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ROTARY'S MAGAZINE MONTH

APRIL 12th MEETING

Presiding: Ed Jackson

Pledge, Song & 4 Way Test: Joe Culbreth

Invocation: Mike Jette

Health, Happiness & CART: Norm Schul

Introduction of Guests: Ted Northrup

Guests:
 Dylan Veal Guest of Kal Kardous
 Douglas Grant Guest of Bill Farkouh
 Bill DePaula Guest of Zilda DePaula

Attendance:
 CNR 31
 Charlotte Area Clubs: 1

Birthdays: None

Anniversaries: None

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TODAY'S PROGRAM

Bob Morgan, Charlotte Chamber of Commerce

FUTURE PROGRAMS

4/26 - Allen Langley, Dist. Gov. 2011-2012, Polio Plus
 5/03 - Wayne Acheson, Billy Graham Library

NEXT WEEK'S ASSIGNMENTS (April 26th)

Pledge & Song	Jim Narrus
Invocation	Jim Fretwell
Health & Happiness	Berry Stubbs
Guests	Dan Caldwell

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 23 – District Conference, Wilmington, NC

APRIL 12th PROGRAM



Bill Farkouh introduced our speakers **Bill Burnham & Bryant Eckert** who described their 2009 Group

Study Exchange to Egypt and Lebanon. Bill gave a short overview of the cultural and humanitarian exchange. Brian talked about his experiences and said that he realized the average family is very similar to families here. Two things immediately stood out – the chaotic traffic (no auto insurance exists) and the inexpensive costs of medical prescriptions.

The group visited manufacturing and technical companies and numerous tourist sites including the Sphinx and the Pyramids.

Bill and Bryant showed numerous slides memorializing their trip. Bryant said one surprise was the number of female professions he encountered.

Rotary is very active in building health facilities and developing and funding service projects and this fills a major need for many communities.

Bryant said he gained a great appreciation of the culture and points of view of the people he met.

WELCOME BACK!

Charlotte North Rotary welcomes back **Zilda DePaula** who has been in Brazil. Zilda brought back numerous banners from other Rotary clubs she visited in Brazil.

MEALS FOR HAITI

Tracie Currie said that over a thousand people are needed at Harrison United Methodist Church on April 24th to help pack meals for Haiti. **Contract Tracie for details.**

HAVE YOU BROUGHT A GUEST?

Kal Kardous reminded members to bring a guest and introduce them to Rotary.

EXCHANGE OF CLUB BANNERS

One of the colorful traditions of many Rotary clubs is the exchange of small banners. Rotarians traveling to distant locations often take banners to exchange at “make up” meetings as a token of friendship. Many clubs use the banners they have received for attractive displays at club meetings and district events.

The Rotary International board recognized the growing popularity of the banner exchange back in 1959 and suggested that those clubs which participate in such exchanges give careful thought to the design of their banners in order that they be distinctive and expressive of the community and country of which the club is a part.

Exchanging club banners is a very pleasant custom, especially when a creative and artistic banner tells an interesting story of community pride. The exchange of banners is a significant tradition of Rotary and serves as a tangible symbol of our international fellowship.

Excerpts from “The ABC’s of Rotary”.