

THE Mount Airian ROTARIAN

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District Governor Mike Conrad Visits Mount Airy



DG Mike Conrad and Mary Ann Conrad visit Mount Airy Rotary

It is always a pleasure to welcome our District Governor and we were doubly pleased that his wife, Mary Ann, joined him on this trip. He made a point that the future of our club is in the hands of its members, and what we do will make the difference in our community and district.

Since good members are the lifeblood of the club, he encouraged us to ask others to join. It was through a friend who asked him to join in the early 90's that awakened his passion for finding ways to serve others. It was from that first invitation that led Mike to the District Governors position. As an answer to that challenge we are embarking on a mission to invite other members of our community who see service to others as a way to make this a better world.

Governor Conrad also emphasized the importance of staying the course for the eradication of polio. In 1985 the Rotary Foundation made it their mission to stamp out this debilitating disease within twenty years. We haven't quite made it, but there are only four countries left where polio

still inflicts its cruel crippling reminders. It is these last four countries where our concentrated efforts are most focused. With the help of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation along with matching funds from all Rotary clubs, children in these countries can, and will be saved.

We appreciate Mike's support and encouragement and will continue the 60 year tradition of the Mount Airy Rotary Club in pursuing the ideals of Rotary.



Mary Ann Conrad with Deputy Barney

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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 Galther

President Elect

Tim Marion

Past President

BOARD MEMBERS

Kate Appler

Ann Vaughn

Amy Johnson

Steve Lindsley

Greg Perkins

Jim Petelle

Welcome New Members – Katie Mabry & Lenise Lynch

Thanks to Peter Cook we have Katie Mabry as a new member. Katie is the Marketing Director for Allegheny Care & Rehabilitation Center in Sparta, NC. Katie lives in Mount Airy and this is part of her territory.



Peter Cook and Katie Mabry

John Jackson took the challenge to find a passionate, and eager business person to join our ranks. We welcome Lenise Lynch as our newest member. Lenise is the General Manager of the Hampton Inn. She has two young children and is excited about being a role model for them as she delves into the many opportunities for service Rotary provides. Before joining the Hampton Inn Lenise worked for BB&T for seven years.



Lenise Lynch

Welcome back to our membership – Teresa Lewis

Teresa has been a vital member of this club and was the first woman President to lead our club. We are very pleased to have her back.

SEPTEMBER

Birthdays & Anniversaries

2.....John Haynes
8.....Steve Gross
18.....Tony Marion
24.....Peter Lydens

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1.....Rickey & Lori Bowman
4.....Burke & Carolyn Robertson
4.....Todd & Betsy Harris
6.....Betty Ann & Martin Collins
8.....Greg & Lori Marshall
16.....Jay & Beth Williams
19.....Tony & Janice Marion
20.....Greg & Julie Perkins
21.....Robin & Thurman Hester
29.....Teresa & Jim Lewis



Bob and "Deputy" Jim



GSE candidate Jamie Tilley



Left to right, Ashley, Ashley, Kate, and Jim and Donor Patricia Gruen

New Rotaract Advisor is selected

Bradley Arrington is the new advisor for the Surry Community College Rotaract Club. He is very delighted to have this opportunity and Carol Burke has been most helpful in providing guidance. Rotaract is the college version of Rotary and is a service club whose members participate in interesting projects regarding environmental, international, and economic concerns. It is also a way for students to meet other Rotaractors at other colleges; helping them make connections through service work.

The Rotaract Club is sponsored by The Mount Airy Rotary Club.



Don't forget
the Rotary Golf
Tournament –
September 8th

Blood Drive Exceeds Goal— 34 pints collected

Sometimes change is good and it sure worked out for our blood drive on July 28. Bringing the drive to Cross Creek generated some new enthusiasm and we had a good turnout of donors. We had a goal of 30 pints and exceeded that goal by collecting 34 pints.

Many thanks to those club members who gave or brought guests to give. The blood supply is low during summer months and this collection will be a big help.

Our thanks to Greg Perkins who coordinated this effort.

GSE Amanda Martin talks about her trip to India



Carol, Amanda Martin and fiancé Doug Yarboro

We had an enlightening presentation from Amanda regarding her GSE trip in December. It was an experience that both opened her eyes to the disparity experienced by the people of India and an opportunity to see the positive programs Rotary is undertaking. The people were friendly and welcoming and as all GSE trips are. It was a very hectic, constantly on the move trip.

In one of the homes she stayed she felt the host family was trying to marry her off to their son, something her fiancé Doug found amusing. Amanda came away with some concerns about how women are regarded in that culture, but overall it was a once in a lifetime opportunity she was most grateful to have had.

Something New is on the horizon – *The Mount Airy Rotary Compassion Fund*



Bob, Darrin, Chad Beasley, Lydia Lovell and Steve

This new project is designed to assist specific student needs at Tharrington and Jones Schools. We got the ball rolling by presenting a check to Mount Airy School Superintendent Darrin Hartness and principals Chad Beasley and Lydia Lovell for \$650.00 as seed money. President Bob

had asked Darrin for some ideas on how funds could be used. The idea for the Compassion Fund was suggested; the board got excited; and we're off to a good start. Steve Lindsley is our contact if you have any questions about the program.

The goal is to provide \$2500-3500 to the fund this school year. The challenge to each Rotarian is to make a gift of \$25.00 or more. These are tax-deductible gifts. Please make checks payable to: Mount Airy City Schools *and note on the check* Mount Airy Rotary Compassion Fund



Update on - Triad Flight of Honor

There has been a huge outpouring of interest for the October 3 flight to the WW II Memorial. Over 600 veterans and guardians have signed up. On the inaugural flight of 100 will be our own veteran Charles Dugger along with Bob Meinecke as guardian for three vets from our area. Not sure who will be guarding who, but we know both of our fellow Rotarians will find this to be an opportunity of a lifetime. There are 12 veterans from our area scheduled for this trip and we are thrilled they have this opportunity.

Because of the large number of veterans interested, if you would care to help support this effort, please go to www.rotary7690.org for more information – PDC Mitzi Ellis is spearheading this endeavor and her contact information is listed.

If you can imagine it, you can create it. If you can dream it, you can become it.

- William Arthur Ward

September 12th — Environmental Excursion – CCCC

September 2009

<u>DATE</u>	<u>ROTARIAN</u>	<u>SPEAKER & PROGRAM</u>
September 1	Greg Perkins	Kelly Holder – Mt. Airy High Football coach
September 8	Rotary Golf Tournament – no speaker	
September 15	Eric Hodges	WW II Veteran – Jack Leach
September 22	Greg Marshall	Abby Donnell – District 7690 Membership Chair
September 29	Amy Johnson	Jill Reinhardt – Project YES coordinator for SCC

MEMBERSHIP ROSTER

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

Key: Past President Board of Directors Paul Harris Fellow

Honorary Members	2
Active Members.....	95
Total Membership.....	96
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.....	Comfort 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