



Graham Rotary News

Graham Rotary Club • Club No. 6107 • District 7690
A Certified 100% Sustaining Paul Harris Fellowship & Gold Club • August 6, 2009

Meeting at the Graham Civic Center
503 McGee Street, Graham
Mail: P.O. Box 301, Graham, NC 27253

www.grahamrotaryclub.org

Upcoming Programs & Events

- 8/6 Troy Woodard
Linda Massey, Alamance County Commissioners
- 8/13 Barney Barnhardt
Bill Honaker, Wachovia Special Situations Group
- 8/20 Chuck Carroll
Steve Carter/Larry George
- 8/27 Ron Blevins

Birthdays

Ty Reed 8/8/1976

Anniversaries

- Ron & Gayle Blevins 8/1/1992
- Jeffrey C. & Amy Prichard 8/4/1990
- Gregory D. & Susie Scott 8/5/1995
- Paul and Brynda Burns 8/18/89



Meeting videos at:

<http://grahamrotaryclub.org/vid.html>

Meeting photos at:

<http://grahamrotaryclub.org/pix/>

Reed LaPlante in the Rotarian Spotlight

Reed LaPlante moved from Cape Coral, FL, to Graham to be Vice President of Sun Trust Bank. He transferred

girls.

What do you want to accomplish next? I would like to work on a project



his Rotary membership to the Graham club from the Cape Coral North Rotary Club in District 6960, on February 5, 2009. Reed is a Paul Harris Fellow, a Sustaining Member, and a Benefactor. He is one year away from the big three-oh.

In response to a questionnaire sent out to our newest members, Reed recently supplied us answers to the following queries.

What accomplishment are you most proud of in your life? I am very proud of earning my Eagle Scout, as well as working on raising two wonderful

that would change one or several people's lives.

What do you enjoy doing more than anything else? Spending time with family, running, and camping.

What's the biggest difference you've ever made in someone's life? I worked with a gentleman one time that was not quite sure how to get promoted or do what he needed to do to get to the next level. I worked with him separate from work to give him some ideas—a game plan that would help him get to the next level, to not

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2009-2010 Rotary Leadership

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Jeff Eldridge

Asst. District 7690 Governor

Mark Ryman

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Rotarian Spotlight continued...

only better his life but his family's. After a year of working on certain techniques and teaching him about what he wanted to do he was promoted into the next role that he had been going after. Although to some that might



seem like a little thing, for me it showed me that a little help and patience can help someone see a goal and get it.

Why did you want to become a Rotarian? Honestly, my boss in Florida told me that I had to, and that is what got me started. My club in Florida was a small club, but they were involved. I had great speakers come and I attended great events and philanthropic projects. These opened my eyes to what Rotary was really about. I wanted to become a Rotarian to keep my job; I stayed as a Rotarian because I know there is a way in Rotary that I can directly or indirectly change a person's life.

What are your expectations of Rotary? Find issues and fix them—separate from politics, race, or anything else. To make the world a better place.

Tell us about your family. I was a lucky enough person that I was able to trick my wife into marrying down. We have been married for four years, and we

have two great girls. We also have a chocolate Lab named Guinness who keeps his eyes out over little ladies.

Describe your occupation. I am a commercial banking relationship Manager with SunTrust bank. The way I view my occupation is to find creative business solutions to meet my clients and prospects' needs. In a way I am a business consultant paid by a bank.

What motivates you? My family motivates me, and overall happiness. I am a glass half full person. I try to keep the negativity away.

What talent do you have that our club may not know about yet. I competed in Native American Dance Competitions and usually won when I danced the Hopi Indian Hoop Dance.

What would you like your club to know about you? I always enjoy good company and good wine.

What is the most exciting or important thing/experience that has happened in Rotary so far. Personally, when I first joined Rotary, we had a speaker come to the club to talk about the Wheelchair Foundation. That Christmas I donated wheelchairs in my family members' names. When the folders came back, my wife and I realized these were the people that my family was able to help this year. That was the first time with Rotary that we felt like we changed a person's life for ever.

"When a tree stops growing, it is ready to die.

A Rotary Club is like that; it is moving ahead only when it is growing. When the growth ends, a knife-and-fork club begins."

Charles G. Tennent, RI President 1957-58

From Twitter:

- The Rotary Club of Dunwoody, GA, celebrated parents in their club this week. <http://tinyurl.com/n7bvod>
- Project Afghanistan kicked off this week in the Dublin (OH) Rotary Club. <http://tinyurl.com/nnwa3z>
- Graham Rotary is following 122 Rotary types from around the world on Twitter and 135 are following us. www.twitter.com/grahamrotary

Urgent Youth Exchange Hosting Needed

District 7610 (VA) has been unable to place Alexis Jagner (male) from Argentina in their Rotary Youth Exchange program. They have asked District 7690 for assistance.

If you would like to host Alexis for one of three time periods between late August and June (or for the entire school year), please contact Bob Newton, District 7690 Youth Services Chair (Bob.Newton05@yahoo.com).

Phil reminded the club that our membership dues have increased ten dollars per quarter—to \$130—to help us meet expenses. Our previous dues did not meet the costs of food, higher district dues, RI dues, and subscriptions to *The Rotarian*. There is an additional \$25 on your quarterly invoices for either Rotary Foundation Sustaining Members (\$100/year) or for payments toward your Paul Harris Fellowship—depending upon individual members' situations.

This week's inspirational quote (page 5) is the Rotary Four-Way Test. It was created so that it may be printed and framed for your office.

The print is also linked on our homepage. In the first few hours it was online, it was downloaded 24 times.

Meeting Minutes July 30, 2009

President Phil called the meeting to order and asked Mark to offer a prayer. The club then pledged allegiance to the flag.

President Phil recognized Dick Fisher who was visiting, as he often does when he cannot attend the meeting at the Burlington Rotary Club. There were no other guests or visitors.

Mark relayed information from Rick Snider of the Lexington Rotary Club, stating that there was roughly a week before an application would be sent for matching grants for Mercy Ships. Multiple 7690 clubs are applying together to provide free surgeries to the poor and needy in Togo, West Africa. They are trying to get an early application filed since Rotary Foundation matching grants are now more limited in a troubled economy. A commitment of \$1,000 from Graham, to add to the pot was suggested. Only a letter of intention is needed at this time. The request for the funds will come in the fall, at the earliest. Phil said he would call board members to solicit a decision.

Joel came through for us again. He recently paid his \$100 Sustaining Membership without designating what the money was for. As a result, our club did not get credit. Bonnie asked him to give \$100 more *and* designate it was for Rotary Foundation Sustaining Membership. He did; so we are still a 100% RF Sustaining Member club. Thanks, Joel (and Bonnie).

Bonnie mentioned that a Rotary club has donated carpentry tools to her nephew's mission in Mexico. A trip is planned to go to Mexico to teach carpentry skills.

Don Covert presented a check for \$500 from Wal-Mart for next year's Golfing for Scholarships.

President Phil recognized the following for their perfect attendance: Clenon Russell, 52 years; Joel Walker, 41 years; Bill Inge, 38 years; Jeff Eldridge, eight years; Jody Wallace, seven years; and Dexter Barbee, two years. Clenon has had perfect attendance since 1957 when Clinton Crissman was president. Clenon said he blames him for starting this whole perfect attendance business.

Reed reported the projected date

the 5K run is November 7, 2009. A meeting with the City is set to determine a course. We are looking for 20 \$100 sponsors who will get their name on the back of the t-shirt.

Clenon got Frank's Jewelers to engrave the Presidents plaque that is displayed just inside the front door to the meeting room.

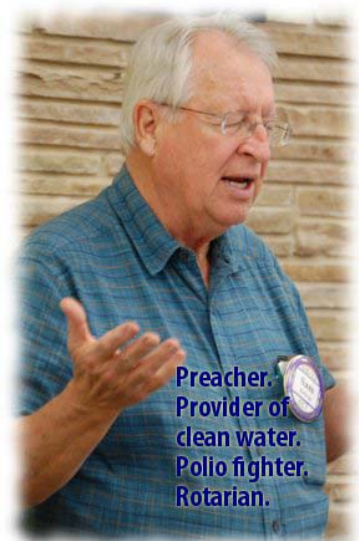
Russell Guy introduced his speaker, Rett Davis, president of the New Leaf Society (www.newleaf-society.org). They have been responsible for beautifying much of Burlington, including additional trees and plants to compliment the Bailey Fountain, adding Crepe Myrtles to Robinson Park, gateway and median plantings at University Drive, Alamance Road, and Maple Avenue, and many other projects.

A visit to our Cardinal Storage unit is planned following the meeting to discover if there is anything in it that should be kept before closing the account.



Sam had the winning 50/50 ticket but failed to pull the Queen of Spades. He was close though, grabbing the Seven of Spades. He left \$166 in the pot for next Thursday.

The meeting was adjourned with the Four-Way Test.



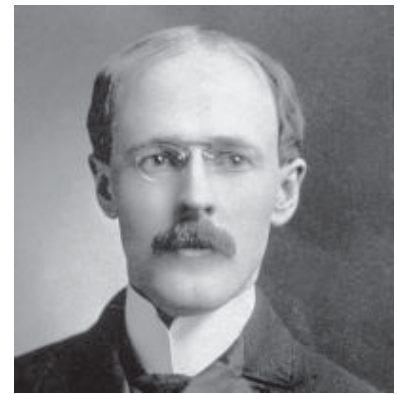


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Our Perfect Attendance Rotarians (L to R): Clenon Russell, Jeff Eldridge, Joel Walker, Dexter Barbee, and Bill Inge



6107 Paul Harris Fellows

- 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
- 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
- Reed LaPlante 5/1/2007
- Russell Guy 8/23/2007
- Chris Rollins 8/23/2007
- Ty Reed 10/4/2007
- Angelica Santiago 12/6/2007
- Randy Day 4/16/2009
- Sam Jenkins 4/30/2009
- Steve McGilvray 4/30/2009

Graham Rotary Meeting Attendance

The July 2009 numbers are based on 38 members.

	Jan 2008	Feb 2008	Mar 2008	Apr 2008	May 2008	June 2008	July 2008	Aug 2008	Sept 2008	Oct 2008	Nov 2008	Dec 2008
Percentage	68%	58%	62%	71%	54%	58%	61%	68%	63%	65%	63%	56%
Avg Number	25	21	22	26	21	20	20	22	20	21	21	18
	Jan 2009	Feb 2009	Mar 2009	Apr 2009	May 2009	June 2009	July 2009	Aug 2009	Sept 2009	Oct 2009	Nov 2009	Dec 2009
Percentage	74%	68%	70%	67%	69%	60%	73%					
Avg Number	24	24	25	24	24	21	28					

For makeup locations, visit the Rotary meetings below or watch our meetings online and notify the Secretary that you did.

Alamance Breakfast Rotary Club

Monday, 6:45am, O'Hara's Restaurant, Ramada Inn, Burlington, NC

Rotary Club of Alamance

Tuesday, 12:15pm, O'Hara's, Ramada Inn, Burlington, NC

Burlington Rotary Club

Monday 5:45pm, Occasions, 286 East Front Street, Burlington, NC

Yanceyville Rotary Club

Tuesday, 12:30pm, Caswell Pines Golf Course, 2380 County Home Rd, Blanch, NC



The Four-Way Test

of the things Rotarians think, say, and do

by Herbert J. Taylor, 1932

- ① Is it the truth?
- ② Is it fair to all concerned?
- ③ Will it build good will and better friendships?
- ④ Will it be beneficial to all concerned?