



Programs & Club Events ~

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

October 7 — Club Assembly

October 14 — Judge Eric Levinson shares about his trip to Afghanistan.

October 21 — Mayor David Smith

October 28 — NO MEETING (Joint meeting/Family of Rotary event Oct 29th)

October 29 — Family of Rotary Event 6:30 @ AVS. Neal Griffin will be the guest speaker, sharing about his near death experience last year.

District & RI Events ~

- ◆ District Golf Tournament 2014 will be October 2 @ 12:30 at Sedgefield Country Club.
- ◆ Past District Governor Fellowship October 2 @ 5:30 at Sedgefield (following golf tournament).
- ◆ Paul Harris Society Member Appreciation Dinner October 8 @ 7:00 at Proximity Hotel
- ◆ Sandler Training “Growing Your Business—Enriching Lives” Polio Event October 20 @ 8:00 (all day) at Koury Convention Center. Register to attend. Invite local businesses to participate.
- ◆ Foundation Banquet November 6 @ 7:00 at Koury Convention Center. RI President Nominee John Germ is the guest speaker!

Birthdays & Anniversaries ~

Member Birthdays

10/04—Elizabeth Cox

10-06—Dale Lambert

10/09—Prithvi Hanspal

10/12—James Gouty

10/13—Wilbert Hancock

10/20—Elizabeth Mitchell

10/20—Ted Matney

Member Anniversaries

10/04—John Redding II 18 Years

10/10—Elizabeth Cox 21 Years

Wedding Anniversaries

10/05 Doug & Marianne Aitken 51 Years

10/16 Waynette & Saba Araj 5 Years

10/18 Prithvi & Bunny Hanspal 42 Years

CLUB OFFICERS:

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James Gouty
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John Grey
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Stan Beck
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John Revell
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Elizabeth Mitchell

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Asheboro Rotary Club

District 7690—Area 8

Club # 6052

October 2014 Newsletter

October 7th—Club Assembly

Today's program was a Club Assembly, presented by our President James Gouty. This was an interactive meeting with the entire club.

How are we doing? Good feedback from members...

Program Quality? Dave Craven is the Chairman of Program Committee. Good Job on Programs!

Suggestions to improve meetings:

Members said it was a good thing to switch the introduction of the guest to up front so we could greet them.

Alan Pugh suggested we get bigger audiences for the important guests that we get such as having combined meetings when we obtain such important guests, such as presidents of colleges and the NC Supreme Court Justice, etc. It is important that we have a larger audience for them. We have VA day joint meeting, so we could do it then.

Financial Reports:

James said he promised us financials this year, so we have assets of \$9,881.49 today. And still owe for Sept. We have \$6500 to the good this year operating capital. The Foundation has a balance of \$4500 and we owe \$2500 so we have a balance of \$2000 in the account. Happy Bucks provided \$523 for July, Aug and Sept and 50/50 provided \$358. For July, Aug, and Sept, which goes to the education foundation. We have \$3500 income and \$2400 goes to Paul Harris Foundation. We need \$1250 for Stop Hunger Now and \$2450 for the Dictionary Project.

We need suggestions to update the 50/50 program to accumulate more money and take these suggestions to the Board.

We have a request for the Water Project in Mexico and a request for the Mt Airy Rotary for Health workers in Uganda. We agreed that the Water Project request in Mexico came first.

One new Paul Harris Society Member gets us \$1000 grant.

We still owe the Hospital \$5000 to meet our pledge to them. We still have the scholarship fund to meet, which is 2 scholarships for a total of \$4000.

For fund-raisers we have a Flag Day Project. We will sale and then display American Flags in a high-visibility area on Flag Day. We do have plans to hold a golf tournament in the spring. We'd also like to have a smaller fund-raiser soon.

President Gouty will email the financials out to members.

Gold Club Status:

James went over where we stand with meeting our Gold Club requirements.

Please remember that to meet Gold Club we need all Paul Harris Sustaining Member contributions by December.

This is \$100 per member. EREY is "Every Rotarian Every Year" which means that every members gives a contribution

of any

amount every year.

Services Projects:

Big Sweeps was successful this year. Thanks to all who participated. Pictures were shared with the members.

Stop Hunger Now and the Dictionary Project are both coming up in October.

Meeting notes by Trudy Jones



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October 14th—Judge Eric Levinson

Alan Pugh introduced our honored speaker today, Judge Eric Levinson. He was a district court judge in Charlotte at age 28. He was the youngest judge on the court of appeals at age 33. He was in the Bush administration as a justice attaché to the US Dept. of Justice in 2007 and served in Afghanistan in 2008 and was appointed to Superior Court judge in NC. He has served at every level of our judiciary. His experience in the middle east will have something new to reflect on what is happening in Iran and Afghanistan. Judge Levinson also has his father Gary Levinson with us today.

Judge Levinson began by saying that he has no new information than what we are already privy to, but would like to reflect on what he saw first-hand during his time in Iraq. First on Iraq. How many people live in Iraq? 28 mil. 2003 and 2007 constitution of Iraq adopted the judiciary. The judiciary became a different branch of government. Judiciary before 2003 was beginning to branch out. Before that, the most important was the military court. You had 1 minute due process and then execution. This was the land of Babylon, with a proud tradition of having an educated group of lawyers and bar members and trying to advance the same as we do. Facts and Law, not status and money. During the Sadam years, judiciary had a relatively small group such as 350 and 400 judges, compared to here in NC alone we have around 400 judges. Theirs was a small measured judiciary but well regarded. Many of their lawyers are still working today. Chief justice is longest serving political judge in Iraq. From 2003 to 2008 they tried to establish a judiciary group that the people would accept. We have a rule of law in this country and we push to courts and hope folks have a fair outcome. Iraq has a judicial system small and here is their challenge. Not everyone buys into the system. The rule of law system can be different than the government established rule of law. He had a blessing just participating in establishing major crime courts so Iraq could prosecute international Article 7 of Iraq criminal code. Article 7 criminalizes terrorism activities. Iraq judges that had the bravery to adjudicate this way put most of their lives in jeopardy.

Afghanistan has a different environment. They are an Islamic republic, not secular. This is 200...500...1,000 years behind. In 2008 Judge Levinson was there to provide counsel to new commercial and civil courts. Thinking if we do not have credible venues where people have their contract rights enforced, then we will not have economic investments in the country. We came up with a template and started new courts and new judges that 95% illiterate provisions dealing with tenancy law. He went over to the supreme court bldg. and started asking about their resources and an elderly judge came and found him and handed him 5 pages of notes and said "this is it". The law of Afghanistan had to be translated. Their corruption is a challenge. It is everywhere & tremendous in Afghanistan. It is a very tribal environment. Very few people look to court systems for resolution to address their civil matters. Americans like to think in terms of next quarterly reports, next congressional hearings on the hill. What we have to show in these environments can be measured in success in 5, 10, 20 yr. generational changes. Here we expect changes to happen really fast. This is not so in Afghanistan. We need to pay attention to ISIS and what is happening in Mosul today. As the rest of the country woke up to it, it was recognized as our most critical problem. This is a group of many foreign nationals coming in and unlike anything we have ever seen. It is stressing and disappointing to all of us in terms of what is happening here.

The question was asked "Do women have any standing in Iraq?" Yes, they do. In terms of responsibility, 30% of judges are women. In Afghanistan, it is the Taliban Islamic Republic and much scarier for women there for family life, public life, etc. Iraq is much better.

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October 21st—Mayor David Smith

Talmadge Baker introduce todays Speaker our Honorable Mayor David Smith. Mayor Smith has held every office you can think of. He is a United Way volunteer, Past President and Board Member of the Chamber of Commerce, and served on the City Council for 5 years before becoming the Mayor. He's been active in most all of the clubs in Asheboro. No one has done more for this city than David Smith.

Mayor Smith thanked to the Rotary Club for all our help in the improvements in the centennial park. The city can't do these improvements alone and needs all volunteers. Bonnie Renfro, and Randolph Economic Development, has more activity right now than they have had in a long time. They are regularly showing potential sites to interested business owners looking to expand or start a new business in this area. They are currently showing the land at the former GoodYear site, but have found that the building needs to go. Without the building, the land will be more open to development. The papers said recently that the county has economic incentives for business such as AEC Narrow Fabrics and Technimark, which promise to bring in new jobs through expansion. When we talk incentives we need to qualify. We need to know incentives are a necessary evil. It is a difficult to play to play the game without them. They are performance based. We don't just give anyone without the jobs. We calculate with the jobs. We look at them with the taxes and the jobs as we move forward usually for a period of 5 or 6 years.

We have a good quality of life here. We have a good story to tell. Mayor Smith was in Raleigh twice last week. We were awarded some very prestigious awards. Out of only a handful of awards each year, Asheboro received awards for The Table Farm House, for Sunset Place Apt and for The Loft Apts. People are starting to take notice of Asheboro.

Recently we've added water and sewer in behind the jail area, which is a great potential site for development. Getting in there is a problem with the current roads and railroad crossings. We are working on a new road into this property, New Century Drive, to allow for development of a new business park.

We do have an abundance of water to spare, without some of the large industries to consume the supply now. Plans are in place to replace outdated water and sewer lines. We do have backup power at every station. We were having to spend a lot on chemicals at our treatment plants, but have found that Malt-O-Meal creates a sugar water that creates a microbe that makes our bacteria happy. So, we can use that and so we don't have to buy these anymore.

The city now utilizes GPS technology to tag where to send crews out for collecting landscaping and discarded items. We have 100 miles of streets in the city. That is a lot of miles that we usually go by twice, between garbage and recycling pickups. This is good in Asheboro and saves mileage and money. We have also won an award for this.

These are good and things to be very proud of in this city!

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