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ROTARY AWARENESS MONTH

JANUARY 5th MEETING

Presiding:	Jim Narus
Pledge, Song & 4 Way Test:	Dan Caldwell
Invocation:	Joe Culbreth
Health, Happiness & CART:	Jim Pugh
Introduction of Guests:	Allison Reece

Attendance:

CNR	31
Visitors	2

Birthdays:

David Garber	Jan 18
Bill Parker	Jan 21

Anniversaries: **None**

TODAY'S PROGRAM

January 12th – Rob Lee – Robertson & Foley

FUTURE PROGRAMS

January 19th – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (No Meeting)

January 26th – Dan Caldwell, CNR – “Trip Around The World”

JANUARY 5th MEETING

Ed Jackson introduced our guest today, **Austin Hall**, North Carolina Field Organizer with the Appalachian Voices. **Austin** spoke to us about mountaintop removal in Appalachia and its consequences.

Austin explained that mountaintop removal is a type of coal mining that began

in Appalachia in the 1970s as an extension of conventional strip mining techniques. It allows for almost complete recovery of coal and greatly reduces the number of workers. Dynamite is used to blast away 800-1000 feet of mountaintop, consequently dumping wasted trees and debris into nearby valleys and streams.

Appalachian Voices is helping to end mountain top removal by working with the community. They have also organized a national educational campaign in hopes to end the destruction by gaining support for the Clean Water Protection Act.

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

At our January 5th luncheon, **Past President Brooke Dunwoody** gave us an update on the status of our efforts to raise funds for two “Smart Boards” for Shamrock Gardens Elementary School. To this point, we have raised \$3,600 from a Rotary Foundation Grant and \$1,500 from our two Election Day Fundraisers. That leaves us approximately \$2,600 short.

To make up the difference, Charlotte North Rotary Club will initiate and run several concurrent fundraisers over the next few months. These will include the following:

- Let me begin by stating that if any member would like to donate some funds to the project, please do so. Please make out a check payable to Charlotte North Rotary Club in an amount with which you are comfortable and give it to **Frank Suddreth** at one of our upcoming meetings.

- As you may recall, the club commissioned the production of “Paul Harris Statuettes” to commemorate the club’s 50th Anniversary. We have around 100 remaining. We plan to begin a direct marketing campaign to clubs in North Carolina to try to sell them. The price of a statuette is \$30. In fact, if you would like to purchase one for yourself and/or colleague, please drop off a check to **Frank Suddreth** know and we will get you one.

- At **Bill Farkouh’s** suggestion, we will begin a weekly raffle starting on January 12th. Bill observed this form of raffle at a Rotary Club in Amman, Jordan. Basically, each week one member will donate a “prize” in the form of a gift valued at around \$25. We will sell tickets for \$1 and have a drawing before the end of each meeting. If the raffle is successful, we will continue it and use the proceeds to fund other service projects.

- When the Smart Boards are delivered, we plan to hold an “Open House Fundraiser” at Shamrock Gardens Elementary School. Currently, we are discussing the possibilities with **Principal Wilson** and the School’s PTA. When the details become finalized, we will let you know so that you can participate.

Through these concurrent activities we hope to raise the funds by the Spring. We welcome your support in any way that you deem possible.

Service Above Self,

President Jim Narus