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**ROTARY'S MAGAZINE MONTH**

**MARCH 29<sup>th</sup> MEETING**

**Presiding:** Bill Farkouh

**Pledge, Song & 4 Way Test:** Fred Culbreth

**Invocation:** Bill Farkouh

**Health, Happiness & CART:** Scott Garner

**Introduction of Guests:** Jim Whiteside

**Guests:**

Dylan Veal	Guest of Kal Kardous
Matt Trantham	Guest of Evans Colbert
Jeff Powell	Guest of Mike Collins
Moby Moore	Guest of Jim Pressly
Bobby Lewis	Guest of Mike Collins
Jeff Stibed	Guest of Ted Northrup
Bill Brantley	Guest of Ted Northrup

**Attendance:**

CNR	33
Charlotte Area Clubs:	0

**Birthdays:** None

**Anniversaries:** None

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**TODAY'S PROGRAM**

Bill Burnham & Bryant Eckert, Group Study Exchange Egypt & Lebanon

**FUTURE PROGRAMS**

4/19 – Bob Morgan, Charlotte Chamber of Commerce  
 4/26 - Allen Langley, Dist. Gov. 2011-2012, Polio Plus

**NEXT WEEK'S ASSIGNMENTS (April 19<sup>th</sup>)**

<b>Pledge &amp; Song</b>	<b>Tracie Currie</b>
<b>Invocation</b>	<b>Charlie Willis</b>
<b>Health &amp; Happiness</b>	<b>Brooke Dunwoody</b>
<b>Guests</b>	<b>Bill Farkouh</b>

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

April 23 – District Conference, Wilmington, NC

**MARCH 29<sup>th</sup> PROGRAM**

**Bill Farkouh** introduced our speakers from Duke Energy, **Bill Currens** and **Joseph Crapster**.



Joe Crapster said that Duke has paid a dividend for 84 straight years - approximately 40% of shares are owned by individuals and 60% by institutions. Bill Crapster presented information relating to financial performance, 2010 projections, and strategic direction.

Over the past several years Duke has returned to its roots and focused on regulated electric utility operations which account for 77% of revenues. Unregulated commercial operations include wind generation and Latin American activities.

Earnings are expected to increase in the year ahead and despite a recent increase, Duke's rates are among the lowest in the nation and region. Earnings are needed to finance investments in new plants as well as upgrading current production plants. Also, the need to provide efficient clean energy drives the cost of electricity.

**MATTHEWS ROTARY SPAGHETTI DINNER**

The Matthews Rotary Club will host a Spaghetti Dinner and Chance Auction on Friday, April 16<sup>th</sup> from 5:00-8:00pm at the Levine Senior Center. The cost of the dinner is \$5.00 per person and will include spaghetti with meat sauce, salad, bread and iced tea. Wine will be available at \$3.00 per glass. No reservations are necessary.

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**



We had a remarkable program at our last meeting. Thanks to Bill Farkouh for stepping in for me while I was recovering from an illness.

Several guests joined us at our meeting. Thanks to all who invited someone – please follow up with them to ask them to visit again.

In the coming weeks there are additional great programs. Today, Bill Burnham and Bryon Eckert will talk to us about Rotary's Group Study Exchange Program – one of Rotary's finest programs and a great example of how Rotary builds world understanding.

Be sure not to miss next week's presentation at which Bob Morgan will talk to us about the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce. This would be an excellent time to bring a guest.

Again, we welcome our two newest members, Craig Sheridan and John Muller. Please make a point to introduce yourself and get to know these guys.

Craig and John, it's not too early for you to invite a guest. Please be thinking about who you might invite.

Lastly, a quick note regarding our upcoming Board Meeting on April 19<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am at Byrons - all Club members are encouraged to attend. Craig and John, you may turn your red badge to blue by attending a Board meeting. Hope that we see you there.

Service Above Self,  
*President Ed Jackson*