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PDG Dave McCoy concludes his duties as the 2007-2008 District Governor – today he presented Rotary Foundation banners to Furnitureland Rotary's 2007-2008 President. One banner recognizes that Furnitureland Rotary was an EREY (Every Rotarian Every Year) club. Every member of the club contributed to The Rotary Foundation last year. The second banner recognizes that last year Furnitureland was a 100% Sustaining Rotary club . . . each member contributed a minimum of \$100 to the Foundation. Congratulations! Thank you!

Tomorrow we inaugurate Barack Obama. Dr. Matthew Desanti, Political Scientist at HPU put the election and the Electoral College system into perspective. Apparently the founding fathers of our country didn't have as much faith in the ability of common man like you and me to make a significantly intelligent decision about who to lead us. In the strictest sense of the word, the system of government established by the Constitution was never intended to be a "democracy." This is evident in the Constitution itself which declares that "The United States shall guarantee to every State in this Union a Republican Form of Government" (Article IV, Section 4). Moreover, the scheme of representation and the various mechanisms for selecting representatives established by the Constitution were clearly intended to produce a republic, not a democracy. To the extent that the United States of America has moved away from its republican roots and become more "democratic," it has strayed from the intentions of the Constitution's authors. Whether or not the trend toward more direct democracy would be smiled upon by the Framers depends on the answer to another question. Are the American people today sufficiently better informed and otherwise equipped to be wise and prudent democratic citizens than were American citizens in the late 1700s? By all accounts, the answer to this second question is an emphatic "no." (ThisNation.com)

PROPOSED FOR MEMBERSHIP

Linwood A. "Chip" Harris, Jr. has been proposed for membership by Barry Kitley. Chip is a senior vice president for Carolina Bank serving as market executive. Chip is a member of the board of Central North Carolina M.S. Society and the Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club and the High Point University Panther's Club. He and his wife, Jeramy have a daughter, Cali who is 6 ½. He is a golfer, and enjoys yard work. Proposed classification: *Banking Services -Marketing* (1st printing)

MARK YOUR CALENDAR –

- Jan 26 – School Superintendent Mo Green
- Feb 2 - Don Kirkman, Piedmont Triad Partnership, Current Projects
- Feb 9 - Strib Boynton, CHP, Current Economic Impact on City and Customers
- Feb 16 - Davis Montgomery, Duke Energy, Overview of Duke Energy in the Triad
- Feb 17 – District Rotary Against Drugs Speech Contest, GTCC – Jamestown.
- Feb 23, 2009, Kyle Swicegood, Rotary District 7690, Operation Smile

Feb 26 – Furnitureland Auction 2009
 Mar 19 – 21 – Carolina PETS
 Mar 22 – Multi District Rotary Against Drugs Speech
 Contest
 Apr 23 – 26 – District Conference 2009 – Myrtle
 Beach



Today we celebrate Martin Luther King, Jr's birthday. King is celebrated around the world and as in emphasis of the legacy he gave to mankind it is curious, yet not surprising to see his likeness grace the main entrance of the Westminster Cathedral in London where British royalty are crowned, married and where icons of English culture are buried. The fifth statue from the left is that of Martin Luther King, Jr.



Queen of Hearts;

Wanted: a member who is willing to collect taxes on behalf of the Queen. Each week that taxes are not paid costs the club and programs that the club supports approximately \$50!

Public Broadcasting stations plan to air an American Experience program at 9 pm (local time) on PBS Monday February 2. The program title is **“The Polio Crusade”** www.pbs.org/americanexperience
 The one hour program is based upon the book, “Polio: An American Story”, by David Oshinsky. The program will include interviews with polio survivors, historians, and others.
 We are also reminding you of the conference sponsored by Post-Polio Intl. to be held in Warm Springs GA, April 23-25. Our Chairman, Ann Lee Hussey will be on one of the programs.

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?



Furnitureland Auction 2009 Raffle

*Seven nights at Jamaica's famous Couples swept Away Resort with airfare from Greensboro. **Tickets are \$100 and no more than 250 tickets will be sold.** Drawing will be held at the Furnitureland Rotary Auction to be held February 26 at Showplace.*

Winner will receive Beachfront suite which includes View of the Ocean (may be obstructed by lush vegetation), AC, ceiling fan, king bed, private shower, CD player/radio, nightly turndown service.

Resort description: At this superior all inclusive sunset beach guests can enjoy fine dining, water sports, spa, golf and a health club.

Some Amenities include:

3 Restaurants, 5 Bars including a Pool Bar, 24 hour food/beverage outlets, tennis courts and water sports.

**Upgrades are available. A cash equivalent of 5k will be offered. Winner need not be present.*

Each member is responsible for selling or buying at least one ticket. Any questions please call Bill Heard at 848-3538.

Furnitureland Auction 2009 (Updated)

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:

1. *To work in the auction process if asked;*
2. *To sell or buy at least four auction tickets;*
3. *To sell or buy at least \$100 worth of raffle tickets;*
4. *To obtain item(s) for auction with at least \$100 “anticipated auction” value, or instead of #4 one of the following:*
 - a. *Sell or buy six auction tickets (four additional)*
 - b. *Sell or buy \$200 worth of raffle tickets (\$100 additional)*
 - c. *Serve in one of the Auction Committee Chair positions.*



BACK TO THE BEACH for District Conference April 23 – 26, 2009 - District Governor Charles Allen will take us to Hilton Myrtle Beach Resort & Conference Center, Myrtle Beach, SC. See you there. Plan for a good time.

Announced at International Assembly



January 19, 2009:

The 2009-10 RI theme acknowledges the important role individual Rotary clubs will play in shaping the future of Rotary.

RI President-elect John Kenny unveiled the theme, The Future of Rotary Is in Your Hands, on Monday during the opening plenary session of the International Assembly, an annual training event in San Diego, California, USA, for incoming district governors.

"The future of Rotary will not be shaped at RI headquarters -- it will be shaped in each and every Rotary club," Kenny said, "because it is for each of us -- as Rotarians -- to do what is necessary to keep Rotary strong."

Kenny acknowledged the foundation established by past Rotary leaders and laid the responsibility for building upon that success on every Rotarian.

"Each one of us is standing on the shoulders of generations of Rotarians past, and it is our responsibility to determine Rotary's future," Kenny said.

Kenny emphasized that every Rotary club is and must be autonomous.

"Everything begins and ends with our clubs," he said. "Our clubs can and do work together; they work through their own districts, in cooperation with other clubs and districts, and with the support of our Foundation.

"But at the end of the day, everything that we accomplish is done through the strength of our clubs. And so each club must have autonomy to serve where and how it can serve best."

Kenny concluded his remarks by sharing a favorite saying from his homeland, Scotland: "We must look beyond our own parish pump."

"It means that we must look beyond our own home and our own community," Kenny said. "We must look beyond our own needs, and we must be aware that ours is only one community, of one country, of the many communities and countries in this world."

You can hear the "Theme Speech" by visiting www.Rotary7690.org.

Nothing to do with Rotary

'Where Is my Sunday paper?' my brother-in-law, the preacher loudly demanded when he called the newspaper office.

'Sir,' said the newspaper employee, 'today is Saturday. The Sunday paper is not delivered until tomorrow, on Sunday.'

There was quite a long pause as he realized what he had done . . . then he was heard to mutter 'Well, darn . . . so that's why no one was at church today.'

See Silent Auction Donation Form below:

**Rotary Club of Furnitureland
Silent Auction Donation Form**

Rotary Member Name: _____

Item Donated by: _____

(Person) _____

(Company Name) _____

Thank you letter needed? **Yes** **No**

Address (for thank you letter): _____

Item Description: _____

Approximate Value: \$ _____

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