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Message from the President

If not for the Rotary Club of the Triad ... there would be no new books this year in the Oak Hill Elementary School library. As many of you know, in 2007 President Nick Platt began a custom of having guest speakers sign a children's book to be placed in their honor in the school's library. The project has continued in 2008-2009, with 26 books being delivered so far. It was during the most recent delivery that the library's media specialist commented that due to budget cut backs, there were no funds available for the purchase of new books this school year. *The Rotary Club of the Triad is their sole source for new reading material!* Be proud Triad Rotarians, for promoting literacy and filling a true need for the students of Oak Hill Elementary School.



Our Newest Member, Addison Maille

Addison Maille joined the club on February 3, 2009. He is a senior tax manager at Smith Leonard Accountants and Consultants; wife Leanne.

Addison is an Attorney and a CPA. He was sponsored by Owen Bertschi.

New Arrival, Congratulations Holly and Joey!



Ansley Grace Ferree was born February 4; she is the beautiful daughter of Holly and Joey Ferree.

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. You can also do a make-up online by visiting www.rotaryclubbone.org!



Det. Ken Leonard, High Point Police

Ken Leonard spoke to our club about gangs in our city. He stated that gangs here are no longer just local with local names but are now tied to the national gangs like the Bloods and Crips. Ken's job at the department is monitoring and reducing the gang activities in High Point.

Ken was gravely wounded in Iraq and now stands on two artificial legs. He has demonstrated so much courage in earning his job back on the police force after his tour in Iraq, that he has been nominated for the All Star Award on John Walsh's show *America's Most Wanted*. We wish him much luck and are very proud to know him.



Jody Susong, Rev. Richard Payne, Blair

Rev. Richard Payne is Jody Susong's brother-in-law. For years he worked for the Prison Fellowship and was on their national board. Prison Fellowship was started by Chuck Colson, Nixon's White House Attorney. While Chuck served his prison term for Watergate, he started Prison Fellowship. Richard worked with Prison Fellowship for many years and each year our club purchased Christmas gifts and handed them out to the children of

incarcerated Mom's and Dad's. When Chuck decided to retire, so did Richard.

Richard now serves as the Chaplain for Richard Childress Racing. He is the only full time chaplain that he knows of for a racing team. He loves it and says he does everything for Childress employees and their families from bible studies, to weddings and funerals.

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 22 Rotary Against Drugs Speech Contest, Sunday after PETS

March 19 – 21 PETS Conference

April 23-26, 2009

District Conference

Hilton Myrtle Beach Resort

April 28, 2009 No Club Meeting

June 6 – 7, 2009 Bulls and Barrel's PBR event

June 21 – 24, 2009

IR Convention Birmingham, England

July 19-25 Rotary Youth Leadership Camp

ROTARY AGAINST DRUGS



Dr. Ray Coble, Anna, Leigh, and Revonda

Anna and Leigh gave their Rotary Against Drugs speech on February 17 to our club. They will then compete February 21 for the District 7690 Contest in Jamestown at the GTCC campus and the winner will compete March 22 at Multi District contest.

STOP HUNGER NOW EVENT



Blair holding a loose change box

The Stop Hunger Now Event is scheduled for the morning of Saturday, May 9. Michaela Jarrett is coordinating the event along with the loose change collection containers, which are going to all members and will help fund the project. We have already received a \$1,200 district simplified grant designated for this event.

Bulls & Barrels Update



The B & B committee has been meeting and the latest news is that the major sponsor that we approached could not help us this year because of the weak business conditions. It was decided that our members should return to their last year's sponsors and see if they are still good for this year. If so, a decision will be made by the committee to hold or not hold the event.

A man shows up a Jerri White's Office at the Community Clinic and says that he thinks he's a moth. Jerri says that the Psychiatrist only comes to the clinic on Thursdays. The man says, "Yeah Doc, but your light was on."

THE WARE SHOALS NEWS



Jerri White, Humor

And The Rifles Fired.....

A few weeks ago Nick reminded me I needed to get with the schedule and write an informative and interesting column for the newsletter. So, I said, "Nick, exactly what would you have me write?" Nick replied that maybe I should write about my high school days. Remember, Nick, you asked for this.

The best thing about high school was being in the band - football games, half time shows and getting ready for the state marching band contest. Our school was small - only 568 students from the 8th through the 12th grade, and over one hundred of us marched in the band, including five or six guys who split the fall between football and marching band.

My senior year was the best. We had finished football season and my boyfriend (he was a tight end - I always thought that was an interesting description, even if I didn't know exactly what he did on the field) and five other football players picked up their instruments.

That year, however, we had enough players so our band director created an honor guard so the football players could march. . Mr. Wagner, the band director borrowed five M-1 rifles from the National Guard unit down the street, dressed them in military looking outfits, and put them out front of the band.

Well, off we go to the state marching band contests. Our performance had been

flawless. We were ending it and stood in attention in double lines across the five and zero yard lines. What nobody knew was that the majorettes (girls who wear short outfits, twirl batons, have great legs and can't play too well) had switched out their batons for a single note of a C scale chime and a mallet). We raised our instruments and began the fanfare from the 1812 Overture – the part that represents the battlefield (sounds mimicking cannons, guns, and other sounds of war). The majorettes were beating the devil out of the notes of the chime. The honor guard shouldered their rifles and fired. Yep, that is what I said. They fired them; I mean raised those rifles to their shoulders and squeezed the triggers.

The rifles had been loaded with blanks. So, with guns firing and people in the stands taking cover, we ended our performance, with a really big bang! It was incredible! We won the Class A championship and placed third in the South Carolina Marching Band Contest.

And, to this day, there are adults who played in the 1962 Ware Shoals High School marching band scattered around the USA who don't know the first thing about classical music, but they all have a recording of the 1812 Overture, and when they hear it, they are all of a sudden back in 1962 experiencing the thrill of their young lives.

Amen, and pass the ammunition!

Jerri



The Object of Rotary

The object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of a worthy enterprise and in particular, to encourage and foster.

First: The development of acquaintances as an opportunity for service;

Second: High ethical standards in business and professions, the recognition of worthiness of useful occupations, and the opportunity to serve society.

Third: The application of the ideal of service for each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life.

Fourth: The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world wide fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.