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Coy's Year – 'Rotary is what Rotary does!'



This was a year of discovery for club president **Coy Williard**, who joined Furnitureland Rotary Club when it was chartered in 1971! Coy has been heard to comment occasionally that he never realized just how rewarding it has been to preside over such a generous and committed club. 2003-2004 – the year Coy Williard discovered Furnitureland Rotary! It happens every year. Today, we share Coy's pride as \$39,900 of Furnitureland's total of \$52,602.58 donations was returned to our community, both locally and internationally...here are the donations reported today:

Mobile Meals of High Point (Vivian Ruden)	\$21,500.00
Community Clinic of High Point (Jerri White)	\$4,500.00
Piedmont Environmental Center (Dick Thomas & Geoff Eade)	\$1,500.00
High Point Area Arts Council (Sparky Stroud)	\$1,000.00
Piedmont Triad Council for International Visitors (Beth Robertson for Joe Carroll)	\$500.00
Lake Waccamaw Boys & Girls Homes	\$500.00
Open Door Shelter (John Womack)	\$500.00
Piedmont School (Gary Sturgill)	\$500.00
Hospital Emergency Room (Tom Welch)	\$400.00
Salvation Army Camp Scholarships	\$400.00
NC Shakespeare Festival (Greg Cox)	\$400.00
Victory Junction Gang Camp (Grover Ladd, ATRC)	\$250.00
American Legion Post 87 (Parking privilege)	\$250.00
Svalyava Children's Orphanage (Ford Bowers)	\$200.00
Gradfest (Bill Blue)	\$200.00
The Rotary Foundation	\$9,026.50
CANstruction (Oak Hollow Rotary)	\$500.00
Fairview PTA	\$545.00
Youth Exchange	\$37.00
Santa's Friends	\$1,000.00
Rotary Nicaragua	\$500.00
Summit Rotary Club – Hosting Russian lawyers	\$125.00
Ann Hanks - GSE Team program	\$50.00
Shirlee Carda / Fairview Scholarship	\$1976.03
High Point Museum-	\$57.78
W. A. Mitchell -	\$515.00
Scholarship - Trinity	\$1,000.00
Scholarship - Leadership Camp	\$1000.00
Southern Guilford Club Extension	\$181.90
Beep Ball -	\$38.37
District Conference Support	\$2,350.00
St. Jude's Hospital	\$100.00
Matching Grant 23545 (Centennial Project)	\$1,000.00
Total (More than one source was used in this tabulation...Amount is approximate...)	\$52,602.58

Coy's annual report was presented at the COG Picnic (Changing of the Guard, or the Great Gavel Toss) at Willow Creek Country Club. Following is a summary of Coy's remarks, liberally edited by the bulletin editor:

"Rotary is What Rotary Does!" District Governor Bob Newton's powerful theme is simple, but it describes our Furnitureland Rotary Club. I began my experience as your club president before my actual term by attending President Elect Training Seminar (PETS) and then by attending my first District Conference in over 30 years.

My actual term began one year ago with the 'Changing of the Guard' in this very venue. So far, everything was coming up roses. My first meeting as your president was July 7, 2003. Highlight for me was recognizing our charter members: **Forrest Mendenhall, John Stunda, T.R.Hendrix, Bill Green and Richard Wood**. **Bill Green** had served as president for two terms – our first two years. **T.R.Hendrix** sort of served two terms, he was Nido Qubein's president-elect.

At the July 14th meeting I scolded the membership on poor attendance for my first meeting – 25 absent – they must have taken heed and attendance improved. In the week of July 21st, **Tommy Rice** resigned. Tommy had conducted the successful twice-yearly RiceFest. But not to miss a beat, **Mike Lang** volunteered to take the helm. This is typical of members of Furnitureland Rotary. On August 4th our district governor, **Bob Newton**, made the governor's annual visit. On August 7th at the meeting of the board, **Ed Harris'** and **Rick Wunch's** resignation was announced, and **Matt Thiel** began a new member campaign that has been very effective.

And simultaneously, the Auction Committee began to meet, and continued to lay a great foundation for the February event. **Bill Heard** led the charge with **Jef Morgan's** assistance. On October 6, **Sparky Stroud** organized and hosted the Furnitureland Rotary/Community Clinic Golf Tournament adding \$4,000 to the treasury that was earmarked for the clinic. On October 28th **Mike Lang** held his first RiceFest. **John Stunda** conducted the annual Rotary Foundation Campaign which successfully reached goal. Rotary was celebrated at Nido Qubein's annual Thanksgiving luncheon and program... a 'must attend' if you haven't been going.

On December 3rd we rang the bell at Oak Hollow Mall for the Salvation Army. It was cold (and Coy's notes continue) 'tell the **Colby Walton** story.' (Future historians trying to fathom the success of Furnitureland Rotary may wonder about this... Colby still doesn't understand.) **Bobby Garland** conducted his annual Santa's Friends Campaign to which our membership contributed overwhelmingly. On December 15 we had our 'gift exchange' and on December 22 our own **Cliff 'Santa' Snider** helped host a family Christmas program.

The new year was started in grand fashion, on January 5th **Tom Blount**, editor of The High Point Enterprise, analysed his predictions for 2003, wiggling some questionable predictions into the win column, and then he offered predictions for 2004. There was the UNC / Miami game (UNC demolished Miami) on January 7 for which **Tim Ilderton** furnished a van.

The popular 12th Day of Christmas Social was hosted by **Carl Stewart** at the String & Splinter Club (and Coy joins others who wonder why it is called the 12th day of Christmas, when it is hardly ever held 12 days after Christmas. [In response, bulletin editor *Phil Morris*, who accepts the responsibility for giving it that name suggests you visit <http://www.cresourcei.org/cy12days.html> : "The origin of the Twelve Days is complicated, and is related to differences in calendars, church traditions, and ways to observe this holy day in various cultures. In the Western church, Epiphany is traditionally celebrated as the time the three Wise Men or Magi arrived to present gifts to the young Jesus (Matt. 2:1-12). In some cultures, especially Hispanic and Latin American culture, January 6th is observed as Three Kings Day, or simply the Day of the Kings (Span: la Fiesta de Reyes, el Dia de los Tres Reyes, or el Dia de los Reyes Magos; Dutch: Driekoningendag). Even though December 25th is celebrated as Christmas in these cultures, January 6th is often the day for giving gifts. In some places it is traditional to give Christmas gifts for each of the Twelve Days of Christmas. Since Eastern Orthodox traditions use a different religious calendar, they celebrate Christmas on January 7th and observe Epiphany or Theophany on January 19th. So since the keepers of the Christian calendar cannot agree on a precise date, why should we worry?]

February 26th – **Auction Day** – Every president and auction chair’s worse nightmare – snow!!! – what to do? I couldn’t imagine another date that would work, so fill steam ahead. Snow slacked off mid-afternoon – a super crowd came and bought!! Under **Bill Heard’s** leadership we set a new record.

On Monday, March 15th when I was in Las Vegas I learned of the passing our my dear friend, accountant and fellow Rotarian, **Horton Godwin**. That was indeed a very sad day for me personally and for all Furnitureland Rotarians.

More sad news: on April 6th past president **Bill Green** passed away after a lengthy illness. Active charter member rank is reduced to 5. [Coy’s notes don’t expand on Bill’s Rotary career, but Coy did!]

On April 22nd, I leave with **Tim Ilderton** for my second Rotary conference in as many years. I will definitely be attending the 2005/2006 conference – Guess why? I already consoled myself in case Furnitureland did not receive the coveted Gold Club Award – we had a great year anyway and everybody helped. I am not surprised, but delighted and relieved when our club’s name is called (I should have known that **David Pruette** did all the paperwork that resulted in our selection.) No pressure on Tim. Of the 50 clubs in the district, only six have won the Gold Club award every year, and Furnitureland is one of the six, thanks to you.

The rest of the year we celebrate and bring to full circle a successful Furnitureland Rotary year. We continue our tradition of a Hero’s day, we ‘give back’ to our favorite charities ... Mobile Meals will get at least \$20,000. We give eight Fairview Elementary School students the Furnitureland Rotary / Shirlee Carda Fairview Scholarships. And finely my favorite function of the year – “Changing of the Guard” on July 15th...oh, that’s tonight!” The year is over so fast.

What a great year – Thanks to everyone for your support and especially what I have come to value even more, thank you for your friendships.

Coy concluded by recognizing the following members with the **Presidential Award**:

Horton Godwin
David Pruette
Bill Heard


Mark Ayer
Gary Sturgill
Phil Morris

For a lifetime of service to his community and to the club, FORREST MENDENHALL was presented with chair to commemorate the club’s deep gratitude.

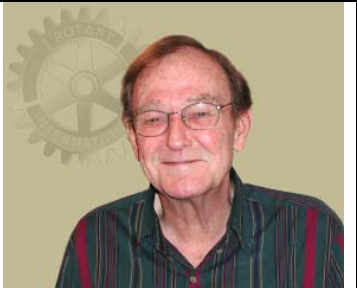
Other ‘news’ from theHub

- ✓ Coy’s year started with \$3,400 in the Queen’s treasury
- ✓ **Sparky Stroud** coaches Furnitureland Rotarians to a 3-0 loss in a game of Beep Ball on June 25th.
- ✓ **Skip Nash** presents the Forrest Mendenhall Annual Auction Service Award to it’s namesake, **Forrest Mendenhall**
- ✓ John Thorton “Thorny” Bowers and Noah Simon were introduced to the club. Thorny, native of the western part of the Ukraine and Noah, native of the Republic of Georgia, are life-changing opportunities for the Bower and Simon families.
- ✓ On August 4th, **Matt Thiel** successfully picked the Queen’s pocket of approximately \$3,800.
- ✓ **Bill Dyson** joined the club with a classification of Printing Finisher. **Coy Williard** sponsors.
- ✓ Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar is elected as president of RI for 2005-2006. Rumor suggests that because Americans are not used to dealing with a hyphenated first name, Carl-Wilhelm suggests that he might answer to **Dash!**
- ✓ Furnitureland Rotary supported the Oak Hollow Rotary Club’s entry in the annual CANstruction competition at Oak Hollow Mall.
- ✓ **Matt Thiel** launches a membership campaign.
- ✓ **Bobby and Lorie Garland** struggle with a problem with Lorie’s platelet count... Furnitureland Rotarians’ prayers and expressions of concern help! (Family of Rotary)

- ✓ 3rd Annual Golf Tournament – benefiting the Community Clinic of High Point raises \$4,000 for the clinic.
- ✓ A cold and rainy night at the Elks Lodge and **Mike Lang, Eric Burg and Gary Sturgill** orchestrate a successful RiceFest
- ✓ **Phil Haworth** joined the club with a classification of Business Support Services. **Jack Green** sponsors.
- ✓ **Gary Sturgill** builds a new Furnitureland Rotary Club properties box.
- ✓ The New Year is greeted by an announcement that **Bill Green** has suffered a stroke... his condition is reported as serious.
- ✓ **Randy Carda, Bill Heard, Ashley Stout, Carl Stewart, Sparky Stroud, Matt Thiel, Barb Frye, Skip Nash and David Pruette** are elected as officers and members of the Furnitureland Rotary board.
- ✓ **Bobby and Lorie Garland** continue to deal with Lorie's platelet problem
- ✓ **Jim Blair** joined the club with a classification of International Trade consulting. **LuAnn Dove** sponsored.
- ✓ **Brad Procton** joined the club with a classification of International Manufacturing Consulting. **LuAnn Dove** sponsored.
- ✓ In spite of the weather, Chairman **Bill Heard** announced the results of a very profitable auction and at first blush it looked like we might have earned close to \$40,000.
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	<p style="text-align: center;">Horton Godwin, June 23, 1942 – March 14, 2004.</p> <p>Horton's passing took us by surprise. He is the third Furnitureland Rotarian to pass away while holding active membership. The other two were Joe Coffield, and Stanley Taylor. At his death Horton was serving as a member of the board and as treasurer of the District Conference 2004 Committee.</p>
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- ✓ **Elizabeth Redpath**, Furnitureland Rotary's candidate for Rotary Scholarship was successful in her bid for the scholarship.

<p>Bill Green, October 26, 1932 – April 6, 2004. Charter and First President of Furnitureland passed away following a lengthy illness. Storyed that Bill 'checked' himself out of the hospital to attend a meeting of Furnitureland Rotary Club are not apocryphal! Bill was proud of his record of 32 years of perfect attendance. Remaining in the club are 5 charter members.</p>	
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- ✓ **RI Director Elect Ken Morgan**, Rotary Club of Chapel Hill, addressed Furnitureland Rotary Club on April 12, 2004.
- ✓ **Furnitureland Rotary Club wins 6th Gold Club Award.** Our hard work and careful recordkeeping earned us another Gold Club Award. Heads Up, President Elect Tim. Your work is cut out for you.
- ✓ **Nine of us** attended District Conference 2004 in Asheville.
- ✓ During the school year, Furnitureland Rotary recognized **Trinity High School Students of the Month:** and we congratulate Lauren Sher, Trevor Spencer, Anna Smith, Jessica Armentrout, Micaela Hernandez, Thomas Rice, Alan Allred, Shelly Espada, Kenneth Niemitalo and Kendall Conley. Thanks also go to project chair **Ashley Stout**, and to Daryl Barnes, Trinity High School principal and Cathy Freeman, who made this program work.
- ✓ The Spring RiceFest is renamed the **Furnitureland Rotary Club Memorial Fellowship**, and the highlight of the evening was the sharing of memories and stories of **Horton Godwin and Bill Green.** **Matt Thiel** brought **Helen Godwin** to the event. Neat, Matt.

- ✓ The Shirlee Carda Fairview Scholarship was won by Quesha Pittman, Paisley Wall, Amanda Robinson, Desi Mata, Allen Turner, Tyreek Sparks, Jaquel Horne and Iesha Sawyer.
- ✓ Furnitureland Rotary Club joined with the other Area 6 (Greater High Point) Rotary Clubs in hosting the Group Study Exchange team from District 4110 in Mexico. Skip Nash coordinated participation for Furnitureland.
- ✓ **Hero's Day:** honored **Sandy Vuncannon**, High Point Police Department, **Billy Kendrick**, High Point Fire Department, and **Mathew Brown**, High Point's dispatch center.
- ✓ **Mike Lang** became Furnitureland Rotary Club's 2003-2004 Service Above Self Rotarian.
- ✓ **Phil Morris** was quoted in an article on Rotary Fellowships in the June issue of *The Rotarian*. He was identified with the Rotary Club of Furnitureland, for better or for worse!
- ✓ **David Pruette** accepted the job of **District Conference Chairman for 2005-2006, Past District Governor Jack Green** serves the District in two capacities: as Membership Chairman, and as District Properties Chairman.
- ✓ The quality of theHub deteriorates, and, thank you **David Pruette**, there were some good issues!
- ✓ On a personal note, your **Bulletin Editor** deeply values his membership in the Rotary Club of Furnitureland, your friendship and the support you have given him as he completes his year as District Governor Nominee. It has been a wonderful trip and he is grateful for the opportunity you have given him, –**phil morris**.

Mark Your Calendar

- June 28 Grants & Awards: Furnitureland contributes to the community.
- July 1 Board Meeting, String & Splinter. 12:00 noon
- July 5 No meeting, String & Splinter closed.
- July 12 Rotary District 7690 Area 6's Centennial Project (**Dick Thomas**)
- July 29 District 7690 Family of Rotary Baseball Night, hosted by Asheboro Rotary Club. **BASEBALL NIGHT**, Asheboro Copperheads vs Thomasville Hi-Toms. [Click here for more information.](#)



♥Queen of Hearts♥

Bob Fowler and Furnitureland's benevolent fund toppled the Queen! Bob Fowler will split \$4023.00 with the Club... a fitting end to Coy's year. Coy's purchase of \$50 worth of tickets and, we suspect Bob's \$2 purchase is evidence that successful contributions come in small packages. **Congratulations, Bob Fowler!** All members of the Rotary Club of Furnitureland are proud of the way you support of the Queen of Hearts raffle. We are pleased that you were successful (**NOT**).

We missed you today: Blair, Bowers, Bryant, Burg, Carroll, Cox, Dove, Dusil, Dyson, Frye, C.Hendrix, T.Ilderton, Lang, Mendenhall, Morgan, Procton, Sedberry, Simon, Snider, Williford..

***My brother-in-law, the preacher**, and a young woman are sitting next to each other on a long flight from LA to NY. My brother-in-law leans over to her and asks if she would like to play a fun game to make the time go by faster. The woman just wants to take a nap, so she politely declines and rolls over to the window to catch a few winks. My brother-in-law persists and explains that the game is really easy and a lot of fun.*

He explains "I ask you a question, and if you don't know the answer, you pay me \$5, and visa-versa." Again, she politely declines and tries to get some sleep. My brother-in-law, now somewhat agitated, says, "Okay, if you don't know the answer you pay me \$5, and if I don't know the answer, I will pay you \$50!" figuring that since she is so young, and a woman, that he will easily win the contest. This catches the woman's attention and, figuring that there will be no end to this torment unless she plays, agrees to the game.

My brother-in-law asks the first question. "What's the distance from the earth to the moon?" The blonde doesn't say a word, reaches in to her purse, pulls out a five-dollar bill and hands it to My brother-in-law.

Now, it's her turn. She asks: "What goes up a hill with three legs, and comes down with four?" My brother-in-law looks at her with a puzzled look.

He takes out his lap top computer and searches all his references. He taps into the Airphone with his modem and searches the Net and the Library of Congress. Frustrated, he sends E-mails to all his coworkers and friends he knows. All to no avail. After a couple of hours, he wakes the woman and hands her \$50. The young woman politely takes the \$50 and turns away to get back to sleep.

My brother-in-law, who is more than a little miffed, wakes her back up and asks, "Well, so what IS the answer!?" Without a word, she reaches into her purse, hands my brother-in-law \$5, and goes back to sleep.