



Graham Rotary

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Peggy Boswell speaks on the Scott Family Collection at

Minutes for June 23th

No visitors

Happy Dollars:

Brandon gave a dollar for his uncle Jack being back in the bigs as manager of the Marlins. Barney gave a dollar to commemorate Capt. Steve's one month no-smoking anniversary.

Announcements:

Budget was passed by unanimous vote.

Russell introduced our speaker, Peggy Boswell, from the Scott Family Collection at Alamance Community College.

The Scott family is an icon in Alamance County, settling in the Hawfields area in 1739. The Scott family has provided North Carolina with, among others, two governors, state representatives, heads of the local

Board of Education and President of the State Boards of Education Association, founders of local industry such as Melville Dairy, and community leaders such as Director of the American Cancer Society and founders of the Good Shepherd Community Kitchen.

Peggy, a native of Alamance County, started curating the collection in 1999 when the Scott Family donated many of their papers from government service. The Collection has an advisory board which includes Peggy, ACC officials, members of the Scott Family, and museum management experts.

When Peggy started in 1999 there was only one of Robert and Lizzie Scott's fourteen children still alive. Peggy interviewed that person, as well as numerous Scotts from the younger generations, people who

Speaker for June 30

Installation of Officers

Upcoming Programs & Events

- 6/30....Installation of new officers
- 7/7.....No meeting
- 7/14.....
- 7/21..... Don Kehler
- 7/28..... Mike Long
- 8/4..... Terry McNeil
- 8/11..... Steve McRae
- 8/18..... Phil Moseley
- 8/25..... Chris Rollins

knew the Scotts, etc.

Many of these interviews, as well as interviews done by others, are available for listening on the interactive audio/visual kiosks in the Collection facility on the third floor of "G" building on the ACC campus.

The facility has both featured and permanent exhibits. The new featured exhibit, "Robert and Lizzie: An 1880's Love Story as told through love letters, photos, and memorabilia of Robert W. Scott and Elizabeth 'Lizzie' Hughes" opens on July 14th at 2pm. Everyone is invited to the opening reception. For more information, or to schedule a tour of the collection, please contact Peggy Boswell at peggy.boswell@alamancecc.edu.

Pot: no winner, so the pot grows...



The President's Space

*"Rotary Leaves Footprints
(What do ours look like?)"*

Thanks for the memories!

The year has gone quickly, and it has been fun. There have been many successes and a few surprises along the way. We demonstrated flexibility to manage the unexpected twists, however, and everything has come out fine.

I express my sincere thanks and appreciation to the officers and directors who gave me guidance and support during the year. Some of them will rotate off the Board, and others will remain.

Past President Phil Moseley reverts to general member, having been a great help with encouraging tips and reminders for me from time to time. Steve McGilvray moves from Secretary to President-Elect. Randy Day remains as Treasurer. Paul Burns remains as a director. Bill Inge will rotate off the Board, having completed his term as our Club Administration and Club Service director.

Reed LaPlante assumes the office of president, having started the year as our Fundraising and Vocational Service director and then added President-Elect in the middle of the year. Bret Cobb will become the club's Secretary. Jody Wallace begins a two-year term as director, and Megan McClure begins a three-year term. Brad Shirley will again serve as Sergeant-at-Arms.

Committee chairs and project chairs did themselves proud, once again. That's the spirit of Rotary. Congratulations and thanks.

I thank each and every member for the time and effort that you gave to Rotary this year. You have seen the reports on the successes we had with raising money for and donating to worthy causes. You dug into your pockets a little extra and responded to the call for emergency assistance to Lee County when the tornadoes came through recently. You attended our meetings in record numbers. Of course, I suppose the lure of a rapidly rising total in the 50/50 pot had something to do with that. I may have been the only president to see an entire year go by without anyone pulling the winning card.

The Club approved the budget for 2011-2012 at the meeting last week. Another year is beginning. Thanks, Reed, for taking it on. We look forward to following your lead.

See you at the meeting!

"Service Above Self"

Thought for the Week

The Pages Long Forgotten

By Michael T. Smith

Mike stepped into the used bookstore, smelled the age of old pages and smiled.

Here was a wealth of old stories, history waiting to be read, and a host of other joys. On a back shelf, he found what he was looking for, two tiers crammed with the forgotten. They'd served their use to those who once held them dear, but now gathered dust in the darkest corner of the store.

There were Italian, American, French and Greek. They contained secrets from around the world. There were collections of chicken, beef, pastries, bread, and desserts. They waited, hidden in a little explored part of the store, and hoped someone discovered their treasures.

Mike knew what to do. He picked one up, held the spine in his hand and let the book fall open. They always opened to the most used pages, the recipes loved by lost generations. The page in front of him was for a recipe called, "Beef-filled cornbread". The picture showed a delicious layer of meat and cheese, layered with cornbread and covered with a hot sauce. The pages were stained with splatters of tomato sauce. It was obviously a favorite of the previous owners. He'd try this one.

Those used the most are the best.

He found several other books, each with its own marked pages, carried them to the counter and made his purchase.

"I hope you found something you like." The cashier said.

"Oh yes. Very much! I'm sure these are exactly to my taste."

He paid for his purchase, left the store and carried them in a bag on his way to work.

In the locker room, he placed his books on the top shelf and changed into his scrubs. The recipes would wait. He had a duty.

Freshly dressed, he walked his floor. "Hello, Mrs. Smith!" He smiled at the elderly lady sitting in the sun-room reading a book. In her day, she must have been a beautiful woman. She still was, for a woman in her eighties. "How was your day?"

"Horrible!" she growled. He sat beside her, held her hand and looked into her eyes. "My grandson didn't visit me," she continued. "He promised me he'd be here today." She adjusted her shawl and tried to hide the tears about to spill from her wizened eyes.

"Maybe tomorrow." he replied. "You know how busy these young people are." He noted the tear in the corner of her eye and changed subject. "Mrs. Smith, didn't you tell me you lived during the great depression?"

A smile came to her face. "Oh, yes. What a time that was. There was no work, ya know. But we survived."

"How did you get by?"

"Well, we all worked together.

Everyone worked together. We helped each other." She frowned. "It's not like today, where people are too busy to worry about anyone but themselves. In those days, we worked together. If you didn't, you starved."

"It must have been a hard time, Mrs. Smith. I don't know how you did it."

"I didn't." she grinned. "We did. We did it together, the neighbors and my family."

He left her smiling and hoped her grandson paid a visit the next day.

He moved down the hall and stepped into Mr. Walker's room. "Hey, Walk! How's things?" He used the name Walk, as all the others in the center called him. It made Walk feel comfortable.

Mr. Walker looked up from a puzzle he leaned over. "Could be better, Mike. This damn puzzle has me stumped. These eyes aren't what they used to be."

"I know, Walk. Just take your time. There's no rush."

"There is too." Walk chuckled. "I need to finish it before I die."

"Not too soon I hope." Mike said.

"Soon enough. Be glad not to have to work on this darn thing anymore anyway. Say! Have I told you about the guy who walks into a bar with a giraffe under his arm?"

Mike chuckled. Walk loved a good joke. "I don't believe you have."

Walk's face broke out in a smile. "You see, this guy walks into a bar with a giraffe under his arm. He has a few beers. The giraffe falls asleep on the floor. The bartender looks down, sees the giraffe and asks, 'What's that lying on the floor?'"

"The guy says, 'That's not a lion! That's a giraffe.'"

Walk broke into a laugh that turned into a coughing spell. Mike slapped him on the back. "Come on, Walk. Cough it up."

Walk got himself under control.

"Thought I wasn't going to finish this damn puzzle after all."

"You're OK now. I got your back."

I know about covering someone's back." Walk sat straight his seat. "I was in WWII ya know."

"I heard that. Did you have a hard time?" Mike asked.

"Mike, you have no idea. It was the winter of '41, or was it '42. I can't remember now. Snow was up to here." Walk pointed to his thigh. "We were on the front. The enemy was close."

Thirty minutes later, Mike said, "WOW! That's a story, Walk." He paused. "Walk, I knew you were in the war, but I don't think I ever thanked you. I want to say, 'Thank you.' You made us safe."

"Ah, stop it. It was nothing." Walk turned to his puzzle, too embarrassed to continue their talk. He and others knew what they did, but don't want to take credit. It's an unspoken rule between the veterans. They did what they had to.

Mike continued on his rounds, held hands, shared hugs and listened.

Here they were, like the cookbooks, sitting in dark corners, ignored. Mike knew what to do. He held them, let their hearts fall open, and found the pages stained with use.

They are the most valued. They are the pages long forgotten.

Michael T. Smith

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Birthdays

Bret Cobb.....6/28/74

Anniversaries

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6/8/91

Clenon & Virginia Russell

6/11/49

Mike and Andy Shoffner

6/11/07

Steve & Cindy McGilvray

6/28/02

The 4-Way Test

Rotarians apply the 4-way test to the things they think, say, and do.

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?