



THE ROTARY CLUB OF RALEIGH NEWS

February 6, 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?

2005-2006 OFFICERS

Kent Thompson

President

Charlie Upshaw

President-elect

Emerson Teer

Vice President

Michael Gulley

Secretary

Kristy Kretzschmar

Treasurer

Earline Middleton

Sgt-at-Arms

Luther Penny

Past President

Directors:

CLUB SERVICE #1

George Wallace

CLUB SERVICE #2

Randy Fraser

COMMUNITY SERVICE #1

Larry Thompson

COMMUNITY SERVICE #2

Mike Bywater

VOCATIONAL SERVICE

Katherine Gilliland

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

Charles King

ROTARY DISTRICT 7710

GOVERNOR - **GLENN HOOD**

ROTARY OFFICE ADMINISTRATION

Karen Keusseyan

Phone 919-848-2333-Fax 848-2333

raleighrotary@nc.rr.com

Today's Program

Mac Smith

Adopt-a-Stream Program

Upcoming Programs

February 13, 2006

Allen Reep, The Healing Place

February 20, 2006

No meeting, President's Day

February 27, 2006

Mayor Charles Meeker,
State of the City Address
At The Memorial Auditorium

March 3, 2006

Dr. James Crisp NCSU
The Alamo

Last Week's Meeting

President-Elect Charlie Upshaw presided over the meeting, in the absence of President Kent Thompson. **John Ackerman** delivered the invocation, and led the club in the pledge of allegiance.

Michael Gulley introduced our guests and visiting Rotarians. **Randy Frazier's** guest was Kimberlee Harris, sales manager for the Hampton Inn at Crabtree Valley. We were honored to have Assistant District Governor **Jeff Taylor** visiting our club. **Clyde Queen** was a visiting Rotarian from the West Raleigh club. **Sanford Steelman** made up at the Crabtree Club.

Charlie reminded club members that on February 27, 2006, our meeting will be at Memorial Auditorium, where Raleigh Mayor Charles Meeker will deliver his annual State of the City address.

Jim Ray delivered a brief report on the Rotary Leadership Institute which was held this past weekend. Six of our members attended.

Two new members were inducted into the club. **Andy Luce** was sponsored by **Emerson Teer**. He is employed by Service Roofing & Sheet Metal Company in Raleigh. Andy and his wife Brenda have 2 children. **Charles Rankin** was sponsored by **Bill McLaurin**. He is employed by Grubb Properties and is single.



Andy Luce, Bill McLaurin, Charles Rankin, and Emerson Teer

Christy Kretschmar introduced our speaker. Paul H. Stock in the general counsel for the North Carolina Bankers' Association. He is a graduate of Duke University and the University of North Carolina School of Law. His topic was an overview of the state of the banking industry. Over the past four years, the banking industry has enjoyed record profits. This was based upon consumer purchases and a strong housing market. While these two economic areas are showing signs of slowing, Growth in the commercial area appears to be picking up.

North Carolina is one of the leaders in banking. This is due to some far-sighted laws that allowed branch banking in the state, which in turn allowed North Carolina banks to gain experience in operating banking networks. This environment also fostered strong competition, which makes for good banks.



Paul H. Stock

The North Carolina Banker's Association helps banks from their creation through to their acquisition. There is a constant cycle of new banks forming, then being bought out by larger banks, or merging, and then the cycle repeating itself. Banks are rapidly moving from a paper transaction model to an electronic model, spurred on by the Federal Reserve.

The Bankers' Association has been active in civic projects, such as Warmth for Wake, and CampChallenge, a camp for at-risk children.

Charlie Upshaw adjourned the meeting.

Paul Harris Fellowships can be obtained for a 50% discount of \$500.

How can I help my Rotary Club?

Attend meetings; enjoy fellowship with fellow Rotarians and guests.

Bring a guest: friend, relative, co-worker.

Recruit a new member to Rotary.

Speakers needed; Ask some on that has a message to speak at our luncheon. Be a speaker, deliver your message!

Challenge: Bring one guest by June 30, 2006, improve your attendance, and/or write an article for the bulletin!

Korny Korner:

A man and his wife were having an argument about **who should brew the coffee** each morning.

The wife said, "You should do it, because you get up first, and then we don't have to wait as long to get our coffee".

The husband said, " You are in charge of the cooking around here and you should do it, because that is your job, and I can just wait for my coffee."

Wife replies, "No you should do it, and besides it is in the Bible that the man should do the coffee."

Husband replies, " I can't believe that, show me."

So she fetched the Bible, and opened the New Testament and shows him at the top of several pages, that it indeed says:

"HEBREWS" Get it, "He Brews" the coffee!

There were two blondes going to California for the summer, they are about two hours into the flight and the pilot gets on the intercom and says we just lost an engine but it is all right we have three more but it will take us an hour longer.

A half hour later he gets on the intercom again and says we just lost another engine but its all right we have two more it will take us another half hour though.

One of the blondes says, "If we lose the two last engines we will be up here all day"

A young Redhead goes into the doctor's office and says that her body hurts wherever she touches it.

"Impossible", says the doctor. "Show me."

She takes her finger and pushes her elbow and screams in agony. She pushes her knee and screams, pushes her ankle and screams.

The doctor says, "You're not really a redhead, are you?"

"No, " she says, " I'm actually a Blonde."

"I thought so, the doctor says. **"Your finger is broken."**

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** where bulletins since January, 2001 are posted...or call the Club phone at 848-2333 and request that one be faxed to you. This weeks minutes reported by **Sanford Steelman** of the **Blue Dot Judges Team**. **Eric Ellwood provided the pictures.**