

Welcome to the Rotary Club of Highlands

Celebrating 64 years of Service

Today's Meeting

March 9, 2010

Call to Order : Paul Schmitt, President

Invocation and Pledge : Pete Ray, Chaplain

Happy Dollars : Slocum Howland, Sergeant at Arms

Announcements : Paul Schmitt

Today's Program



Mar. 9: Dale Stewart

Dale Stewart, an expert in crisis management, will talk about his recent visit to Haiti and other examples of crisis management and decision making.

March Birthday

Barbara Lawrence – Mar. 10

Tay Bronaugh – Mar. 10

Ronnie Waller – Mar. 18

Bud Pittman – Mar. 20

March Wedding Anniversaries

Greg Crawford – Mar. 21

Mark Whitehead – Mar. 25

Kaye Gorecki – Mar. 26

Our Program Sponsors

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Literacy : the topic of focus for March

In Rotary, we recognize March as Literacy Month. This is when Rotary focuses on the importance of literacy and education in our humanitarian service. Literacy plays a critical role in a healthy and productive life. Being literate does not just mean having the ability to read a book or a newspaper. Being literate means being able to comprehend the instructions on a medicine bottle, a set of directions, or a job posting. It means understanding the note written by a child's teacher. It means being able to use a computer, follow a recipe, or apply for a mortgage. Literacy means being part of the larger society. It means inclusion, and it means empowerment.

Those who cannot read or write, whether they are children or adults, are cut off from important information in ways too numerous to count. They are less likely to be healthy and more likely to be poor. And perhaps most critical of all, parents who cannot read are more likely to raise children who cannot read – perpetuating the cycle of illiteracy, and of poverty.

There are so many simple and creative ways to break this cycle. Whether it is by volunteering in schools, by bringing education and training to adults, or simply by ensuring that all children have the books and supplies they need, we in Rotary can do so much. We can help others learn to read – and learn to help themselves. *(Excerpts from Glenn E. Estess, Sr. RI Foundation Trustee Chairman)*



At our Feb. 23 meeting, we recognized our scholars of the month. From left : Kyle Gabbard (middle school), Tom Jes-sup, Jessica Gagne (high school) and Sarah Futral (grammar school).

Welcome our new member!

During the Feb. 23 meeting, new member Jay Calloway was inducted into the club.



Upcoming Rotary Events

Monte Carlo Night – Saturday, March 13

Monte Carlo Night begins at 6 pm at the Highlands Community Bldg. Each Rotarian is to sell or use one ticket at \$40 per ticket. This is a main fundraiser for our Club supporting Rotary donations and financial support to the Highlands Community. Your participation is needed.

Stop Hunger Now: Meals for Haiti - Saturday, March 13

Literacy Bingo – Thursday, March 18

Expand a child's world through Literacy Bingo on Thursday, March 18 in the Highlands Community Building from 6:30 to 8:30 pm.

Upcoming Programs

Mar. 16 : The Interact Club will be running our meeting



Mar. 23 : Summit Charter School : Dr. Jack Talmadge

Dr. Jack Talmadge is the director of Summit Charter School in Cashiers, NC. A native of Atlanta, Jack is in his second year as Summit's director. Today he will speak about the literacy challenges many students face and how Summit Charter School addresses these needs.

