



# Graham Rotary News

August 21, 2008

Graham Rotary Club • Club No. 6107 • District 7690  
A Certified 100% Paul Harris Fellowship & Gold Club

Meeting at Graham Friends Church  
through the end of 2008  
700 N. Main Street, Graham, NC 27253  
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## Upcoming Programs & Events

- 8/28** ..... Don Kehler, Program Chair  
*Membership*
- 9/4** ..... Reggie Turner  
*Dr. Patrick Harmon, Hayden-Harmon Foundation*
- 9/11** ..... Mike Shoffner  
*Mark Cryan, author of The Cradle of the Game,  
Minor League Baseball in NC*
- 11/6** ..... 6:30-9PM, Foundation Banquet,  
*High Point Country Club*
- 11/21** ..... Rotary Leadership Institute  
*High Point Chamber of Commerce*
- 4/23-26/2009** ..... District Conference  
*Hilton Myrtle Beach Resort & Conference Center*



## Minutes

The August 14th meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance by the club and an Invocation by Mark.

69% of our club was present today. Those Rotarians in attendance were Reggie Turner, Chris Rollins, Mike Shoffner, Ron Blevins, Clenon Russell, Angelica Santiago, Chuck Carroll, Bret Cobb, Don Kehler, Mark Ryman, Jeff Prichard, Phil Moseley, Jody Wallace, Barney Barnhardt, Don Covert, Bill Inge, Joel Walker, George Bason, Russell Guy, Dave Laughlin, Paul Cobb, and Sam Jenkins.

Also present were Mac Williams, guest and program of Russell Guy; Robert Bishop (from New Zealand, abalony farm entrepreneur who is connected with Rotary through Rotaract), guest of Chuck Carroll; and Lt. Brad Shirley of the Graham Police Department, guest of Mark Ryman.

Brian Faucette of Graham Parks and Recreation stopped in before the meeting to report that the Civic Center will reopen in September.

Happy Dollars: Don Kehler and Mark Ryman

Russell Guy introduced his guest speaker, Mac Williams, President of the Alamance Chamber of Commerce. Mac stated that the Chamber of Commerce wears a number of hats—three principally: local business connections, economic development (the Honda jet engine plant being an obvious one), and the convention and visitors bureau.

Coming from Wilmington, Mac asserted that Alamance County is “a better location for what [he does] because there are inherent assets here that

are easy to sell.” 32 new businesses have come into Alamance County since January 2005 that equated to \$132 million and 1,100 jobs. It’s tough to draw a lot of jobs these days because companies do not bring the abundance of jobs they used to bring when they branch out. The reason for fewer jobs with new companies is that companies have been forced to automate in order to stay competitive.



Mac Williams of the Alamance County Chamber of Commerce gestures during his talk last week.

Mr. Williams listed some of the county’s assets: Elon, retail on University Drive and Alamance Crossing, Hospital, liquor by the drink may be a selling point but remains to be seen, and the redevelopment of Mebane, Saxapahaw, and Haw River. With what we have to offer, adding the right attitude about being the best “product” Alamance County can be, we can attract more business in the years to come.

If one thing could be changed in Alamance County, Mac would like to see more land set aside that is planned

## 2008-2009 Rotary Leadership

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## August Birthdays

Ty Reed 8/8/1976

## August Anniversaries

Ron & Gayle Blevins 8/1/1992

Jeffrey C. & Amy Prichard 8/4/1990

Gregory D. & Susie Scott 8/5/1995

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for industrial parks. "There is a difference between ready sites and available dirt."

50:50—Barney's number got drawn but he picked the Jack of Hearts. The pot remains alive.

The meeting was closed with the 4-Way Test. —Mark Ryman

## From the Rumor Mill

It was overheard that the renovation of the civic center is almost complete and that we could be meeting there again by mid-September. If you haven't driven by, do so. Even the outdoor changes are impressive.

Exciting membership developments are heard to be under development. As Paul Harvey used to say, "Stand by for more news!"

## Golf According to St. Titleist

1. Eighteen holes of match play will teach you more about your foe than 18 years of dealing with him across a desk. *Grantland Rice*

2. Golf appeals to the idiot in us and the child. Just how childlike golf players become is proven by their frequent inability to count past five. *John Updike*

3. It is almost impossible to remember how tragic a place the world is when one is playing golf. *Robert Lynd*

4. If profanity had any influence on the flight of the ball, the game of golf would be played far better than it is. *Horace G. Hutchinson*

5. They say golf is like life, but don't believe them. Golf is more complicated than that. *Gardner Dickinson*

6. If a lot of people gripped a knife and fork as poorly as they do a golf club, they'd starve to death. *Sam Snead*

7. Golf is a day spent in a round of strenuous idleness. *William Wordsworth*

8. If you drink, don't drive. Don't even putt. *Dean Martin*

9. If you are going to throw a club, it is important to throw it ahead of you, down the fairway, so you don't have to waste energy going back to pick it up. *Tommy Bolt*

10. Man blames fate for all other accidents, but feels personally responsible when he makes a hole-in-one. *Bishop Sheen*

11. I don't say my golf game is bad, but if I grew tomatoes they'd come up sliced. *Arnold Palmer*

12. My handicap? Only woods and irons. *Chris Codioli*

13. The ardent golfer would play Mount Everest if somebody would put a flag stick on top. *Pete Dye*

14. I'm hitting the woods just great; but having a terrible time getting out of them! *Buddy Hackett*

15. The only time my prayers are never answered is when I'm playing golf. *Billy Graham*

16. If you think it's hard to meet new people, try picking up the wrong golf ball. *Jack Lemmon*

17. It's good sportsmanship to not pick up lost golf balls while they are still rolling. *Mark Twain*

18. Don't play too much golf. Two rounds a day are plenty. *Harry Vardon*



**Paul Harris Fellows**

*The Graham Rotary Club is a  
100% PHF club and a  
100% Sustaining Member club.*

- Clenon W. Russell ..... 2/2/87
- Donald B. Covert ..... 9/30/87
- Joel W. Walker ..... 3/25/88
- Zeb Barnhardt ..... 1/5/1989
- Phyllis F. Walker ..... 7/24/92
- Paul E. Cobb, Jr. .... 10/8/93
- William T. McNeil ..... 3/24/94
- William Andrew Inge, Jr. .... 11/11/96
- Dexter Barbee, Jr. .... 1/23/97
- Donald E. Kehler ..... 3/30/97
- Gregory D. Scott ..... 7/17/98
- Troy Woodard ..... 7/17/98
- Pradeep K. Patnaik ..... 10/10/01
- Bret Cobb ..... 2/15/02
- W. Phillip Moseley ..... 3/1/02
- Jody P. Wallace ..... 3/27/03
- Michael C. Shoffner ..... 3/27/03
- Jeff Eldridge ..... 10/21/03
- Dave Laughlin ..... 1/8/04
- George Bason, Jr. .... 2/26/04
- Chuck Carroll ..... 11/15/04
- Hari Patel ..... 4/13/06
- Sergio Guzman ..... 4/13/06
- Bonciel Johnson ..... 4/13/06
- Irene Barbee ..... 4/5/2007
- Jeff Prichard ..... 4/5/2007
- Mark Ryman ..... 4/5/2007
- Reginald Turner ..... 8/23/2007
- Russell Guy ..... 8/23/2007
- Chris Rollins ..... 8/23/2007
- Ty Reed ..... 10/4/2007
- Angelica Santiago ..... 12/6/2007
- Randy Day ..... ?

**An army of sheep led by a lion  
would defeat  
an army of lions led by a sheep.**  
*Arab Proverb*



**Graham Rotary Meeting Attendance**

(32 members)

|            | Jan<br>2008 | Feb<br>2008 | Mar<br>2008 | Apr<br>2008 | May<br>2008 | June<br>2008 | July<br>2008 | Aug<br>2008 | Sept<br>2008 | Oct<br>2008 | Nov<br>2008 | Dec<br>2008 |
|------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Percentage | 68%         | 58%         | 62%         | 71%         | 54%         | 58%          | 61%          |             |              |             |             |             |
| Number     | 25          | 21          | 22          | 26          | 21          | 20           | 20           |             |              |             |             |             |

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