



Asheboro Rotary Club  
 District 7690—Area 8  
 Club # 6052

November 2014 Newsletter

**Programs & Club Events ~**

*Special Events are listed below in blue. All other dates are club meetings.*

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November 4 — Veteran’s Day Program, with guest speaker Doug Copeland, President of the Greensboro Rotary Club, sharing with us about his annual D-day trip to Normandy.

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November 11 — NO MEETING for week of Veteran’s Day

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November 18 — Foundation Program, with guest speaker Corinne J. Kendall, PhD who is the Zoo's Assistant Curator of Conservation and Research, sharing about the UNITE projects in Uganda that we've supported.

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November 25 — Rotary Youth Exchange Program, with guest speakers Tanya Feagins, District RYE Coordinator, & Aim Ruksilpakit, our RYE student.

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**District & RI Events ~**

- ◆ Foundation Banquet November 6 @ 7:00 at Koury Convention Center. RI President Nominee John Germ is the guest speaker!

**Rotary Leadership Institute RLI** - Dynamic, Interactive & Fun Event for New Rotarians and Prospective & Existing Rotary Club Leaders. Network, Share and Learn with the Do'ers of Rotary! Go to [www.rli33.org](http://www.rli33.org) for details and registration. Upcoming sessions in NC:

- ⇒ November 21st (Friday) in Pinehurst
- ⇒ January 10th in Cary, February 14th in Mooresville & February 28th in Thomasville

**Birthdays & Anniversaries ~**

Member Birthdays	Member Anniversaries
11/02—John Revell	11/01—Russ Williams 29 Years
11/07—Bob Morrison	11/10—John Menius 36 Years
11/23—Neal Griffin III	11/12—Owen George 10 Years
11/30—Talmadge Baker	11/16—Terry Matthews 2 Years
11/30—Jim Culberson	11/16—Scott Allen 2 Years
	11/17—Linda Cranford 14 Years
	11/17—Mini Singh 14 Years
	11/21—Rob Reese 17 Years
	11/21—Elbert Lassiter 6 Years

**Wedding Anniversaries**

11/02 Mini & Kulvinder Singh	23 Years
11/08 Christie & Greg Smith	17 Years

**CLUB OFFICERS:**

**President**  
 James Gouty  
**Secretary/Pres-Elect**  
 John Grey  
**Vice President**  
 Stan Beck  
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**Sergeant-At-Arms**  
 Elizabeth Mitchell

**Directors**  
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 Linda Cranford  
 Kenny Kidd  
 Al LaPrade

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 Christie Smith  
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**JOIN US:**

Weekly - Tuesday  
 12:00 noon  
 Pinewood Country  
 Club Primary Business  
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## November 4th—Veterans Day Program w/ guest speaker Doug Copeland

Today we had a joint meeting with the Randolph Rotary Club to celebrate Veterans Day. We began the meeting with a moving Presentation of Colors and singing of the National Anthem by the Honor Guard.

Our guest speaker today is Doug Copeland who is the President and Publisher of the Triad Business Journal. He is a member of Greensboro Chamber of Commerce and the Winston Salem Chamber of Commerce and this year is the President of the Greensboro Rotary. The reason he is our guest speaker today for our Veterans Event is that Doug travels to Normandy every year, the first week of June, and says “Thank You” to the Veterans there. This is a most unusual hobby but a great one. Doug said the Honor Guard at our meeting today was phenomenal and a great introduction on this election day.

For 15 years Copeland has traveled to Normandy and seen hundreds of people and hundred of ceremonies. He has spoken to lots of people about these men, and always asks veterans to stand as they are the people we honor. **Copeland's presentation will focus on about 3 or 4 of the men he has met.** Most of us know some 156,000 men landed on the beaches that day to invade Normandy, and cost the lives of 10,000 of allied soldiers that day alone. 20,000 Frenchmen died that day also. American and Brits traveled and landed on the beach that day. There are reunions that happen every year in all these villages. The Pegasus Bridge was captured first and Copeland saw all these veterans and had no idea what to say to them...just that he came to say “Thank You for what you did”. He said you could see the gleam in their eyes and they wanted to talk about what they did.

**John Hunter** was the first guy at Pegasus Bridge. He said “Doug, would you like to hear our story and get a beer?... and when you come back with OUR beers, we will tell you.” He was a British paratrooper and we stayed friends for 7 years. Copeland met him the next year and had a car to take him around. Hunter took Copeland to a cemetery where all that were buried there had died on the same day, and were all under the age of 14. Their story was that a German knew these families were in hiding, and since he could speak English he tricked them into coming out and shot them all. A wreath was presented to the family along with a perfect salute to them. Copeland said he has been to a lot of ceremonies, but never to such a moving ceremony as this. They do this every year. It was a moving experience to see.

**Dennis Boardman**, a true Irishman, shared with Copeland that “before the Yanks got into the war, we guarded the British Coast almost by ourselves. There were 4 of us to guard 4 miles and only one of us had a real gun.”

**Peter Thompson**, a Brit, who's birthday is June 6<sup>th</sup>. On June 5<sup>th</sup>, they got onto their ship and sailed out. Just before midnight the Captain came over the loud speaker... he's thinks they were going to wish him happy birthday, but the Captain said, this is the real thing Mates. So Thompson spent his birthday invading the coast. Thompson said he looked back and there were 5000 boats and he said they were like stepping stones back across the English Channel. Today, we celebrate his birthday. He is 90 now.

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Parachute Drop, 87nd airborne is based here in NC. Thousands drop here every year in remembrance. Every now and then there will be one of these 90 year olds in the crowd, that actually dropped on June 6<sup>th</sup>, and they will join in with these new guys and it is impressive.

The 87nd airborne landed in France and a lot drowned because they had flooded the area. A number of ceremonies are still held at this area each year.

Normandy Cemetery— There is no piece of ground better cared for. All Cemetery markers face the USA. This is USA soil. There is a British Cemetery there as well. There is a German Cemetery there as well, but they are cared for by private donation.

Oddest thing Copeland has seen was driving along one day, coming over this hill was a convoy of American Soldiers. It was a full Platoon, a full reenactment of D-day. These men spoke English, Spanish, French, or German, and everything piece of equipment was in perfect condition.

**Jack Slagle** is of German origin and escaped in 1923. He had lived in NY He came back for the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of D-Day. He had parachuted in and they banged on a farmhouse door and they hid him and fed him. He stayed during the day and at night set out. Before he left he gave the farmers wife his wings. When Slagle came back over 60 years later, he went to find this house. Inside, there was a chest of jewelry that contained a set of wings and they had his name and date scratched on them. He said, if I were to go back and die, this is OK. Four days after he came back, he died.

Each year during the reunions Copeland shares with these veterans, they lay a wreath of flowers out and sing Auld Lang Syne because they know each year, someone won't be back to the reunion.

Meeting notes by Trudy Jones

## November 11th— **NO MEETING** In Honor of Veteran's Day



Thank you to all the  
men and women who  
have served our country!  
We honor you this day  
and everyday!



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## November 25th—Rotary Youth Exchange Program

Our program today was about the Rotary Youth Exchange Program. Our guest speakers were Tanya Feagins, District RYE Coordinator, & Aim Ruksilpakit, the RYE student from Thailand that our club has sponsored in conjunction with Randolph and MidState Rotary Clubs.

Tanya Feagins, District Coordinator for RYE, shared with us some stories of students who have participated in this exchange program. Tanya also described the details of how all of this works. Rotary Youth Exchange is where we participate in sending qualified students from our country to study abroad & in exchange we host an inbound student for each student we send outbound. Regarding school attendance, there are no additional costs to our city/county schools to host this student in our area. The seat that our local student would have filled is now filled by the exchange student.

Aim shared with us about her experiences here so far. She is excited to be here to improve her English and to experience our culture. Part of being here means that she must learn to manage money & paying for things on her own. At home her mother would be the one to pay for anything that she needed. Here she must learn to do this to function at school and socially. She is mostly surprised at our strange weather...hot one day and cold the next. Winter for her at home consists of temperatures around 60-70 degrees. Quite a difference!

John & Cathy Grey have graciously been the host family for Aim this fall/winter. In December she will be staying with Kathy & Phil Homiller. John expressed how blessed they were to have Aim in their home. He said it's really made them focus on how to communicate clearly & speak slower so that Aim can understand what they are saying. Southern English is in itself something to learn through experience!

Tanya thanked our club for actively sponsoring an exchange student this year & hopes that we will do so again in the future. We also need to consider local students that we feel who be a good fit to participate in this program. Possibly one of your children or grandchildren would like the opportunity?!

Meeting notes by Christie Smith

## November 25th—Induction of New Members & PHF Presentation

Today we inducted 4 new members into our club:

- ◆ Brian Gallimore, became a member on September 30th, sponsored by H.R. Gallimore
- ◆ Wanda Pegg, became a member on November 1st, sponsored by Steve Guy
- ◆ Terry Worrell, became a member November 14th, sponsored by Linda Cranford
- ◆ Susan Scott, became a member November 14th, sponsored by Steve Guy

H.R Gallimore presented his son Brian Gallimore with a Paul Harris Fellow. Vickie Gallimore, from the Radolph Club was also here to present this award today.

Thank you to those who've sponsored these new members! Let's all encourage and support our new members.

Who do you know that would like to be a part of this wonderful family of Rotary?