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ROTARIAN OF THE MONTH

By Michaela Jarrett

In honor of our 20th anniversary of Senior Day at the Park we would like to name Larry Dunlap as our Rotarian of the Month. Larry has chaired that project for each of those 20 years and has brought good food and entertainment to as many as 400 senior citizens at each event.



Larry Dunlap

Larry was born in Madison, NC in 1944. He grew up there and graduated from Sandy Ridge High. He attended High Point College and then was hired at Channel 8 as a projectionist. After a year at Ch. 8 he then landed a job at Ch. 2 as a cameraman. After 2 years there he became interested in radio announcing and was able to secure that work in several radio stations locally as a DJ and announcer.

Larry has spent many years in sales and marketing. Larry has his own syndicated sports show that can be heard on WFMR 1230 at 7:05 AM each morning. He is also the announcer at each year's ACC Men's Basketball Tournament. Larry continues to do other TV spots and announcing.

Larry's Rotary work is vast. Not only has he run the Senior Day at the Park every year, each Christmas he borrows the bus from HPU and takes 70 seniors to tour the lights at Tanglewood. The tour begins at the Roy B. Culler center, stops at Applebee's for dinner, and then heads out to Tanglewood for the evening.

In addition to serving as our Club President, he has been responsible for thousands of ticket sales for our club projects. Larry admits that he "loves people and wants to always be out amongst them". We are very proud to have Larry as a member.

OPRAH'S BIG GIVE

Tom Foster reports that we have collected a little over \$4,000 from area Rotary Clubs so far and we expect more to come in to add to the already \$10,000 seed money that we have received. Tom has set up a foundation called the Piedmont NC Rotary Foundation where the monies will go and be managed by a Board made up of Rotarians from our club, Dave Farshing, Jerri White, Tom Foster, Blair Rankin, Dave McCoy (DG). They will be responsible for distributing the funds to victims of Polio as well as Polio survivors. Our first recipient is Nagn Noan Y (see Jerri's column about Nagn).

CRAZY GOLF TOURNAMENT Friday, May 2 River Landing

We had 28 players at our first crazy golf tournament. The first prize, four dinners to Gianni's, went to Ben Settles team (the Unsettled) who came in with a 17 under Par. The last place team, Brant, Jerri, Sharon, and Susan won a traveling Chess Set to remind them that they need to take up Chess instead of Golf.

We had a great time at River Landing Golf course and would like to thank Tom Smith for hosting our tournament and providing the dinner after the event.

Golf can best be defined as an endless series of tragedies obscured by an occasional miracle, followed by a good bottle of beer. Jerry Streetman



These wild ladies won the prize for Best Golf Attire at our Crazy Golf Tournament.



Despite no prior golf experience, Jerri White shows perfect form on the tee.

BULLS AND BARRELS

Oak Ridge Saddle Club, May 30-31

We have \$20,250 in Sponsors so far.

Title Sponsor \$10,000

Still Looking, Can be bought for \$5000

Premier Sponsor \$7,500

The Wolf 98.3

Bucking Chute Sponsor \$2,500

Murray White Ins./ Sharrard McGee

Crescent Ford

Remington Arms

Rankin Family Donation

Piedmont Triad Farmer's Market

Arena Sponsor \$600

Cornerstone Health Care

Purgason's Western Wear

Center Veterinary Hospital

Jim Gayle Lawn Service

Retired Law Enforcement Officers

HP Regional Hospital

Boedicker Construction

BB&T

Allstate Insurance

Sechrest Funeral Service

First Citizens Bank

Bovis Lend Lease

Flag \$350

State Farm

City Transfer

Advanced Business Concepts

Carter Brothers

Wyatt, Earl, Harris, Wheeler

Penske Truck Leasing

Sealy, Inc.

SunTrust Bank

High Point Bank

Pepsi

4 WAY TEST

For the things we think say and do:

1. Is it the truth?
2. Is it fair to all concerned?
3. Will it bring good will and better friendships?
4. Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

DISTRICT CONFERENCE

Our Rotary club was represented at Chateau Elan for this year's District Conference by President-Elect Blair Rankin and Past President Brant Burgiss and their families.

Thanks to the hard work done by our club during the past year, we were awarded the prestigious "Gold Club" at ceremonies held Friday, April 25.



Blair Rankin and Brant Burgiss pose with the Gold Club award for 2007-2008. Photos provided by PDG Morris.

High Point Rotarian Nido Qubein provided an inspiring keynote address for everyone on Saturday evening, and Rotarians from across the 50 clubs of District 7690 enjoyed sharing fellowship and ideas for future projects.



Brant and Amy Burgiss at the Saturday night reception

HOUSE PROJECT

We had a really fun workday recently to clean up the yard and remove the fallen trees. In attendance were:

Larry Dunlap
Jack Hamilton & Son
Tom Foster
Ray Kuethe
Bruce Laney & truck
Steve Farabee
Holly & Joey Ferree
Nick Platt
Charlie Davis
Dave Farshing
Lunch was provided by Dave Farshing.

SENIOR DAY AT THE PARK

The Rotary Club of the Triad, along with the High Point Police Department and High Point Parks and Recreation, hosted its 20th annual Senior Day at City Lake Park on Tuesday, May 13.



Owen Bertschi grilling hamburgers for the picnic

Once again, Larry Dunlap served as event organizer as hundreds of area seniors enjoyed a free picnic lunch and complimentary park rides and putt-putt, along with a rousing game of bingo.

During the picnic, the winning ticket for our 42" Hi-Def TV raffle was drawn. Keith Lipscomb (Sharon's

husband) was the lucky winner. This fund raiser, conceived by President Nick, raised just over \$1100.



President Nick Platt accepting raffle ticket stubs sold by Michaela Jarrett and Jerri White

MAKE UPS

Looking for a make-up? Just visit www.rotary7690.org for the most complete listing of make-up meeting locations in our area. In a hurry? You can also make up online at www.rotaryclubone.org!

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 30 –31 - Bulls 'n Barrels
Fundraiser

June 24 - Awards Day and 30th
Anniversary

ASK JERRI

By Jerri White, Visiting Columnist

This month, I would like to inform my readers about my new friend Nagn and her family. Nagn is 19 and has polio. She has become our Club's inspiration for Oprah's Big Give: Piedmont.

Nagn and her family immigrated to America from Vietnam in 2002. Mom and dad both work the late night shift at High Point University as housekeepers, trying to make ends meet, and provide a life for their six children.

Their family went through many struggles just to make it to this country and pursue the American dream – peace, happiness, and success. Indigenous to the central highlands of Vietnam, the Monagnard people are persecuted for their religious beliefs and their support of the American troops during the Vietnam War. It was for these reasons that Nagn’s family decided to flee the country and seek a better life. They secretly traveled – on foot and under the cover of darkness, through the jungles of Vietnam until reaching safety in Cambodia. Due to Nagn’s Polio infested leg, her father had to carry her on his back for most of the trip. Once in Cambodia, they spent a year in a refugee camp, until finally making it to the U.S.

Now safely in America, they still need our help. The Noan Y family came to America with only the clothes on their backs. The parents and oldest child all work hard to support this large family...but times still get rough. Let’s come together to “Give Big” and make a difference in the lives of this Piedmont family.

Clothing

In their family they have:

Boy 4 years	Girl 8
Boy 7	Boy 13
Girl 8	Nagn 19

Please see me for sizes at any meeting.

Jerri