



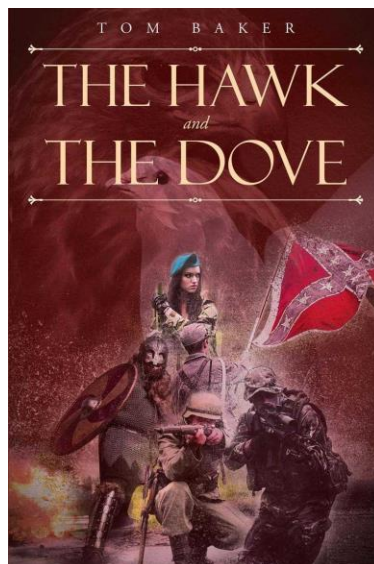
Rotary Club of Highlands

Club 6023 - Chartered May 2, 1945 - District 7670

Bulletin January 26, 2021

Fellow Rotarians:

The speaker at last week's meeting was Tom Baker, whose experiences as a 19-year old soldier in the Vietnam War left mental scars that haunted him for many years. After leaving the Army, Tom spent a career with the Forestry Service, but the inner wounds of war followed him. At one time he even contemplated taking his own life. He finally found a degree of relief through a VA sponsored writing program, "Writing for Healing", where he was able to painfully face the demons that had continued to haunt him. He has written an historical novel, *The Hawk and The Dove* that is published. Today he works with veterans suffering from PTSD. More than 20 a day commit suicide, and it is Tom's hope that he can help some of them to prevent these tragedies. He is currently working on his memoirs, which will be published soon.



Tom Baker's historical novel

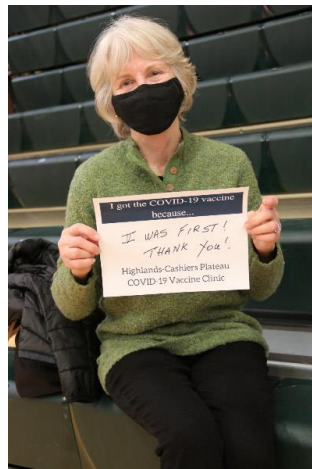
Tom's presentation, as well as all other presentations since June 2 are available for viewing in the members' area of our web site.

Annual Sponsorship Drive

Our Annual Sponsorship Drive runs through March 31. Each Rotary member is asked to support this fundraiser with either a personal donation or by getting a local business to become a sponsor. All sponsorships, which are tax-deductible, fund our Charities Account for the Rotary year 2021-2022, and will be used to support worthy local needs, including approved grant requests. See the sponsorship email sent on January 3 for details. If you need those instructions re-sent, let me know.

The Highlands Cashiers Plateau Vaccination Initiative:

Our club is participating in this initiative to provide Covid-19 vaccinations locally to Plateau residents. An announcement is now on the home page of our web site that has a link to instructions for registering with the state and for requesting an appointment to receive a vaccination. The first local clinic, held January 20, was very successful, with around 420 people getting the first dose of the vaccine. A second clinic was held on Sunday, January 24 with 488 people being vaccinated, 234 from Macon County, 213 from Jackson County and 31 others. Wednesday clinics will continue for at least seven more weeks as vaccine supplies become available. There is a continuing need for volunteers. Contact **Jerry Moore** ejmoorejt@yahoo.com) to help. This is an opportunity custom made for Rotarians, where our time will make a real difference in the community.



The first recipient of the vaccine on the Plateau

Current Macon County COVID Information:

Also, there is now a link on the home page of our web site that will take you the Franklin, NC web site providing **up to date general information concerning Covid-19 in Macon County**. Look in the Announcements section of our home page and click on "Virus Update".

Zoom assistance:

An announcement has been added to the home page of our web site to guide members to the zoom session sign on.

Remember that if you have any technical or training issues attending the Tuesday Zoom meetings, you can contact Mike Murphy or Jim Oesterle, who will be glad to help you.

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January Birthdays

Robin Tindall	1/4
Jane Jerry	1/12
Fred Smith	1/13
Sherry Holt	1/17
Jim Ward	1/23

January Anniversaries

Harry McDonald	1/7
Lenny Baer	1/15

January 26 Program:

Rotary member, Bentley Manning, will discuss the history of the Episcopal Church of Incarnation and the recent construction and renovations to the church.

To join Tuesday's Zoom meeting,

click ==> [Join Rotary Meeting](#)

or

copy and paste to your browser →

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88936068330?pwd=eFRjWVZSbm1WdGxWU0ZVMWNnUE11QT09>

Meeting time 12:15 p.m., but you can enter the meeting earlier to test your system. I hope to see you all Tuesday!

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