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HAPPY HOLIDAYS MONTH

DECEMBER 1st MEETING

Presiding:	Jim Narus
Pledge, Song & 4 Way Test:	Art Jones
Invocation:	Neil Brown
Health, Happiness & CART:	Mike Jette
Introduction of Guests:	Dan Caldwell
Attendance:	
CNR	28
Visitors	4
Birthdays:	None
Anniversaries:	None

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TODAY'S PROGRAM

December 8th – Mike Collins, Elliott Davis, LLP

FUTURE PROGRAMS

December 15th – Marsha Colbert and Family – Christmas Music

December 22nd – Christmas week – no meeting

December 29th – New Year's week – no meeting

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome back to Dan Caldwell ----- Dan has been traveling for the last 10 weeks!

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Salvation Bell Ringing: CNR members rang the bell at Wal-Mart on Saturday, December 6th.

DECEMBER 1st MEETING

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

To celebrate our 56th anniversary today, we held our meeting at the Johnston YMCA, the location of Charlotte North Rotary's first meeting, December 1, 1952.

Ed Jackson introduced Johnston YMCA representatives Joe Blount and Reece Scott.

The Johnston YMCA began as the North Charlotte YMCA in 1947. The current building was constructed in 1951 with funding from the Johnston Family. The "famous pool" was built in the mid 50's.

When the Johnston Mills and Highland Parks closed, the Johnston Y suffered financially as the neighborhood changed. In the early 70's, the Johnston Y began to focus on community supported activities. Over 60% of revenues come from contributions.

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Frank Suddreth gave an overview of the history of the Johnston Y area. Frank was raised in this neighborhood off 36th street. His family ran a nearby grocery store.

In the late 60's and 70's, Frank served as a member and chairman of the Johnston Y as the board struggled with financial problems. The Central Y took over the Johnson Y and helped it not only survive but grow into a vital part of the community.

Fred Culbreth talked about the history of Rotary and Charlotte North Rotary. Rotary

International was founded in 1904 with the first North Carolina club in Raleigh. As Charlotte grew the city outgrew "one club" size and CNR was the third Charlotte Club. CNR met at the Johnston Y for 16 years and moved to the Barringer Hotel. Over the years CNR has met at various locations along Independence Blvd. (See the enclosed CNR highlights written by Fred Suddreth.)

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Next Monday, December 15th, Charlotte North Rotary Club will hold its annual Christmas Holiday Luncheon at Bryon's from 12 noon until 1:30 p.m. Ed Jackson has arranged to have **The Colbert Family Musical Ensemble** play and sing Christmas Carols for the club during the luncheon. As you may recall, "The Chief's" family has done a great job entertaining the club in years past. Ed has also arranged for a few other surprises to make the luncheon remember. As this will be our final meeting for 2008, please put next Monday's Christmas Holiday Luncheon on your calendar and make it a point to bring your spouse, a friend, or business colleague along for the festivities!

CNRC's Inner Wheel Club will also hold its annual "Christmas Basket Raffle". This is the group's key fundraiser for the year. I hope that you enthusiastically support their work and participate in their raffle.

Service Above Self,

President Jim Narus