



# CRESCENT ROTARY NEWS

“Celebrating 50 Years of Service Above Self”

MARCH 2016

## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

An old proverb says that “March comes in a like a lion and goes out like a lamb”, which essentially means that winter is ending and spring is beginning. The official first day of spring is March 20<sup>th</sup>, also known as the Vernal Equinox. This is one of only two days each year when the length of night and day are equal. Clocks “spring” forward an hour on March 13<sup>th</sup> when we move to daylight savings time. Now that’s a concept we can all get behind. More daylight is a good thing. Flowers and trees begin to bloom. Grass starts greening up. Folks start getting outside more. In short, there are a lot of good things happening around this time of year, and that’s certainly true at Crescent Rotary as well.

Service opportunities this month include the *Meals of Hope* meal packing event at *C3 Church* on March 5<sup>th</sup>---part of the *Out of the Garden* project. Please see Club Service Chair, Charlie Witzke if you are interested in volunteering. Crescent is serving dinner at *Potter’s House* on March 14<sup>th</sup>. Eric Fitzgerald is heading that up for us, so let him know if you’d like to serve. *Shadows Day* is March 24<sup>th</sup>, where you can teach a local high school student about your profession during the morning, followed by a luncheon at the Koury Center. Scott Hummel has all the details for you.

Lisa Hazlett and her Programs Committee has a great lineup for us this month, highlighted by Miss North Carolina, Kate Peacock on March 7<sup>th</sup>. If you have been thinking of inviting a prospective member to the club---who just happens to be male---I predict your odds of getting a “yes” will be extremely high on this date. Call me psychic. Remember that we need those prospective members to come and visit, as the only goal remaining in order for Crescent to attain *Gold Club* status for this Rotary year is increasing membership. But not just for Gold Club----for the long-term health and vitality of our great club.

Fun continues rolling right along at Crescent in March. The always popular *Third Thirsty Thursday* at Southern Lights Bistro falls on the 17<sup>th</sup> this month. In addition, the next *Family of Rotary* event is at the Greensboro Coliseum on March 20<sup>th</sup>, when the *Harlem Globetrotters* come to town. Please let Fun Director, Ashby Cook know if you would like to attend. Further, when I think of fun, I think of the Crescent Rotary Annual Fundraiser coming up on April 8<sup>th</sup>. Have you ever noticed that the word “**fundraiser**” has the word “fun” in it? Coincidence...I think not! Make your plans to attend now. You can buy your tickets at [www.boilandbru.eventbrite.com](http://www.boilandbru.eventbrite.com) thanks to **Fundraiser** Co-Chair, Justin Smith. Please thank him for setting up the website, and forward the link to all your friends and acquaintances.

Yes---lots of good things happening at Crescent, fellow Rotarians. Spread the word!

Rich

## MONDAY MEETINGS

- 3/7 Kate Peacock—Miss North Carolina
- 3/9 Board Meeting—4:00 Carolina Bank Annex
- 3/14 Vocational Program
- 3/21 Donna Newton—Triad Workforce Solutions Collaborative
- 3/28 Krysta Weingarten
- 4/4 Mike Clark
- 4/8 Annual Fundraiser
- 4/11 Service Project

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS:

February Attendance :

77.92%

86 Members

We Welcome:

Nemin Chander

## Thirsty Third Thursday!

Join us every 3rd Thursday of the month. Our next informal meeting will be **March 17**. This is a great time to ENJOY fellowship with fellow Rotarians!

**5:30-7:00 pm**  
**Southern Lights Bistro**



Coming in April!!



Calling All Rotarians  
Which Crescent Rotarian would you like to see do a program (hear their story, share more about their business or industry, etc.)? Send your best idea to Lisa.

haztwo@mac.com

### Upcoming Events

- 3/5 Meals of Hope 1:00-3:00  
C3 Church—Hwy 68
- 3/14 Serving at Potters House—6:00-8:00
- 3/17 - Carolinas' PETS  
3/19 Koury Convention Center
- 3/20 District Outing—Harlem  
Globetrotters—3:00, Greensboro Coliseum
- 4/22— District Conference  
4/24
- 6/20 Purple Heart Golf Tournament



### BIRTHDAYS

- Dan Hood—3/2
- Scott Hummel—3/5
- Alan Strong—3/5
- Ashley James—3/12
- Carl Seager—3/26
- Melissa Beane—3/31

### WEDDINGS

- Jon Lowder—3/7, 24 yrs
- Ralph Gorrell—3/9, 15 yrs

### CLUBDATES

- Alec Pratto—3/1—24 yrs
- Paula Wells—3/4, 8 yrs
- Doug Stone—3/6, 27 yrs
- Tommy Webb—3/7, 28 yrs
- Sharon Schlachter—3/8, 6 yrs
- Scott Slabbekoorn—3/10, 2 yrs
- Barry Leonard—3/13, 38 yrs
- Scott Hummel—3/17, 19 yrs
- Don Caine—3/21, 35 yrs
- Erin Domian—3/23, 1 yr
- Lloyd Bostian—3/24, 41 yrs
- Bill Pearson—3/28, 33 yrs
- Chip Cromartie—3/29, 6 yrs
- Tamela Gainey—3/31, 7 yrs



Pictures are highlights  
of the 2015  
FUN(D)RAISER!!

**MEMBER PROFILE—RALPH BOWDEN**

Ralph was born in Advance, NC and spent his early years on a dairy farm that his father owned. Their family later moved to the big city of Mocksville, where Ralph went to high school. Ralph started college at UNC, Chapel Hill and after a couple of years took a hiatus go to work. During this time, he was drafted into the Army and was stationed in Stuttgart, Germany doing work that required a high security clearance. After 2 years in the Army, Ralph returned to Chapel Hill, where he received his BS degree. He subsequently acquired an MBA degree from UNC-CH. He also received a graduate degree in banking after he became involved in the banking industry.

Ralph worked as a travelling salesman selling surgical dressings and supplies for the Kindall Company when he first graduated from college. He was successful, but when they asked him to relocate to Chicago, he said “no, thank you” and resigned.

Ralph started in the banking business with Wachovia in Charlotte. He worked his way up in several banks and moved a few times, ending up in Greensboro in 1974. In 1975, he became the President of the new Gateway Bank, and remained in charge until it was sold in 1981. In 1982 Ralph was the founding President of Triad Bank and was there for 10 years before he retired in 1992. Triad Bank was subsequently sold to United Carolina Bank, which was subsequently bought by BB&T.

Ralph was active in the community and in the banking industry throughout his career. Among the organizations that he served were Boy Scouts, United Way, Chamber of Commerce, the American Institute of Banking, and the NC Bankers Association. Ralph also helped school age children learn about business through his work with the Greensboro Economic Education Program.

Ralph joined Crescent Rotary Club in 1975. He has volunteered for many of the club’s activities over the years and served as President in 1978. He was the first District Governor from Crescent when he served during 1988-1989. He has been very instrumental in garnering support for the Rotary and Crescent Foundations. Ralph has had perfect attendance for 40 years, and even though he has just recently missed a few meetings due to illness, his make-up credits enabled him to keep his record intact. Fortunately, he has recovered and has returned to join us.

Ralph married Tirzah in 1958 and they have 3 adult children and 2 grandchildren.

In his younger days, Ralph enjoyed playing tennis and dabbling in photography. He has always been an avid reader and enjoys Reader’s Digest Condensed books which often inspire him to read the “full” version of a book.

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## Board Meeting Agenda & Minutes - February 10, 2016

4:00—Meeting called to order

Secretary’s Report—Minutes of January 13, 2016 – approved

New Member: Nemin Chander – approved and orientation on Feb 22

Rule of 85: Ralph Bowden - approved

Treasurer’s Report – Eric Fitzgerald Approved after a brief review and discussion.

Business Items –

Membership – Greg Brown. Nemin Chander will have his orientation before the Feb 22 meeting and will receive his red badge at the Feb 22 meeting. Paige will receive her Blue Badge at Feb 22 meeting. In order to grow membership we need to get invite more visitors. We should set a club goal of inviting 100 guests this year. Discussed methods to systematically invite and follow up with guests. Membership committee will work on developing a system for identifying, recruiting and converting prospects to membership.

Fundraiser – Boil & Bru Update – Justin Smith. Approximately \$25,000 in sponsorships. Need every club member to help promote the event and push ticket sales.

Service Projects – Charlie Witzke via email to Rich. Meals of Hope March 5 at C3 Church on NC-68 just off of I-40. Potters House on March 14 and May 9. Eric Fitzgerald is coordinating.

Gold Club Status Update: Abby informed club that we are in great shape. Need to insure that our membership numbers be +1 from April 1, 2015 to March 31, 2016.

Triple Crown: Chip provided update on benefactor status for club members. Currently have 20 members who are not benefactors; Brian and Rich have volunteered to help reach out to them.

Other Business

Bylaw and policy review: Board had a discussion about the bylaws and policies of Crescent Rotary and the Foundation. It was agreed that they need to be reviewed and possibly updated. A committee was formed to study the issue, the members of which are: Barney Barnhardt, Patrick Eakes, Lisa Hazlett and Jon Lowder. The board feels it is important that the study committee receive input from members on long standing traditions that should be considered for incorporation into the club’s policies.

Meeting Adjourned – Next meeting is March 9th.

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### OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS—2015-2016

#### District

Governor—Larry Lassiter

Assistant Governor—Claudia Cannady

Foundation Advocate—Dupont Kirven

Membership Advocate—Allen Rembert

#### Crescent

President—Rich Spiker    President-Elect—Abby Donnelly    Vice President—Brian Sowers    Secretary—Jon Lowder    Treasurer—Eric Fitzgerald    Sergeant at Arms— Cliff Thompson  
 Board Members—Barney Barnhardt (2 yr term), Justin Smith (2 yrs), Tommy Webb (2 yrs), Chip Cromartie (1 yr remaining), Lisa Hazlett (1 yr), Doug Stone (1 yr)

#### Committee Chairs

Crescent Foundation—Patrick Eakes  
 Family of Fun Directors—Mitzi Ellis & Ashby Cook  
 Health & Happiness—Barbara MacKay Vinson  
 Member On-Boarding/Develop—Brian Sowers  
 Polio Plus Chair—Barry Utesch  
 Public Image/Newsletter—Doug Stone & Jennifer Parker  
 Website/Social Media—Lisa Hazlett

Club Service—Charlie Witzke  
 Football Pool—Mark Witte  
 International Service—Wilson Sheldon & Bob Pitts  
 Roster/Member Contact Info—Fred Binder  
 Prayer & Pledge—Charlie Finch  
 Rotary Foundation—Tommy Webb & Dupont Kirven  
 Youth Services - Heather Cross

District Conf. Coordinator—Abby Donnelly  
 Fundraising—Heather Cross & Justin Smith  
 Membership/Classifications - Greg Brown  
 Photographer—Lloyd Bostian  
 Programs—Lisa Hazlett  
 Vocational Service—Alec Pratto

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## MEETING MAKE UPS

### MONDAY

**12:00pm** Furnitureland – String & Splinter Club  
**\*12:30pm** Crescent – GSO Regional Realtors Assoc.

### TUESDAY

**\*7:00am** Airport Rotary – Cardinal Country Club  
**12:00pm** Triad – String & Splinter Club, High Point  
**12:15pm** Alamance – Ramada Inn, Burlington  
**12:15pm** Lexington – YMCA  
**12:15pm** Eden – Meadow Greens Country Club  
**\*12:30pm** Guilford – Starmount Country Club  
**12:30pm** Winston-Salem – Benton Convention Center  
**6:00pm** Jamestown – Jamestown United Methodist  
**\*6:30pm** So. Guilford New Generation – Taste of Thai

### WEDNESDAY

**\*7:30am** East Greensboro – Bennett College  
**12:00pm** Kernersville – Dudley Products  
**12:00pm** Randolph (Asheboro) – AVS Banquet Center  
**12:05pm** Thomasville – Women's Club  
**\*12:30pm** Greensboro – Coliseum Atrium Room

### THURSDAY

**\*7:00am** Gate City – O. Henry Hotel  
**12:00pm** High Point – High Point Country Club  
**12:30pm** Winston-Salem Stratford – Forsyth CC  
**6:30pm** Liberty – Reitzel Center

### FRIDAY

**7:15am** Oak Hollow – Tex & Shirley's (HP)  
**12:00pm** Asheboro – AVS Banquet Center  
**\*12:30pm** Summit – Starmount Country Club  
**12:30pm** WS - Reynolda Club – Winston Room - Coliseum

**\* RECIPROCITY ON MEALS**



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1. Is it the truth? 2. Is it fair to all concerned? 3. Will it build goodwill and better friendships? 4. Will it be beneficial to all concerned?