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**ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTH**

**TODAY'S PROGRAM**

**NOVEMBER 3rd MEETING**

**November 10th** – Jim and Gloria Hintz – Alticima Peru

**FUTURE PROGRAMS**

**November 17<sup>th</sup>** – Bill Belk – Special Olympics

**November 24<sup>th</sup>** – Thanksgiving – No meeting

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

A Peace and Conflict Resolution Scholarship is available for Masters level students. Contact **Jim Narus** for details.

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 District Gov. **Bob Wilson** is looking for anyone interested in participating in "**Honor Air.**" It is a project that helps send WWII Veterans to Washington, DC to visit the newly opened WWII Memorial.

**Presiding:** Jim Narus

**Pledge, Song & 4 Way Test:** Bill Farkouh

**Invocation:** Jim Pressley

**Health, Happiness & CART:** Brooke Dunwoody

**Introduction of Guests:** Dave Archer

**Attendance:**  
 CNR 37  
 Visitors 1

**Birthdays:**

**Anniversaries:**

**Frank Suddreth** Nov 15  
**Dave Archer** Nov 16

**"Rotary grant supports CNR Shamrock Gardens Elementary Project" \*\***

Charlotte North Rotary has received a matching grant of \$3,600 from Rotary International. This will be used to help us purchase two "Smart Boards" for the school.

**NOVEMBER 3rd MEETING**

**Duane Wilson**, Principal of Shamrock Gardens Elementary, gave an overview of the school and talked about "Smart Board" technology.

Eighty to ninety percent of Shamrock's students receive free and reduced lunches. Most do not have access to computers at home. The "Smart Boards" will help students participate in interactive learning sessions that will enhance the learning experience. The software includes over 4,000 activities that can be used to enhance learning and help students focus on key educational objectives.

The cost is about \$4,000 per installation and the goal is to have a board in each room. Twelve boards were purchased using Title One funds. Currently all 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade classes have "Smart Boards," and 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade classes are being equipped using additional funds.

**THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

November 4<sup>th</sup>, Election Day was another banner day for the Charlotte North Rotary Club. Sixteen of our members volunteered their time at our fundraiser at Shamrock Gardens Elementary School. We were joined at times by **Principal Duane Wilson**

and a few teachers. Other CNRC members and Shamrock Gardens' parents and teachers donated baked goods and beverages for the event. And, I must admit that many of the cookies, brownies, and pound cake slices were quite tasty and impossible to resist. Although voter turnout was limited, we managed to raise \$445 to help purchase a "Smart Board" for the school. As **Brooke** mentioned at last Monday's luncheon, we have received a "matching funds" grant from the Rotary Foundation. So, we are going to donate two Smart Boards to Shamrock Gardens, not just one!

Working along with Junior Achievement and **Allison Reece, Mike Jette** and I have begun to teach a nine-week course on "Career Success Skills" at Garinger High School. On Friday, October 31<sup>st</sup>, I had the opportunity to teach the first class which dealt with selecting career goals and preparing a compelling resume. There are 24 ninth grade students in the class. All of them are highly motivated to further their education and pursue careers in fields as varied as the law, medicine, and computer science.

This is a worthwhile program and I urge Charlotte North members to volunteer for a similar Junior Achievement program at Shamrock Gardens Elementary School in the springtime. Meeting and interacting with promising students is a wonderful experience.

Once again, I want to thank Charlotte North Rotary Club members for your enthusiastic service on Election Day 2008!

Service Above Self,  
**President Jim Narus**