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# Rotary Club of Apex

"SERVICE Above Self"

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## APEX ROTARY NEWSLETTER - AUG 20, 2009

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The following is a quote from a personal eulogy given by a past member of the Apex Rotary Club for a deceased member at gravesite. A concept by which we members should all abide.

*"For those of us who remain, and especially for our fellow Rotarians, we should always be mindful of this life well lived, a life of service above self, a life in which service to God, service to country and service to family was an unending mantra. Would that we all live such a life!"*

### The Basics

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**Doug Meckes**

**Attendance:** 35 Apex Members

**Rotarian Visitors:** Bill Rousseu, Holly Springs, Fred Papa, The Cary Club & David Johnson, Cary MacGregor. .

**Guests:** Brenda Winebrenner, Krystal Byrd & Mark Wilson .

**Inductions:** None at this time.

**Makeups:** Eddie Bacon, Bruce Velsor & Hal Buell.

**Speaker:** Doug Meckes, Past Apex Town Board Commissioner; Assistant Director of the Governmental Relations Division, American Veterinary Medical Association; Fellow (past), American Veterinary Medical Association & Board Member (past), National Coalition for Food and Agricultural Research. Doug gave us his thoughts on current events in Washington and the fiscal issues we are facing in the future.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS & REMINDERS**

**IMPORTANT:** The Apex Rotary Morning Club on Tuesdays has been suspended until further Notice.

**Speaker Assignment Schedule for 2009-2010:** Members have been assigned to a meeting date where you are asked to provide a speaker. [Click here](#) to see the schedule. For additional information or assistance, Contact Brenda Steen at 919-362-6456 or email at [brenda@apexchamber.com](mailto:brenda@apexchamber.com) -or- email [support@apexrotary.org](mailto:support@apexrotary.org).

**October 18, 2009 (NEW DATE)** - Apex Rotary's *Stop Hunger Now Million Meal Event* - Apex Methodist Church. Details to follow.

**October 30** - Halloween Party - Contact Karen Byrd at [khbcpa@byrdvates.com](mailto:khbcpa@byrdvates.com) for details

**December 5, 2009** - The Christmas Parade hosted by Apex Rotary. Details to follow.

**SEPTEMBER 2009 IS NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS MONTH IN APEX**

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**Karen Van Riper, Western Wake Crisis Ministry**

On August 4 the Mayor of Apex, Keith Weatherly, signed a special proclamation designating the month of September as "Neighbors Helping Neighbors" month. In light of the recent economic challenges nationally and locally, Mayor Weatherly asked that Western Wake Crisis Ministry coordinate opportunities whereby Apex residents and businesses can participate as a community to help provide financial assistance to struggling neighbors.

In operation for more than 25 years, WWCM is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization funded entirely by the community which provides immediate assistance - groceries or financial assistance - to neighbors in crisis. Since January 2009, 2,687 members of your community have sought food and emergency financial assistance from WWCM. The current financial demand is greater than any seen since WWCM began operation. For additional information, [CLICK HERE](#).

**APEX ROTARIAN IS GUEST SPEAKER AT FUQUAY ROTARY CLUB**

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**Hal Buell**, a recent addition to the Apex Rotary family was invited to speak at the Fuquay Varina Rotary Club on August 6th. Hal is a retired Navy Commander and the author of *Dauntless Helldivers*, his experiences as a WWII Dive Bomber Pilot in the Pacific Theatre. You will note that he has his Rotary pin on his color!

In addition to the Fuquay Club, he has been guest speaker at the Holly Springs, Cary Kildair and Morrisville Rotary clubs and various Lions and Kiwanis clubs.

**Special Notes**

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**Make Ups:** Please remember to submit all make- up notifications to the Club Secretary as soon as you can. They can be submitted two weeks before and/or two weeks after a missed meeting.

**Guests and Visiting Rotarians:** We are always excited about having guests and visiting Rotarians to our weekly meetings. Please share the names of your guests with the Club Secretary each week. We do keep a record of who attends and this information will help with the book keeping.

**Using the Microphone:** Whenever you are speaking to the Club, whether it be as a speaker, making announcements or any other address to the Club, please come forward and use the microphone. Not only are there hearing impaired members, there is the problem with the Restaurant's kitchen fans blasting away so that the tables near the kitchen miss half or more of what you will say. Some of you feel you have loud voices. What you do not know is that when you start off, it's fine but as you go on, your voice gets lower and softer. You don't hear it but we do. Thanks for your cooperation.

**Apex Rotary Member Database Update:** You can update your personal data as follows:

1. Go to [www.apexrotary.org](http://www.apexrotary.org).
2. Click on "Membership"
3. Insert your email address (the one you used when you joined). In "Password", enter your Rotary ID number leaving out the first zero digit and click "Login".
4. Go to "Members" (top left) and click on "View My Data". It will automatically find your file.
5. Click on "Edit Member" and update your data.
6. On completion, at the very bottom of your data file, Click on "Update".

**The weekly newsletter** can now be viewed on our web site [www.apexrotary.org](http://www.apexrotary.org), click on "Newsletters". The file is in PDF format and you will need to have [Acrobat Reader](#) installed. If you do not have it, download it free at [Acrobat Reader](#).>

**Speaker Schedule** is now posted on the Club's web site <http://www.apexrotary.org>. Click on "Club Documents and then on the "Speaker Schedule (current year)".The file is in PDF format and you will need to have [Acrobat Reader](#) installed. If you do not have it, download it free at [Acrobat Reader](#).

**Apex Rotary Web Site News:** Click on the **NEW** ["Club Documents"](#) link on the Apex Rotary web site to see and have the option to download & print forms and copies of important club documents. The files are in PDF format and you will need to have [Acrobat Reader](#) installed. If you do not have it, download it free at [Acrobat Reader](#).

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