perkins**  
**Jim Petelle**

# Farewell to a Rotary Friend

We bid Brenda Goings adieu as she embarks on a teaching career at White Plains Elementary School. Brenda has been a very active and supportive member of our club and we are saddened her new schedule keeps her from remaining with Rotary. However, she takes the principles of the Rotary Four-Way Test with her and will use these as she works with the children in her care.



Brenda Goings



## Upcoming Event

# Rotary Foundation Banquet

The 2009 Rotary Foundation Banquet will be held November 12 at the High Point Country Club in High Point. The guest speaker will be John Osterlund, General Manager of Rotary Foundation International. The cost is \$36.00 per person and reservations must be in by November 6. A cash bar will be open at 6:30 with dinner and program following at 7:00.

**Please see Marie Wood or Bob Meinecke if you can attend.**

**NOVEMBER**

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

6.....Marie Woods  
 6.....David Jessup  
 13.....Joanna Refvem  
 16.....Catherine Eckenrod  
 25.....Burke Robertson  
 26.....Kirby McCrary  
 27.....Paul Belk  
 29.....Candace Sammons  
 30.....Hugh Peoples

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19.....Jack & Marie Wilson  
 27.....John & Donna Jackson

## New Members

Welcome to three folks to Rotary, Cathy Eckenrod, Matthew Edwards and Vera Reynolds.

Cathy and her husband Skip live in Claudville, VA. They own two companies, Interlam, Inc., a leading manufacturer of Sculpted, Carved, Decorative and Ornamental wall panels, and Modular Wood Systems, Inc. Catherine and Skip travel extensively throughout the USA and the world.

An interesting tidbit: They are personal friends with the Rolling Stones and have flown to various locations to attend their concerts.

Matthew Edwards is the new Director of the Mount Airy Museum of Regional History. Matt was a Rotarian in Greenwood, SC. He and his wife Glenda have two daughters and a son and just about settled in their new home. Matt brings a lot of energy and some great ideas for the museum.

Vera Reynolds is not a stranger to us. Vera was a Rotarian with us before and has come back after a two year absence. She is a retired school teacher and an active member of our community and we welcome her back.

We look forward to these new members becoming active participants in the work of Rotary.



Sue welcomes Cathy Eckenrod



Matt Edwards



Vera Reynolds



# Rotary Foundation Matching Grant – Working to Fund Wells/Latrines in Uganda



Above, Dr. Acaya – Gulu Rotary Club President  
Right, Carol Burke dancing with St. Bakhita students



From the site visit to Gulu, Uganda in May, Marion Goldwasser and Carol Burke identified the need for latrines at St. Bakhita Nursery and for a well at Gulu University. The grant application process has been completed and is in the hands of Stephen Copek, a Rotarian in Kampala, Uganda. Marion is familiar with the people in Uganda, as she lived there and taught English as a Peace Corp

worker from 1965 to 1969. Marion has returned to Gulu three times since her retirement from the English Department at Mt. Airy High School. She plans to return in May, 2010 to continue the work she is doing there, and hopefully see the completed work funded by the matching grants program of Rotary. She would be happy to be joined by other Rotarians.

## Holiday Season Reminder

As we approach the holidays and with that the spending that goes along with it, please remember the businesses that are represented in our club. If you can spend your dollars locally it will help not only our club members, but our community as a whole.

For those who make charitable donations this time of year please remember the many organizations within our community that need support. Donations of money are always needed, but food and decent clothing are also high on the priority list. Giving blood; volunteering your time; assisting someone who needs help; all of these things are a part of what makes us humanitarians. Humanitarian – a person devoted to promoting the welfare of humanity, esp. through the elimination of pain and suffering.



George Summerlin  
Will Be Missed

On October 17 George Summerlin passed away. George was a former member of our club before moving to the coast a few years ago. He was the editor of the Mount Airy News for many years and was an active member of the community. Our condolences go out to his wife, Patti. A memorial service was held on November 1 at Grace Moravian Church.

## ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE – A life changing opportunity

Robert Newton is our District 7690 youth services coordinator. He would like to extend the opportunity for local students to be a part of the exchange program. He is also encouraging us to consider hosting an inbound student. For details and

deadlines please visit [www.rotary7690.org](http://www.rotary7690.org) and click the tab for Youth Services. I know we have some outstanding students in our area that could benefit from such a cultural experience. Contact Robert Newton for additional details. [bob.newton05@yahoo.com](mailto:bob.newton05@yahoo.com).

# Bernie Mann

## – Our State Magazine

If you have never read Our State Magazine you are missing out on a treat. After buying several radio stations; bringing them up to profitability and then selling them, Bernie Mann was presented with an opportunity. In 1995 he was asked to join in a partnership to buy the North Carolina magazine, The State, but being a silent partner was not to his liking so it was another year before the opportunity of purchasing the magazine outright came into play.

Under his leadership the magazine went from a black and white feature to full color with exciting articles about North Carolina penned by talented writers and photographs depicting beauty and places of interests by photographers of equal talent. The number of subscribers has soared from 23,000 to more than 150,000. According to Mr. Mann his philosophy has always been to keep it positive. With so much in the world that is ugly, depressing, or just negative, Our State Magazine is an oasis for your soul. Thank you!



*Teresa with Bernie Mann*



## District Governor Selected

Hearty congratulations are in order for Rick Snider of the Lexington Rotary Club. He has been selected to serve as our District Governor for the 2012-2013 Rotary year. This is honor for Rick and his wife Linda and we wish them well as he prepares for his role and for Linda as she prepares to serve by his side. Rick can be reached at [RickSnider@Rotary7690.org](mailto:RickSnider@Rotary7690.org).



*Rick and Linda Snider*



## Start Planning Now for District Conference

**2010 District Conference**

Grove Park Inn Resort & Spa

Asheville, North Carolina

Friday, April 23, 2010 through Sunday, April 25, 2010.

Stay tuned for details . . .



# Interact-Venture Pinning Ceremony - Mount Airy High School



*Members in front row left to right in the picture are:  
Alex Mayo, Greg Myers, Taylor King, Margaret Slate, Morgan Greenwood, Maddie Gardner, and Katie Bowman.  
Back row: Elizabeth Dinkins, Abby Bledsoe, Rachel Harris, Jillian Epperson, Elly Bledsoe, McKenzie Culler,  
Devin Dhesi, Wes Bledsoe, and Katie Lewis.*

Jillian Epperson did a wonderful job organizing the pinning ceremony for the Interact-Venture Club on Friday, October 23 at Mount Airy High School. Rotarians attending were President Bob Meinecke, Dick Johnson, Carol Burke and Amy Johnson. Following the ceremony everyone was treated to a nice breakfast which all enjoyed. Representatives from The Mount Airy News and The Messenger were in attendance and Mr. Dorsett, the Assistant Principal, said the ceremony could be posted on the high school web site.

These students are committed to the service of others and are highly motivated to make a difference. These are our future Rotary members and we applaud their willingness to become involved in their community.

*Happiness depends upon ourselves*

*—Aristotle*

## November 2009

<u>DATE</u>	<u>ROTARIAN</u>	<u>SPEAKER &amp; PROGRAM</u>
Nov 3	Betty Ann Collins	Rich Brenner, Former Newsperson for WGHP Fox 8 News; Founder of www.MyEBatch.com
Nov 10	Dick Johnson	Jack Lynch – UDT Stroke Seal Association Retired US Navy Seal
Nov 17	Bob Meinecke	Wes Patterson, District Governor Elect and Polio survivor, Rotary District 7690
Nov 24	Peter Lydens	Captain Borland, Executive Director/Officer and Major Jennifer Nash, Commanding Officer of the U.S. Marine Corps Recruiting Station – Raleigh NC

# MEMBERSHIP ROSTER

ROTARIAN	SPOUSE	ROTARIAN	SPOUSE	ROTARIAN	SPOUSE
David Adkisson	Ellen	Jim Grimes	Louella	Katie Mabry	
Kate Appler	Mark	Steve Gross	Polly	Robert Meinecke	Judy
Faith Ashby	Ted	Raymond Hanna		Bob Moody	Kathy
Ted Ashby	Faith	Gary Harold	Vicki	Julie Moore	Jack
Paul Belk	Cecelia	Todd Harris	Betsy	Britta Needham	Jeff
Ed Bondurant		Darrin Hartness	Lisa	Chris Nichols	Angie
Horace Bondurant	Jewel	John Haynes	Barbara	Gray Parker	Sandra
Ricky Bowman	Lori	Robin Hester	Thurman	Richard Patterson	Kaye
Don Brookshire	Sylvia	Derek Higgs	Mary	Greg Perkins	Julie
Sue Brownfield	Hal	Ashley Hinson	Lynne	Jim Petelle	Ann
Carol Burke		Eric Hodges		Hugh Peoples	
Greg Cave	Lynette	Bill Holcomb		John Priddy	Sandra
Kevin Cheek		Bucky Holcomb	Kim	Gene Rees	Peggy
Nelson Clark	Lisa	Joan Inman	Bill	Bill Refvem	Joanna
Betty Ann Collins	Martin	John Jackson	Donna	Joanna Refvem	Bill
John Collins	Bobbie	David Jessup		Vera Reynolds	
Gary Cook	MaryAnn	Allen Johnson	Alison	Burke Robertson	Carolyn
Peter Cook		Alison Johnson	Alan	Mark Rogers	Deidre
Ben Cooke	Lone	Amy Johnson	Bill	Aaron Routh	Lee Ann
Adam Delp		Bill Johnson	Tina	Candace Sammons	Macon
Charles Dugger	Shirley	Dick Johnson		Macon Sammons	Candace
Cathy Eckenrod	Skip	Jim Lewis	Teresa	Brandt Scholz	Lynn
Matthew Edwards	Glenda	Teresa Lewis	Jim	Frank Sells	Amanda
Ron Ellis	Diana	Steve Lindsley	Lorie	Twyla Sickmiller	Roger
Jeffery Ellis		John Lockhart	Alice	P.J. Snow	Joy
Tom Fawcett	Mary	Peter Lydens	Linda Wright	Cathy Stevens	Mark
Fred Folger		Lenise Lynch		Ann Vaughn	Tom
Ralph Forbes	Erika	Greg Marshall	Lori	Anne Webb	Tom
Deborah Friedman		Kirby McCrary	Tammy	Tom Webb	Anne
Alton Gaither	Janice	Carla Majure	David	Jay Williams	Beth
Brenda Goings		Tim Marion	Cindy	Jack Wilson	Marie
Marian Goldwasser	Michael	Tony Marion	Janice	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.....	98
Total Membership.....	99
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