

# Rotary Matters



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## Mayor Proclaims Rotary Day

Feb. 23, 2010 is Rotary Day, so says Mayor Earl Horne. Rotary Day is the celebration of Rotary's 105th birthday. Rotary has its humble beginnings in 1905 and has continued to grow ever since. The organization began with just 4 members in Chicago and now boasts more than 1.2 million members world wide. This 105th birthday is being celebrated in some very impressive ways around the world. Rotary Logos are being projected onto the sides of famous buildings or are being created by

special lighting on other structures. The birthday will be celebrated at the World Cup Soccer Tournament with a soccer ball being kicked and then delivered to numerous countries that participate in the Tournament much like the passing of the Olympic Torch. Here is South Hill the Rotary Club has been recognized by the signing of a Rotary Proclamation by our Mayor. This special birthday comes on the heels of the Town of South Hill's 109th birthday. It should be pointed out that the

South Hill Rotary Club has been here since 1928 which means that the club has been in existence for 82 of the Town's 109 years. The club has been and will continue to focus efforts on the education of children in Mecklenburg County and in the International Project of providing clean water to homes in Haiti.



## Past President Wins Award

Past President Herbert Farrar is shown receiving an award from Rotary District 7600 for meeting his financial goal of a club contribution of \$1,000 to PolioPlus. The PolioPlus "Challenge" was created by The Gates Foundation. Bill and Melinda Gates challenged Rotary to contribute

\$200 Million to the project and the Gates Foundation offered 2 contributions totaling \$355 Million for a total contribution of \$555 Million to aid in the eradication of Polio world wide. Since 1988, when Rotary began to aid in the eradication of Polio, the organization has made contributions

of \$850 Million. The new challenge ends in 2012.



## S. H. N. At Chamber Lunch



The South Hill Chamber of Commerce welcomed Lee Warren, Virginia Director of Stop Hunger Now as guest speaker last week. Warren enlisted Chamber President Mickey Smith to help her demonstrate the packaging process for

meals currently being shipped to Haiti. Each package costs about \$1.50 and contains rice, soy, vegetables, flavoring including 21 essential vitamins and mineral and serves six. An estimated one billion people world wide do not have enough to eat and in developing countries a child dies every 6 seconds from hunger related causes. Stop Hunger Now's meal packaging program is recognized as a viable solution to combat hunger among the world's most impoverished. Both Lee and Mickey are South Hill Rotarians and the South Hill Rotary Club is working with a

Clean Water Project for Haiti by helping to supply bio sand filters for homes. Recently the club purchased 10 filters for homes in Haiti and is continuing their efforts to raise funds to supply more systems for those in such critical need at this time. Stop Hunger Now is also continuing their efforts to get meals to the country. Warren traveled to the Haiti just a few days after the devastation took place and saw first hand the desperate need for food, water and medical supplies. Rotary Clubs in both countries are working to provide aid.

## Accelerated Reader Movie Party



The Accelerated Reader (AR) Program is a computerized reading enrichment program that combines great children's literature with computer skills. As an individualized reading program, it is designed to motivate students to read more and to read good literature. Students of varying abilities can use this pro-

gram. It is not a competitive program but one that enhances any student's reading ability and enriches all students' reading experiences and comprehension. Here is how it works. Students select books in their reading range (at the direction of their reading teacher) from their Accelerated Reader Selection

and read it at their own pace. Once the student has completed the book, he/she is ready to take an AR quiz. Each quiz consists of 5 multiple choice comprehensive questions about the book. 122 of the successful students were treated to a movie and popcorn provided by the Rotary Club.

## Town & County Decals On Sale



The Town of South Hill and Mecklenburg County Decals are on sale now at the South Hill Chamber of Commerce Depot building (use side ramp) Decals are \$25 each. Decal sale hours at the Depot are Monday - Thursday from 9:00 am until 4:30 PM and

Fridays in March until 5:00 PM. Please bring your state registration cards for each vehicle to be purchased and your tax receipts if you were late paying either your Town or County taxes. No decals can be purchased if you owe any taxes. All decals expire at midnight March 31st. The new decals must

be purchased and installed on your windshields by April 1, 2010. Any decals purchased after March 31st will add a \$25 penalty. So march on in during the month of March and get your decals. Stop by and let Frank, Carolyn, Beth, Ann or Joyce help you with your decal needs.

## “Where’s The Beef?”



"Where's the Beef?" will be the catchphrase of the day as The South Hill Chamber of Commerce is once again hosting the annual Beef Festival. This year the hugely popular event will be held a month earlier on April 28, 2010. The event will be held at Centennial Park this year in downtown South Hill. After the Festival you can head up the hill and enjoy

an "Affair on the Square" event featuring R and B Band "Liquid Pleasure". You can come out and enjoy food, beverages, DJ Shep Moss and more from 5- 6:30 p.m. and then dance from 6:30 - 9:30 on the upper field.

The event is currently looking for chamber members only as sponsors and they hope that many of the mem-

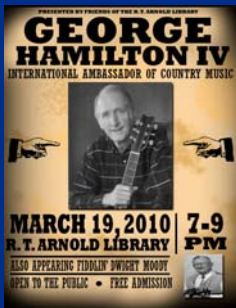
bers will sign on to take part in the festivities.1 Ticket covers both events! Tickets are \$25.00 in advance thru Friday April 16th and \$30.00 each ~ April 19th -28th. The menu includes Beef Kabobs, beef bar-b-que, chili, with Brian's homemade Cole slaw and potato salad, baked beans and complimentary beverages.

## Hamilton To Perform

The Friends of the R. T. Arnold Library will present International Ambassador of Country Music George Hamilton IV on Friday, March 19 at 7 p.m. Mr Hamilton just celebrated 50 years with the Grand Ole Opry in February and has been proclaimed the "International Ambassador of Country Music" thanks to his performances around the world during the 1970s. The library program is free and open to the public. George Hamilton IV began his career in the late '50s

not as a country artist but as a teen-oriented pop star. After his first hit, "A Rose and a Baby Ruth," hit number six on the pop charts in 1956, he toured with Buddy Holly and the Everly Brothers but cracked the pop Top Ten only one more time. Instead, Hamilton moved to the country charts by 1959, where nine of his hits spent time in the Top Ten, including his only number one, "Abilene." La Crosse's own "Fiddlin' Dwight Moody will accompany his

friend. Hamilton will also have a program at Lakeland Theatre on March 20 at 7:30 p.m. (tickets \$15) and a church service at Lawrenceville United Methodist Church on March 21 at 11 a.m. He will be selling and signing CD's and souvenirs at all events. Thanks to Rotarian Steven Stanley of the Fairfield Inn in South Hill for providing accommodations.



## Did You Know??

Have you ever heard of a publication called Rotary-World?? I had not until a week ago. The publication has been a flyer/newspaper like format that has been around for some time. The current issue shows it to be Volume 16 #2. A quarterly publication means the publication has been around for

about 4 years. Beginning with the April Issue it will become an electronic or digital publication available on line at : [www.rotary.org/rotaryworld](http://www.rotary.org/rotaryworld). Much of the information in the current edition appears to focus on how to run districts and clubs more efficiently and to find ways to

help increase the proficiency of the leadership at these levels. The publication contains links to events and information that can be helpful to Rotarians. It will be sent to all Rotary Club Presidents and others can subscribe at the link shown in this article.



## Historical Marker Placed

The Town of South Hill unveiled its first ever Historical Marker on Tuesday located near the railroad tracks at the South Hill Chamber of Commerce Depot building.

It was to recognize the town's birthplace as the official landmark and to provide a legacy for the town. The marker is approximately 40 x 40 inches in size and has black lettering on a silver background with a state seal and title and feature text of 100 words. This marks the town's 109th anniversary and for 66 years,



South Hill was laid out in a perfect circle. It was one of three towns laid out in a perfect circle and stayed that way until the annexation in 1967. The two other towns were Circleville, Ohio and Corona, California. John Horne, son of South Hill Mayor Earl Horne, started the ball rolling for this after reading Frank Nanny's book that contained South Hill history and asked his dad if there was something that symbolizes this history. They set out to get a historical marker done last May and it

turned out to be a long process, but it was ready just in time for the Birthday celebration on Tuesday. Mayor Horne described South Hill as "unique, in the fact that we are willing to change and move forward." John had the honor of unveiling the new marker while his dad christened the small man hole cover (he tapped the new cover with the old spike) and then placed it over the hole in the center of the street marking where the first railroad spike was placed.

## Shriners To Cook Stew

The South Hill Shrine Club will be cooking a stew on March 6, 2010. The stew will sell for \$7.00/Qt and can be picked up at the American Legion Hall from 9-12 AM March 6, 2010. The proceeds from the sale, as usual, go to the Shriner's Children's Hospital. Shriner's International is a fraternity based on fun, fellowship and the Masonic

principles of brotherly love, relief and truth. There are approximately 350,000 members in the United States, Canada, Mexico and the Republic of Panama. Shriners International supports Shriners Hospitals for Children®, an international health care system of 22 hospitals dedicated to improving the lives of children by providing specialty pedi-

atric care, innovative research and outstanding teaching programs. Children up to age 18 with orthopedic conditions, burns, spinal cord injuries, and cleft lip and palate are eligible for care at Shriners Hospitals for Children® and receive all services at no financial obligation to families.



## Pro Soccer In South Hill

The Richmond Kickers are a professional A-League franchise and a developmental team for DC United and the Tampa Bay Mutiny of Major League Soccer. Games are played at The University of Richmond City Stadium, conveniently located between the campus and downtown Richmond. In addition to the Spider football team, University

of Richmond Stadium also hosts the Virginia High School Football Championships and was the site of the 1995, 1996, 1997 and 1998 NCAA Men's Soccer Championships. The Kickers are coming to Bunny's Field in South Hill to play an exhibition game with the team from Longwood University. It is hoped that the funds from the game will help

to defray the costs of a complete lighting system for Bunny's Field in their efforts to create a soccer park similar to the baseball and softball complex that is so successful for local teams here in South Hill. The game will be played on March 27th with warm ups at 1:00PM and the game from 3-5:00PM. Tickets are \$10.00.




Schedule of Events

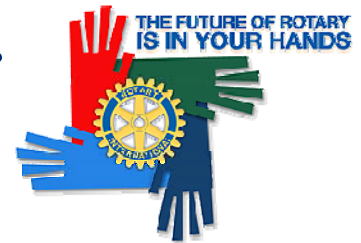
- ◆ **Mar 1** Decals On Sale
- ◆ **Mar 4** Meeting
- ◆ **Mar 6** Shriner's Cook Stew
- ◆ **Mar 11** Meeting
- ◆ **Mar 18** Meeting
- ◆ **Mar 19** George Hamilton Performs
- ◆ **Mar 25** Business Meeting
- ◆ **Mar 27** Soccer Game

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Decals	2	3	4 Rotary Meeting	5	6 Shriner's Stew
7	8	9	10	11 Rotary Meeting	12	13
14	15	16	17	18 Rotary Meeting	19 George Hamilton	20
21	22	23	24	25 Business Meeting	26	27 Kickers Soccer
28	29	30	31			



## Upcoming Rotary Events Calendar



- **March 27** Kickers Soccer
- **May 8** SpringFest
- **June 3** Affair On The Square
- **July 2** 4th of July Celebration
- **Aug 28** La Crosse Fest
- **Sept 18** Reverse Raffle
- **Sept 23** Blue Grass
- **Sept 25** Farmer's Day
- **Oct 30** Monster Mash
- **Dec 1** Tell Santa
- **Dec 5** Christmas Parade

