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**ROTARY FELLOWSHIP MONTH**

**MAY 24<sup>th</sup> MEETING**

**Presiding:** Ed Jackson

**Pledge, Song & 4 Way Test:** Craig Sheridan

**Invocation:** Joe Culbreth

**Health, Happiness & CART:** Ralph Bostian

**Introduction of Guests:** Ted Northrup

**Guests:**  
Alvin Lewis Asst. District Governor

**Attendance:**  
CNR 31  
Charlotte Area Clubs: 2

**Birthdays:**  
Joe Culbreth June 11  
Kal Kardous June 12

**Anniversaries:** None

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**TODAY'S PROGRAM**

Larry Carroll, Bull or Bear

**FUTURE PROGRAMS**

6/14 - Cary Campbell, Service Awards  
6/21 - John Crib

**NEXT MEETING'S ASSIGNMENTS (June 14)**

<b>Pledge &amp; Song</b>	<b>Ted Northrup</b>
<b>Invocation</b>	<b>Tracy Currie</b>
<b>Health &amp; Happiness</b>	<b>Jim Pugh</b>
<b>Guests</b>	<b>Nate McLamb</b>

**HEALTH UPDATE**

Fellow Rotarian **Fred Brown** recently had a pacemaker implanted. Please keep Fred in your prayers.

**RAFIKI HOSPITAL UPDATE**

**Jim Pressly** gave an update on our **Rafiki Hospital Project** and added to his last week's Rotogram update that their goal is to be completed by November. He said that the \$36,000 will pay for the well but that they will then need money for a holding tank and piping system. They will pursue additional grants for the money for this additional project.

**MAY 24<sup>th</sup> PROGRAM**

Bill Farkouh introduced our speaker, **Melissa Orr**, Volunteer Recruiter for the Guardian Ad Litem Advocacy Program. The Guardian Ad Litem (GAL) program investigates foster children's care. Each year 1100 children come into custody in Mecklenburg County alone where some have been neglected or abandoned by their parents. Others are victims of violence or sexual abuse. All are confused and frightened.

The GAL is present in 900 counties in the nation. There are three attorney advisors here in Mecklenburg County and eight program supervisors who manage the 260 volunteers. Currently there are between 800-1200 children in foster homes. After completing training and being sworn in by a Family Court Judge, the volunteers meet monthly with the child. Their goal is to get them into a safe, permanent home.

**Kelsey Kander** and **Anamita Gall**, AmeriCorps volunteers (which is the domestic version of the Peace Corp) are currently with the Mecklenburg Guardian Ad Litem Advocacy

Foundation and talked briefly about their foundation. This foundation was developed five years ago by concerned Guardians to promote the GAL program and to recruit and support the volunteers and their child clients. They also want to educate the public about abused and neglected children's issues.

They are in need of additional volunteers and funds to continue to be able to support this vital program. They have some fundraising efforts being planned this Fall which includes being able to equip each child with a suitcase when being transferred between foster homes.

**PRESIDENTS MESSAGE**



At next week's meeting (June 14<sup>th</sup>), we will recognize the outstanding police officer, fire fighter and teacher of the year. As in year's past, it should be an uplifting, exciting program in which we hear about the accomplishments of the winners of the award.

It's a great time to invite a friend, associate or colleague to a Rotary meeting. Your guest will thank you for asking them to join you in this program.

Please take time next week to thank our guests from the Charlotte Mecklenburg Police Department, the Charlotte Fire Department and Shamrock Elementary School for their fine efforts in our community. Please thank also Ken Miller, Cary Campbell and Brooke Dunwoody for making the arrangements to recognize our special guests.

Service Above Self,  
President Ed Jackson