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DISTRICT AWARDS MONTH

MARCH 15th MEETING

Presiding: Pres. Ed Jackson

Pledge, Song & 4 Way Test: Neil Brown

Invocation: Ted Northrup

Health, Happiness & CART: Dave Cauble

Introduction of Guests: Dan Caldwell

Guests:
 Dylan Veal Guest of Kal Kardous
 Frieda Farkouh Guest of Bill Farkouh
 Grant Smithson Guest of Ed Jackson
 Craig Sheridan Guest of Ed Jackson

Attendance:
 CNR 28
 Charlotte Area Clubs: 0

Birthdays:
 Nate McLamb March 22
 Fred Culbreth March 24
 Ed Jackson March 24

Anniversaries:
 Kay and Brigitta Schnaidt March 28

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TODAY'S PROGRAM

Scott Provancher, Arts & Science Council

FUTURE PROGRAMS

3/29 - Bill Currens & Joseph Crapster, Duke Energy
 4/05 - No meeting – Easter Monday
 4/12 - Bill Burnham & Bryant Eckert, Group Study Exchange Egypt & Lebanon

NEXT WEEK'S ASSIGNMENTS

Pledge & Song	Dan Caldwell
Invocation	George Zalaquett
Health & Happiness	Jim Pressly
Guests	Fred Culbreth

UPCOMING EV ENTS

April 23 – District Conference, Wilmington, NC

AREQUIPA & ALTO CAYMA UPDATE

Ralph Bostian gave an update on our Arequipa and Alto Cayma support project. Using District 7680's matching funds, other district clubs combined resources to provide backpacks to 600 students. This is a continuing project.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, ROTARACT!!!!

Norm Schul reminded us that Rotaract was started in 1967 by Charlotte North Rotary and today there are 8,000 Rotaract Clubs in 167 countries. Rotarian Charlie Greer, oversaw this effort.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Kal Kardous gave an update on our membership drive where the goal for each member is to recruit one member.

MARCH 15th PROGRAM

Bill Farkouh introduced our program which featured **Hospice and Palliative Care Charlotte Region**. Our speaker, **Marilyn Morenz**, is the Education & Resource Manager at HPCCR.

Currently they serve Mecklenburg and surrounding counties. HPCCR is a nonprofit organization and the cost of care depends on ability to pay and is often free.

Hospice cares for patients who are not expected to live for six months and are not undergoing curative treatment. Hospice services include doctors, nurses, ministers, social workers and other care support professionals. Their goal is to provide maximum comfort whether physical or emotional.

Many people choose Hospice care over curative treatment and often the cost is covered by Medicare in lieu of curative treatment. Medicare

payments do not pay all of the expenses incurred so funds must be donated to supplement expenses. Bereavement care is also provided to families for up to one year.

Palliative care is intended to bring comfort and primarily involves physicians and nurses. Marilyn recommends that everyone do advance planning so you can make end of life decisions, or decide who will, instead of letting the Government make decisions for you.

Several members and guests related their experience with HPCCR and thanked Marilyn for her efforts. Bill Farkouh's wife Frieda is a volunteer with Hospice.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



How does our Rotary Club network with Rotarians, potential Rotarians, businesses, individuals in our local and our worldwide community? There's an interesting article in the Rotarian Magazine for March 2010. If you have not already read it, it's worth a quick read.

Author, Paul Engelman suggests that more Rotary clubs are networking electronically through web sites, blogs, FaceBook, MySpace and Twitter. He suggests further that if we don't participate in these electronic networks we will be left behind.

Some of our members have some expertise in this area and have brought us along in this regard. Jim Narus made electronic press releases to the newspaper, set up a Face Book site for our fund raiser and prepared updates for our website. Ted Northrup and George Zalaquett have done several things to update our website. Mike Jette has prepared a blog of his travels to Africa.

This article in the Rotarian is worth reading and gives us food for thought as we update the way that we communicate.

Service Above Self,
President Ed Jackson