

April 2017

Newsletter

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The Rotary Club of Lynchburg

Upcoming Meetings & Events

April 4
The "Shoeless Wonders" Sara Elizabeth Timmons, Life Outloud Films

April 11
The Open Porch
Entrepreneur,
Spencer Foley &
Favored Flavors,
Entrepreneurs
Christine & Jason

Lunch Buffet begins at
11:50 am for meetings.

April 21
Board Meeting
12 noon

April Birthdays

Brock Barkley, 4/5
Dave Bowen, 4/27
Frank Britt, 4/24
Frank Coleman, 4/26
Diane Garmey, 4/23

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President's Corner,

March 2017 for our club was a very active and productive month as we celebrated 100 years of existence. Just remember, we were the first civic club in Lynchburg and how exciting to say that 100 years later we are still involved in our community and world. I say thank you again for all the participation in the preparation for the celebration and during the celebration.

At the district conference, March 17-19, held at the Homestead, we were well represented, Robert Roberts and Cary, Rick Edwards and Linda, Shannon Watts, Anitra Webster, David Giles, Tom Illingworth, Jack Weymouth, Ben Cowgill, and your president. This conference provided us the opportunity to network with Rotarians across the district, and enjoy speakers who were very motivating and informative. Our display of our achievements through out the years provided the opportunity to share with other Rotarians throughout the district our accomplishments.

Our March 28th regular meeting featured our Ethics Program that encouraged the six area schools, public and private, to showcase two students that best demonstrates Ethics in their everyday life. We appreciate the pride shown by the parents and the school personnel in our program. Thanks to the Vocational Service Committee, lead by Mike Goetz, for their dedication to this program and our opportunity to recognize students in a positive way.

Remember our April meetings are on April 4th and April 11th, as we make changes because Oakwood Country Club is involved in Garden Day that falls on our meeting day.

We have several business items to discuss and as usual exciting programs. So mark your calendars. See you,

Marie



Messages from Conference:

A Message from John F. Germ, President Rotary International 2016-17 to the Convention Delegates

"Now is a critical and historical time for our organization-at tipping point, if you will. Not only must we increase membership, we must have a cultural shift: one that truly embraces the concepts of membership attraction and engagement, instead of terms like recruitment and retention. **We need more caring hearts, willing hands, new ideas, and integrity to strengthen our clubs. There is a potential Rotarian in anyone who cares about their community and strives to make the world a better place.**"

Jeffrey Cadorette-Rotary International Resident Representative—reminded us that public image is important--do we have a sign at the city entrance?

In the U. S. membership is declining - in Africa, it is growing

For Rotarians, it is not IQ that matters it is "I Can, I Will, I Must."

Mark Fernandes - Capitalism 2.0. His message was we need to seek to change the way we lead and work to improve our business, environment, and social relations

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March Happenings

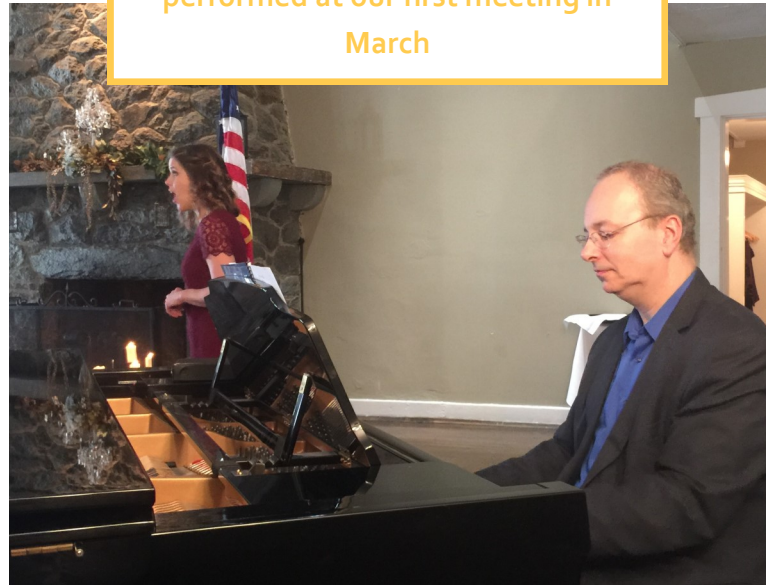
Convention Highlights, continued

Ramesh Ferris-Polio Crusader. He was born in India and contracted polio at just six months old, causing him to lose the ability to walk. He expressed his thanks to his mother who loved him so much that she allowed him to be adopted by a Canadian family, so he could receive treatment for Polio. He is a prime example of how **walking does not determine how far we go in the world**. He is a devoted Rotarian and is committed to doing all the good he can.

Dan Pallotta Chief Humanity Officer. Advertising for humanity. He is a builder of movements. His major message is for us to **think inside the box with purpose, patience, presence and courage**. "People are hungry to do well."

Mary French -The Dictionary Project founder. Since 1995, the foundation has provided 18 million children with a dictionary. The goal of this project is to assist all students in becoming good writers, active readers, creative thinkers and resourceful learners with their own personal dictionary. Locally, the Morning Club has provided a dictionary for all third graders in the city for the last 10 years.

Opera on the James Young Artists performed at our first meeting in March



We Need Your \$5

On Tuesday, (April 4) bring \$5 to buy a book for a local first grader. Not only will you know you made a difference in the life of a child, you will also receive a \$5 coupon from Belk!

#So Easy To Make a Difference

#Service Above Self

The Rotary Club of Lynchburg Table at District Conference

Save the Date

May 3, 2017

Bingo Night at The Aviary. \$20 to play with an opportunity to win incredible raffle prizes. All proceeds will purchase more books for local students.



Ethics Award Winners—Representing the six area high schools.

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