



OCTOBER 2007

BLOOD DRIVE BIG SUCCESS!

Brian Donley thanks everyone who participated in this year's blood drive. He reports that on a goal of 50, 55 people present (attempted to give), we collected 54 productive units. There were four first time donors.

Michaela Jarrett, Don Nichols, Stew Hartley, Larry Linthicum volunteered for several hours to help. Phebe Donley (Brian's mother) once again helped out making phone calls and reminders.

CONGRESSMAN COBLE MAKES ANNUAL VISIT TO CLUB

Even though Howard was notified of an emergency meeting of the Judiciary Committee back at Washington he chose to stay and honor his promise he made to his nephew Ray Coble that he would be our program for Tuesday, October 9. Howard also brought his High Point Office Manager, Nancy Mazza. His message to the club this year began with the theme that as a Congressman you can't please everyone. He relayed several stories about being scolded by two constituents, one for being a rubber stamp for Bush, and another for never supporting his President and the party.

Web site: www.triadrotaryclub.org

Howard also restated his position on the Iraq War. He feels that we were right to invade the country but we failed as invaders to have a good plan in place to establish a strong infrastructure. He did not say however, when we should get out of there.

When asked about Hillary, he said that if elections were held today, that she would win. As far as Republican candidates he can think of only Mitt Romney, or Rudy Giuliani as possible contenders and says that Fred Thompson will definitely not get his support. He says that Fred's ego is very abrasive to him.

Howard wanted to remind us that his new High Point Office is Suite A at the new Chamber of Commerce Building on Main Street.

Howard has been our Congressman since 1984. He is a member of the Judiciary Committee and ranking member on the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, and numerous other subcommittees.

MEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Sharon Lipscomb – October 8
Steve Farabee – October 10
Pat Hogan – October 15
Al Ferguson – October 20
Jay Motsinger – October 23
Brant Burgiss – October 24
Charlie Davis – October 28
Larry Wright – October 27

MEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Brant Burgiss – October 9
Don Nichols – October 11
Dave Farshing – October 22
Earl Donnelly – October 24
Tom Foster – October 25

UPCOMING MEETINGS

October 16 - Jack Hamilton; Team 1 has door prizes.

October 23 - Shadow Day with Jay Motsinger; Team 2 has door prizes.

October 30 - Michaela Jarrett with Team 3 providing door prizes.

November 6 - Pat Hogan; Team 4

November 13 - Vern Martell with Team 5 handling door prizes.

MAKE UP'S

Looking for a make-up? Just visit www.rotary7690.org for the most complete listing of make-up meeting locations in our area. You can also visit any other Rotary Club meeting in the area!

NEED A SPEAKER?

Go to Rotary District 7690 Speakers' Bureau www.rotary7690.org . Other sources can be High Point University's Speakers Bureau. Or call Steve Farabee at High Point Bank, sfarabee@highpointbank.com.

THE 4 WAY TEST

Of the things we think, say or do:

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

OCTOBER BOARD MEETING

Jerri White was approved by the board to be the new Director of Community Service this year to replace Ted Koontz. She will begin serving immediately.

Much discussion took place about how to sell our house. Michaela Jarrett and Dave Farshing decided to get together to work on some advertising ideas along with some possible Newspaper and TV spots. Brant shared his conversation with an Auctioneer.

Next board meeting will be a lunch meeting, November 14 at Tom's Place on Main St. Eat Dutch!

DISTRICT EVENTS

11/8/07 Foundation Banquet at High Point Country Club. Thursday, cash bar at 6:30 PM and Dinner at 7:00 PM. \$30 per person.

11/16/07 Rotary Leadership Institute at the High Point Chamber of Commerce from 8:30 til 4 PM.

HERE IS WHAT YOU HAVE BEEN WAITING FOR!!!!!!

MEANDERING WITH MARGARET...

Jerri White, Roving Reporter

When Nick asked me what the column would be called, my first response was "Meandering with Margaret", Margaret being a reporter from an old Andy Griffith episode. Nick took it and ran with it as he prone to do. (Margaret's identity does not concern Nick.)

Maybe we should have a naming contest. No lewd titles will be considered, as if any Rotarian who subscribes to the FOUR WAY TEST would even think of dastardly titles.....And, something like "Roving Rotarian" does not sound too catchy. (Nick will provide the prize for the winning entry.)

Now, for the serious stuff. Last week we went to Ocean Drive. We went to see Wayne Newton at the Alabama Theater. I have concluded Wayne can sing but he CANNOT dance! My gigolo Jonathan, 37, rated the concert C-; his dad said it was definitely an A+ - just another example of the generation gap. Most of the times I don't think of such things 'til somebody like Jonathan not so gently reminds me.

Before the concert, we all dined at Joe's Hamburgers, one of N M B's best kept secrets. Cheap and delicious. It's worth the trip. The proprietor used to operate the diner at Five Points in High Point-he relocated to the coast several years ago. This is where Yankees learn what a hamburger "all the way" means - chili, slaw, onions - AND onion rings that are coated with beer batter. One of the bartenders grew up on Montlieu Avenue and used to work at Jefferson Pilot. I learned some time ago to behave when

traveling - there is always somebody you know around the corner. And there was - next day ran into Dot Kearns of the Guilford County School Board in the grocery store.

I spent most of my time "chilling" out. I had a little excitement in the elevator when a gassed geezer invited me his room to play Bingo. What an opportunity! I didn't go - didn't think my heart could take the excitement. I started for home on Friday, 10/05. Took "Murphy's Secret Way to the Beach" going to the beach and driving home which is apparently no secret anymore. Plenty of 18-wheelers and lots of fellow travelers made sure I was not alone. I put on my Jimmy Buffett on the CD player and slid over into the right lane with a convoy of 15 Corvettes of all colors and years - always try to inspire my Ford Focus by the company we keep like riding with the Corvettes and parking next to the Mercedes or a Lexus or a BMW or a Taurus. That little car just comes to life in the company of cars with expensive tune-ups.

Nothing like rolling through the countryside listening to "Vampires, Mummies, and the Holy Ghost" while gazing at gray skies and fields of peanuts shrouded in mist, picked over cotton, sweet potatoes with roadside stands marked by orange bows and ribbon and a few remaining tobacco fields on either side of little towns with big two story white houses and a veranda across the front built with tobacco money. Slowing down to the pace of the North Carolina keeps one's blood pressure in check. Not bad.

*Stay tuned for the Nov. issue and more of Jerri's column, **Meandering with Margaret.***