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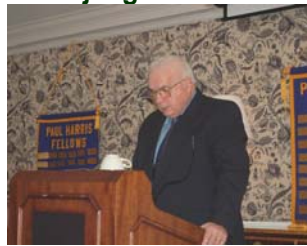


Happy New Year!

Last year the bulletin editor predicted that there would be very little change between the photo accompanying last year's reporting on 'soothsaying' and this year's photo. You be the judge:



Tom Blount in January
2007



Tom Blount in January
2008

Last year High Point Enterprise editor Tom Blount's predictions: 13 ½ correct, 6 ½ wrong (67.9% correct.) He has been predicting for the past 17 years and his record is 69% correct. In the Academic environment I grew up in that was a "C-minus." In sports I suspect that is an impressive record. Here are Tom's predictions for this year:

- Southeast and local droughts couldn't be worse this year than last.
- Barack Obama will fail to upset Hillary Clinton's Democrat nomination bid.
- Terry Grier will leave.
- Lieutenant Governor Beverly Purdue will become the state's first female governor.
- Rick Hendrix Motorsports will celebrate its third straight series with Jeff Gordon again finishing high.
- Gold prices will rise dramatically.
- Mayor Becky Smothers will decide to seek another term and will be re-elected.
- Facing the increasing pressure from TV viewers Congress will delay the scheduled end of analog service.

- Bishop McGinnis girls will again make another strong run for the state 1A basketball title and could make it a three-peat!
- Drew Weaver will stun the world again and make the cut in the Masters.
- At least three major employers will announce plans to locate or expand dramatically in the Triad because of the proximity of the FedEx hub.
- China will win the most medals in the 2008 Olympics.
- State Senator Kay Hagan will capture the Democratic nomination in May but will lose narrowly to U.S. Senator Elizabeth Dole in November.
- Archdale or Trinity or both will land major commercial developments.
- Expect the big 14 to make really big news – perhaps winning another national championship,
- But even more important, expect High Point University to win the Big South tournament and make it's first trip to the NCAA basketball tournament.

THE 4 WAY TEST

of the things we think, say or do . . .

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?

WE MISSED YOU TODAY-

Black, Burg, Carroll, Eade, Foster C, Garry, Hellinger, Hendrix, Mendenhall W, Oliver, Procton, Putnam, Stewart, Stout, Stroud, Visit www.FurniturelandRotary.org to report a make-up.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR –

Jan. 4-5 – Foundation Scholar & GSE Team Orientation
Jan 14 – Howard Coble
Jan. 20 – Deadline for PETS Registration
Feb. 28 – Furnitureland Auction 2008
Mar. 3 – A Taichung Odyssey
Mar. 14-15 - President Elect Training Seminar (PETS)
Apr. 12 – Rotary Peace Fellows Seminar - Global Education Center at UNC-Chapel Hill. The program is free, Rotarians are encouraged to attend, a meal is included.
Apr. 24-27 – District Conference - Chateau Elan



Joseph Terrell, Furnitureland Rotary Club's nominee to attend a Rotary Youth Leadership Conference in Los Angeles in June 2008.

Joseph was selected from 150 candidates from around the world for the scholarship.

Candidates included participants in programs like the Rotary Youth Leadership Camp at Guilford College and the World Affairs Seminar at Whitewater, Wisconsin as well as alumni of The Rotary Foundation programs (Ambassadorial, Cultural Scholars and Group Study Exchange programs.) Joseph is the Interact Club's project coordinator, and was a participant in the World Affairs Seminar. (Again, thanks, John Womack for your efforts on behalf of the club and Joseph Terrell.

Keep **Jef Morgan's daughter** in your thoughts and prayers... surgery is scheduled next week in New York City to correct a birth defect.

Allen Oliver's son is recovering from a major New Year's Eve traffic accident in Florida. Recovery is progressing better than anticipated. Keep him in your prayers as well.

District Conference looking for Corporate Sponsors . . .

The District Conference Committee has requested each Rotary club provide a \$500 corporate sponsor for the event. Make President Barbara proud ... if anyone in your network might be so inclined, contact Barbara for details.

Speaking of District Conference, registration material for the event at Chateau Elan can be found on the internet... for a link to the conference website, visit

www.Rotary7690.org

From Colby Walton: Here is the schedule of members to provide a **word of inspiration** at the opening of each meeting:

Jan 7 - Woodie Cain	Mar 24 - Phil Morris
Jan 14- Tom Welch	Apr:14 - Bill Heard
Jan 21 - Matt Thiel	Apr 21 - Allen Oliver
Jan 28 - Robert Underwood	Apr 28 - Jack Green
Feb 4 - Rick Dusil	May 5 - Jef Morgan
Feb11 – Joe Carroll	May 12 - William Laney
Feb18 - Deanne Ebel	May 19 - Ivan Garry
Feb 25 - Gary Sturgill	Jun 2nd- Jim Adams
Mar: 3 - Tom Fatyol	Jun 9 - Randy Carda
Mar 10 - Carl Stewart	Jun 16 - Andy Putnam
Mar 17 - Carlvena Foster	Jun 23 - Ashley Stout

AND FINALLY:

My brother-in-law, the preacher shocked the congregation when he announced that he was resigning from the church and moving to a drier climate. After the service, a very distraught lady came to him with tears in her eyes. "Oh, Pastor, we are going to miss you so much. We don't want you to leave!" My kindhearted brother-in-law patted her hand and said, "Now, now, Carolyn, don't carry on. The pastor who takes my place might be even better than me". "Yeah," she said, with a tone of disappointment in her voice, "That's what they said the last time too."

Furnitureland Rotary Club Auction 2008

This is a club event – a whole club event. To help make sure that every member understands what this means, the board has approved the following:

Every club member will be responsible for the following four duties:

- To work in the auction process if asked;
- To sell or buy at least four auction tickets;
- To sell or buy at least \$100 worth of raffle tickets;
- To obtain item(s) for auction with at least \$100 “anticipated auction” value.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SILENT AUCTION DONATIONS:

- If you have secured a donated item to be included in the silent auction that may need to be grouped with other items please contact Janette McNeill at jnmcneill@gtcc.edu, or 336-454-1126, Extension 4103. These items need to be turned in no later than February 21, 2008 to accommodate time to prepare the grouping.
- The Silent Auction committee is requesting your assistance with contacting local businesses for items for our auction. To that end, you received an email on Wednesday which included the “restaurant assignment list” (so that we avoid several people soliciting at the same restaurant.) Please send an email back to Deanne Ebel at debel@highpointbank.com to let us know which restaurants you would be willing to contact. This is the same list that made it partially around at Monday’s meeting. We hope to have a list of businesses other than restaurants available for next Monday. Thank you for taking part in the Furnitureland Rotary Auction.



Furnitureland Rotary Auction

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Please feel free to contact any of the auction chairs if you have any suggestions pertaining to area.