



# THE ROTARY CLUB OF RALEIGH NEWS

March 13, 2006

North Carolina's First Civic Club  
District 7710 Club 6117

Chartered August 1, 1914  
124th Club Formed

## FOUR WAY TEST

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?

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## Today's Program

**Darlene Waddell**

**Global Trans Park**

## Upcoming Programs

March 20, 2006

Korean Ambassadorial Student  
Rotary International

March 27, 2006

Ward Purrington NC Ballet

April 3, 2006

Bill Holman Sierra Club

April 10, 2006

Cate Fotlin Raleigh Little Theater

## March 6 Meeting

**Charlie Upshaw** introduced the speaker, club member, **Michele Kitson**, who is the Managing Director of The Opera Company of North Carolina. Kitson told members about upcoming opera programs, including *The Barber of Seville*, which will be performed on June 2 and 4, respectively, at 7:30 pm and 2:00 pm. Kitson spoke of the need to dispel common myths about opera. She noted that 70% of opera subscribers were first exposed to opera by a family member before age 21. Hence, she is interested in growing the future of opera by having more young people exposed to it. She noted that *The Barber of Seville* is a great family production with lots of fun, slapstick, happy and romantic passages. The melodies are memorable, too.

Kitson noted that the company is in its ninth season and is looking forward to increasing its educational activities and producing two full stage operas each season.

For those concerned about operas in foreign languages, she noted that "super titles" are used so that the audience can know what is being said. Next year the company is producing *Aida*.

## Announcements

President **Kent Thompson** opened the meeting, delivered the invocation, and led the club in the pledge of allegiance. He thanked **Sam Stone** for his memorial to **Neil Webb** who passed recently and noted that \$250, in memory of Neil, had been received already for the Club Foundation. Any public donations will go toward the Rotary Foundation. Thompson also noted the excellent publicity the Club received by being the host of the Mayor's State of the City address.

**Mike Gulley** introduced the Rotarians with guests: **Lynn Daniels** introduced his guest, **Josh Crane** from BB&T. **Whit Lee** introduced his son, **Jonathan Crockett Lee**, a Senior at NCSU. **Emerson Teer** introduced **Matt Kirkpatrick** from Stokes Land Group and **Mark Scarborough** from AXA Advisors.

**Earline Middleton** asked for volunteers to help as Sergeant –at-Arms for March and April. She particularly needs greeters. She thanked **Brad Roland** for his help in February.

**Luther Penny** reminded the club of the upcoming deadline, May 1, for submission of grant proposals to the Club Foundation. He noted that the purpose of the grants is to serve identified human needs. Each potential grant recipient must be sponsored by a club member in good standing (dues paid). Grants are generally in the \$1,000 - \$2,000 range.

**Frank McNally** announced that he has obtained dress circle seats for the Lion King on September 15, Friday, and Saturday, September 16. This is opening weekend of the production. Members have two weeks to bring money to reserve the tickets. Next week, March 20, will be the last time that members may reserve tickets through him. Tickets are limited to first come, first serve. He has 30 tickets for Friday and 25 tickets for Saturday. Price is \$79 each.

**Brian T. Propst** was announced as a prospective member in the Financial Planning classification. He is sponsored by **Jim Ray**.



**Dave Permar** introduced his son-in-law, **Bruce Hamm**, as a new member. Bruce, the former director of the Cary facility, is now a Vice President with the YMCA. Bruce was inducted into the club by President Thompson



Our Speaker and fellow Rotarian **Michele Kitson** has fun with her presentation helper **Teena Anderson** who helped collect business cards for a drawing.



**Sanford Steelman** won a drawing for free tickets and posed for pics with the horseman's helmet prop brought by Michele. Members were stunned by the visage of the NorseJudge.

## **Neil Webb written by Bill McLaurin**

The passing of **Neil Webb** certainly surprised everyone. He had recently agreed to assume the office of Vice President in July and he was ready to take a leadership role with the club. Neil always stepped forward when we needed him. He gave an annual gift to the Rotary Foundation and he honored several family members with Paul Harris Fellow recognition. His family listed the Rotary Foundation as one of Neil's favorite charities and the club has already received several contributions that will be forwarded to the Rotary Foundation Permanent Fund.

The Permanent Fund is intended to provide funds for Rotary Foundation projects into the foreseeable future through investment of the contributions and use of the income. While Rotarians do not receive Paul Harris Fellowship credit with contributions to the Permanent Fund, this is the way that we can have our contributions work to improve our community and our world for decades and perhaps centuries in the future. In honor of Neil, please consider a contribution to the Permanent Fund of the Rotary Foundation.

### **Korny Korner: For the hunter type person....**

Two hunters were sitting around talking one afternoon over a cold beer... After a while the 1st guy says to the 2nd, "If'n I was to sneak over to your trailer Saturday & make love to your wife while you was off huntin', and she got pregnant and had a baby, would that make us kin?"

The 2nd guy crooked his head sideways for a minute, scratched his head, and squinted his eyes thinking real hard about the question.

Finally, he says, "Well, I don't know about kin, but it sure would make us even."

**The Rotary Club of Raleigh Bulletin** is published each week the Club meets. To contribute items contact George Wallace: george\_wallace@ml.com or phone 829-2030. Visit [www.raleighrotary.org](http://www.raleighrotary.org) where bulletins since January, 2001 are posted...or call the Club phone at 848-2333 and request that one be faxed to you. This week's minutes reported by **Reagan Weaver** of the **Blue Dot Judges Team**. **Eric Ellwood** provided the pictures.