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“SERVICE ABOVE SELF” MONTH

MAY 10th MEETING

Presiding: Ed Jackson

Pledge, Song & 4 Way Test: Neil Brown

Invocation: Jim Fretwell

Health, Happiness & CART: Brooke Dunwoody

Introduction of Guests: Bill Farkouh
Guests: None

Attendance:
 CNR 33
 Charlotte Area Clubs: 2

Birthdays:
 Jeff Morgan None

Anniversaries:
 Ed and Patrice Northrup May 20

TODAY’S PROGRAM

Dr. Tony Zeiss, CPCC

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FUTURE PROGRAMS

5/24 - Melissa Orr, NC GAL Program, Children Advocates
 5/31 - No meeting – Memorial Day
 6/07 – Larry Carroll, Bull or Bear

NEXT WEEK’S ASSIGNMENTS (May 24)

Pledge & Song	Fred Brown
Invocation	Joe Culbreth
Health & Happiness	Ralph Bostian
Guests	Dave Cauble

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

The MobilePack project to pack 350,000 meals will be held June 16-19 at the Harrison UMC, 15008 Lancaster Hwy, in Pineville. The meals will go to children in Haiti, the Philippines and other countries. See **Tracy Currie** if you can help.

POLIO ERADICATION

President Ed Jackson talked about the project to raise money for Polio Eradication and that each Club’s goal is to raise \$2,000. If you would like to help, make your check out to Rotary International Foundation “Polio Eradication” and give to **Joe Culbreth**.

MAY 10th PROGRAM

Our speaker today was **David Spohn** who spoke about reinventing himself to become an author.

David came to Charlotte 16 years ago as President and CEO of Northwest Fabrics and Crafts, a subsidiary of ConAgra Foods, Inc. He loved his work but after a year, ConAgra sold the company relocating employees to Omaha where ConAgra’s corporate offices were located. Not wanting to leave Charlotte he did some consulting and taught part-time at CPCC which he still does.

During his many long flights to Asia as a corporate executive he would read on the plane and found that he could probably write as well or better than some of the authors of the books he had read. He remembered Ralph Waldo Emerson’s constant “whispers” about starting over, reinventing, renewing, and allowing ourselves to grow which led him to try his hand at writing fiction, something he always dreamed about doing.

He spent two years teaching himself to write. It took him three years to develop the character which you need to do first and then he decided to write about a fictional business in the Charlotte area. He said he couldn’t write fiction without conflict so he had to create some nasty characters.

After two years, the book “Trump” was born. He sent it to agents all over the country and got it published by a small startup publisher in Atlanta. He never gave up on his dream of becoming an author by always listening to Emerson’s “whispers” to believe in himself.

The book “Trump” can be purchased at almost any independent book store in Charlotte.

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE



We will soon have the pleasure of sending two high school students to the Seminar for Tomorrows Leaders (formerly known as RYLA). The Seminar for Tomorrow’s Leaders (STL) is a week long seminar for rising junior and senior high school students who want to develop their leadership skills.

The seminar is held at Catawba College in Salisbury, North Carolina. It is lead by professionals from the Center for Creative Leadership. The professionals, with the assistance of some Rotarians, lead the students through a series of workshop and real world scenarios that build the student’s leadership skills.

Last year Alexandra St. Hilaire from the Berry Academy attended STL. She then visited our Club saying that she was truly challenged by the seminar. She had been to other programs where the students just go through the motions and survive until the end of the program; but with STL, she was given professional direction and truly benefited from it.

Our Club members Ted Northrup and Jim Pugh have contacted Larry Vandeventer of Berry Academy and David Ball of Charlotte Country Day to obtain two nominees for this years Seminar for Tomorrow’s Leaders.

We are very proud to offer this great program - one of the few programs designed to provide non-classroom learning about how to work with a group to identify skills, build consensus, and lead a team towards a resolution. We are proud as Rotarians to be able to provide this program to tomorrow’s leaders.

Service Above Self,
 President Ed Jackson