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Rotary Club of Apex

"SERVICE Above Self"

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**APEX ROTARY NEWSLETTER - DEC 10, 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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**Kent Misegades, Chairman, Board of Trustees, Thales Academy of Apex hosted by John Cicero**

**Attendance:** 34 Apex Members

**Rotarian Visitors:** Bill Rousseau & Marco Ramirez-Holly Springs, Fred Papa-The Cary Club, Brenda Winebrenner.

**Guests:** None.

**Inductions:** None at this time.

**Makeups:** None Recorded.

**Speaker: Kent Misegades, Chairman, Board of Trustees, Thales Academy of Apex.**Thales Academy's time-proven curriculum of liberal arts and sciences - centered on reading, writing, and arithmetic - develops a child's (K1-8) critical-thinking skills. Classes also include character education, foreign language, technology, art, music, and physical education. Thales Academy annually measures student progress using objective, nationally-recognized Iowa Test of Basic Skills. Easy- to-understand results can be compared to those of students around the country. Since Thales Academy is a microcosm of civil society, every student must respect his or her fellow citizens. Parents and students must support and comply with the school's "zero tolerance" discipline policy. Thales Academy employs Direct Instruction (DI), a highly effective and well-respected instructional method. Students must master their subjects before undertaking new work. They are regularly assessed and grouped by ability, which allows students to quickly accelerate.

**THE WEEKLY "PEAK POST" FOR NOV 12, 2009**

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The Weekly "Peak Post" issued by Lora Bulla, for use at meetings as an Agenda, will also be included in this and future E-mailed Newsletters for those who miss or makeup a meeting. To view the December 10th issue, [CLICK HERE](#).

A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL & A HAPPY NEW YEAR

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## IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS & REMINDERS

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**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).

## APEX ROTARY WEB SITE NEWS

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If you haven't already looked at the club's web site, please take a little time to familiarize yourself with it. It can be useful when you are questioned about the club and its programs. Just refer them to the site.

The web site address is <http://www.apexrotary.org> or [click here](#).

## SPECIAL NOTES & GUIDELINES

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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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