



Service Above Self

Rotary Club of North Cobb eBulletin

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Future Speakers

Apr 5 2012

New Members

"Vocationals"

Apr 12 2012

Harold Friesen

"Polio"

Apr 19 2012

Nick Geter

"Horizon Field"

Apr 26 2012

TBD

May 3 2012

David Stephenson

"International Studies at North Cobb High School"

May 10 2012

Phoebe Bault

"GAK9 Trainers"

Upcoming Events

Warm Springs Work Day

Mar 31 2012

Smoke on the Lake 2012

May 11 2012 - May 12 2012

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North Cobb Rotary Membership Continues to Grow

Spotlight on North Cobb Rotarian Brian Adams

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From Our March 8th Meeting

by Herron, Dana

What makes us different? That's the question **Acworth Mayor Tommy Allegood** and his staff have been asking Acworth residents over the past year. Mayor Allegood, along with **City Manager Brian Bulthuis** and **Parks and Recreation Director James Albright**, visited the club today to share with us exactly what does make Acworth different.



When the mayor and his team began asking what makes Acworth different, residents responded with various reasons, but chief among them were feelings that the city was caring and giving. Those two traits are extremely important to Mayor Allegood and are traits that the city certainly wants to develop.

In trying to continue to develop a caring and giving city, the mayor and his team meet annually with pastors from the local community to involve them in the issues that affect residents and to ask for their input to solve any problems. City officials also annually meet with principals from the local schools to involve them with city needs and initiatives as well.

The city's support of Horizon Field for special needs children is one of the features that attract people to the City of Acworth. The field is a physical representation of the efforts within the Acworth community, including the schools and church and civic groups, to support special needs children and their families.

Acworth has also seen an increase in the number of jobs this past year and in the number of new businesses that opened their doors. City tax rates have not risen in ten years, but the city has been running under budget and, as a result, has been able to give city workers a raise in pay that was long overdue.

Mayor Allegood thanked our club for being part of the tremendous growth in Acworth and for helping bring visitors to the city with our

Smoke on the Lake barbecue festival each year. He credits groups such as North Cobb Rotary with helping make Acworth different -- and a great place to live.

The club presented Mayor Allegood with a \$1,000 donation to be used for Horizon Field.

From Our March 22nd Meeting

by Herron, Dana



North Cobb Rotary welcomed **United States Secret Service Agent Finn Ahlberg** as our speaker. Finn shared with us the history of the Secret Service, including its original purpose to serve as a counterfeit currency investigative team. At the time of the founding of the Secret Service, approximately one-third of the currency was counterfeit. After the assassination of William McKinley in 1901, the Secret Service was also appointed as the agency in charge of protective services for the president, president-elect, vice-president, and their immediate family members. So the Secret Service still operates under these two mandates: safeguard the nation's currency and safeguard the nation's political leaders.

Finn told us about the "supernote," a very good counterfeit \$100 bill produced in North Korea as a means of undermining the United States' economy. The supernote is of such good counterfeit quality that it is not detectable by normal detection resources such as the pens, but is only determined to be counterfeit once it reaches the Federal Reserve Bank. The agency is still very much involved in investigations and preventive measures for ensuring the security of our currency.

Before closing, Finn showed our group a DVD presentation about the Secret Service that is not readily available for public viewing. The club enjoyed his talk and invited him to come back any time.