

# THE ROTARY CLUB OF RALEIGH NEWS

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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?

**Beware the young doctor and the old barber.**  
- Benjamin Franklin

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## Today's Program

Chuck Kaiton, Carolina Hurricanes

## Upcoming Programs

October 3, 2005 Dr. Dianne B. Suber, President  
St. Augustines College

October 10, 2005 NO MEETING – Columbus Day

October 17, 2005 Gary Hahn, Voice of the Wolfpack

October 24, 2005 The Honorable Rusty Duke  
Superior Court Judge

October 31, 2005 Barbara Mulkey  
Mulkey Engineers & Consultants

## Last Week's Meeting

President Kent Thompson called the meeting to order and Jere Royall gave the invocation and led the pledge of allegiance. Randy Fraser introduced his guest, Allen Mason, Vice President and General Manager of News 14 Carolina.

## Announcements

President Thompson invited members to continue to send in checks for Katrina relief. Funds will be passed on to the Salvation Army.

## Program

President Thompson introduced the speaker, Kevin McCarthy, who substituted for William Atkinson, Executive Director of WakeMed. McCarthy is Vice President, Development and Executive Director, WakeMed Foundation. Atkinson was recovering from a back procedure and was unable to attend.

McCarthy presented an audio visual that outlined the history of the hospital and noted that WakeMed is now located on just two campuses. It is entirely a private entity now, having been a county-funded agency earlier. Since 1997, it has been a private, non-profit business. Currently, WakeMed has 515 beds at the New Bern road facility and the Cary one has 114 beds. Expansion of the beds is scheduled shortly so that the two facilities will add, respectively, 60 and 42 more beds. There are 68 beds in the Rehab Center.

Some of the numbers that tell WakeMed 's story for 2004 are as follows: 40,000 discharges, 150,000 Emergency Room visits, and 500,000 outpatient visits. They are most proud of their open heart, CAT, MRI, cardiac, neuro intensive care and children's emergency departments. WakeMed is the largest teaching program for UNC-CH's med school. Their budget is \$1,830,000 per day, and they have 7,000 employees. They report that they provide 85% of all the charity care in Wake County.

McCarthy told the members about the WakeMed North Healthplex and the plans for an additional medical office building as well as a 300 car parking garage there. Also planned is a new facility in Apex that will be similar to the North Healthplex, however, physicians are expected to be investing in the Apex complex with the hospital. One other development is that WakeMed will be managing the Harnett Health System's new hospital in Lillington.

A 50 million dollar endowment campaign is being launched by the foundation.

Before taking the members on small group tours of the hospital, McCarthy showed a video that depicted the efforts of the team that WakeMed sent to assist the evacuees. Tours of the hospital included the cardiac catheterization unit as well as the children's unit. President Thompson adjourned the meeting before the tours.

Submitted by Reagan Weaver

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