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OCTOBER 20TH MEETING

VOCATIONAL SERVICE MONTH

Presiding: Jim Narus

Pledge, Song & 4 Way Test: Jim Pressley

Invocation: Chief Colbert

Health, Happiness & CART: Fred Culbreth

Introduction of Guests: Jim Pressley

Attendance:
 CNR 27
 Visitors 0

Birthdays: None

Anniversaries: None

TODAY'S PROGRAM

October 27th – Wes Jones, Navtrak, Inc

FUTURE PROGRAMS

November 3rd – Duane Wilson, Principal Shamrock Gardens Elementary

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jim Pugh thanked the twelve CNR members who helped raise over \$2,000.00 at the Charlotte Boxing Academy Tournament.

OCTOBER 20TH MEETING

Vocational Presentation – Ed Jackson described his career as an attorney. Ed told us

us that most of his time is spent planning and advising clients.

His firm, Jackson Law Firm, helps with all phases of business management including tax planning, employment contracts, estate planning, ownership agreements, divestiture, and succession planning.

Often, Ed offers “practical” as well as “legal” advice.



Ed Jackson introduced our speaker Ted Hand, Chief engineer with WSOC-TV.

Ted talked about the change to digital signals for broadcast television effective February 17, 2009. The change will affect approximately 19 million analog televisions receiving signals through antennas. Televisions receiving signals via cable or satellite will not be affected.

Analog TVs will need a converter box to receive the digital signal. The government is offering analog TV owners two \$40 coupons to offset the cost of the converter boxes. The coupons are available on line or via phone and must be used within 90 days of issue.

The switch will free 23 channels for use by public and emergency organizations. If you have any questions please contact ted.hand@wsoc-tv.com or 704-335-4732.

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Following the Ned Pollack Memorial Boxing Tournament on Saturday, October 11th, my son Jeff said to me, “Dad, the other week your

Rotary Club raised funds at the Johnston YMCA's Jazz Festival, this week you are working at a Boxing Tournament. What are you guys doing next week? If possible, I would like to come along too!”

I found a lot of insight and encouragement in Jeff's comments. After all, if a 17-year old male wants to participate in Rotary activities on a Saturday night, then we must be doing something right. From my perspective, that “right” thing is offering a diverse mix of service projects in which our current members and prospective members can choose to participate.

As we look to the coming months, I would like to see Charlotte North Rotary Club undertake a variety of new and engaging research projects. If you have any ideas concerning such projects, please don't hesitate to bring them to me or other officers or members of the board.

Speaking of service projects, our next venture will be our second, “Election Day Fundraiser” at Shamrock Gardens Elementary School. As you may recall, we earned around \$1000 for the school in March on Primary Election Day. This time, we are trying to raise funds to purchase one or more “Smart Boards” for the school. We are also seeking “matching funds” from Rotary International for the initiative. Past President Brooke Dunwoody is taking the lead on this fundraiser. Brooke needs volunteers to supply refreshments that we can sell to voters, or to staff the concessions stand on Election Day, Tuesday, November 4th. We will be sending around a sign-up sheet at our upcoming luncheons. We encourage you to help out!

Service Above Self,

President Jim Narus