



THE ROTARY CLUB OF RALEIGH NEWS

January 23, 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

Dr. Kent John Chobatar

President, Guilford College

Upcoming Programs

January 30, 2006

Paul Stock, Exec VP
N.C. Bankers Association

February 6, 2006

Mac Smith
Adopt-a-Stream Program

February 13, 2006

Allen Reep, The Healing Place

February 20, 2006

No meeting, President's Day

February 27, 2006

Mayor Charles Meeker,
City of Raleigh

Last Week's Meeting

President Kent Thompson opened the meeting and delivered the invocation, and led the pledge of allegiance

Today's Guests:

Michele Kitson introduced her friend Sharon Hill, a certified etiquette trainer.

Emerson Teer introduced John Grimes, a broker with York Simpson and Underwood.

Charlie Upshaw introduced Mark Edwards, from the Canadian Consul's office, and Ryan Slodek from RBC.

Visiting Rotarians:

Ron Stanton from Cary Rotary Club

Leslie Merritt, state Auditor from Rotary Club of Zebulon

Makeups:

Willem Van Eck

Mt. Pleasant, SC

Bob Hunter

Marion Rotary Club

Michele Kitson

Mail-in from SW Durham, Angier

We received \$220 for **Warmth for Wake** Thank you!!!

Bill McLaurin gave a brief report on the first session of the new member orientation, which was attended by 11 members this morning. The second part is January 23.

Earline Middleton needs volunteers to help with check-in and badges for the next few weeks, so members are encouraged to call her.

Mike Bywater advised that 24 student volunteers from Ithaca, NY, who are working with Habitat for Humanity, need help paying for lunches, and he passed the hat for contributions.

The Cary Rotary Chili Dinner is Friday, January 20, lunch 12-2, and dinner 5-7:30. Proceeds go to stop hunger, and tickets are \$7.50.

President Kent reminded everyone of the Rotary Assembly on Saturday at 8:30 a.m. at Greenwood Church in Cary.

Harvey Schmitt introduced our speaker, Scott Custer, President of RBC Bank.



Mr. Custer has been in banking for many years, beginning with Wachovia, and has been with RBC, (previously Centura, and before that Planters Bank). He sits on many boards, including the Research Triangle Foundation, the NCCBI, and the UNC Board of Visitors, and was named Businessperson of the year by Triangle Business Journal for turning RBC's performance around.



He explained how after initial "growing pains" following its merger with Centura, RBC is planning expansion and is committed to this community and region, which will benefit its employees, its customers and the communities themselves. Locating the new 29-story headquarters building in downtown Raleigh is part of the effort to show commitment and be part of the community and the revitalization effort, and company is investing in both, as it wants downtown to be a great place to live, work and play. The building construction will begin spring 2006 and take about 2 years; the building will have RBC and other offices, retail, parking and residential spaces.



Wes
Hall, Mike
Bywater, John
Akerman, David Ammons,
Teena Anderson, Zach Ashton,
Joan Baron, Robert Barth, Dorothea
Bitler, Mark Blake, Davis Blount, Winborne
Boyles, Beth Briggs, Doug Brocker, Jerry Broder,
Charles Case, David Coats, Britt Cobb, John Connell,
Jane Cox, Lynn Daniel, Lawrence Davis, Chuck DeSmet,
Eric Ellwood, Don Esposito, Randy Fraser, Ron Garber,
Katherine Gilliland, Dave Gospodarek, Jim Graham, Michael Gulley,
Stew Gully, Bob Guthrie, Les Hall, Holmes Harden, Tommy Harrelson,
Wilson Hayman, Dave Heintz, Mike Hoyt, Karen Keuseyan, Charles King,
Michele Kitson, Brad Krehely, Kristy Kretzschmar, Bill Lambeth, John Lange, Whit
Lee, Sandy Long, Bill McLaurin, Sam McNairy, Frank McNally, Will Meier, Earline
Middleton, Charlie Moore, Lance Morgan, Brenda Mullins, Chris Page, Luther Penny,
Dave Permar, Phil Pfeifer, Karen Porter, Jim Ray, Terry Reeves, Sami Rizkalla, Surry
Roberts, Brad Roland, Jere Royall, Robert Seligson, Bill Simpson, Kevin Smythe,
Kevin Sommers, Sanford Steelman, Sam Stone, Sarah Stone, Cathy Stuart,
Karl Swink, Emerson Teer, Kent Thompson,
Charlie Upshaw, Vim van Eck, George Wallace,
Regan Weaver, Neil Webb

Thanks for your help ringing the Bell

And collecting \$13,318.12

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The Salvation Army

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