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# Rotary Club of Apex

"SERVICE Above Self"

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**APEX ROTARY NEWSLETTER - FEBRUARY 14, 2008**  
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## The Basics



**Attendance:** 42 Apex Members  
**Rotarian Visitors:** Bill Rousseau, Holly Springs & Kurt Roof, Cary Page.  
**Guests:** The Honorable Keith Weatherly, Mayor of Apex, Kent Jackson, Town of Apex, Diane Ken, Town of Apex & George Andreas (Mike's Father).  
**Inducted:** An honorary membership was awarded to Joy Wilkes who operates Welcome Services, Inc., a company that welcomes new arrivals making their home in Apex.  
**Makeups:** None Recorded

**Speaker:** Steven DeWitt, Chief Engineer for the NC Turnpike Authority hosted by Bruce Radford. He gave an overview on the progress of the Western Wake Freeway, the extension to I-540 from NC 55 at SR1172 (Old Smithfield Road) to NC 55 near SR1630 (Alston Avenue) in Wake County. Tolls will be collected electronically eliminating the need for toll plazas. The length is approximately 12.6 miles and the estimated cost is between \$560 million and \$1.05 billion (January 2008 dollars). The "Timeline" began with the financial feasibility study in June 2006 and a FEIS Reevaluation Report September 2007. The awarding of a construction contract will be in July 2008 with construction beginning in September 2008 and completion (open to traffic ) in the Fall of 2011.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS & REMINDERS

**Our condolences to Dr. Stan Rogers** on the passing of his Mother on February 15th.

**Apex Rotarians assisted 800 members of the Apex Baptist Church** in their Stop Hunger Now event, packaging 144,138 meals on February 16th in just over 6 hours. Thanks to those who helped in making this event successful.

**\$500 Paul Harris Fellowships** - Annual Giving Chair, Russell Duncan, has advised that there are twenty-four more \$500 Paul Harris Fellowships thanks to a most generous Rotarian. Russell can be reached at [rwdncan@bellsouth.net](mailto:rwdncan@bellsouth.net) or (919)733- 1901.

**Rotary International "Membership Minute"** Newsletters can be viewed on the [R.I. Int'l website](#). District 7710 urges members to keep themselves updated by viewing these monthly newsletters.

## Jim (The Colonel) Weaver - In Memorium

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Once again we must advise our members of the passing of another of our revered members, Jim "The Colonel" Weaver on February 16, 2008. The Colonel was a member of the club since June of 1979. He was a Past President (1981-82), a Paul Harris Fellow, Rotarian of the Year in 1996 and a major donor. He was a Marine fighter pilot in WWII, Korea and Viet Nam retiring as a Colonel. He will be sorely missed.

The visitation for Colonel Weaver will be Monday, February 18th at the Apex Funeral Home from 5-8pm. The funeral will also be held at Apex Funeral Home on Tuesday, February 19th at 2pm. Mrs. Weaver asked if all Rotarians would like to be honorary pallbearers because Rotary was such a big part of his life. The Club and the members who knew him so well express their heartfelt sympathy to the family for their loss.

**Colonel Weaver - Obituary - News & Observer February 18, 2008**

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**Colonel James R. "Jim" Weaver, United States Marine Corp Ret.**, of Cary, NC passed away early Saturday morning, February 16, 2008, at WakeMed Cary Hospital after bravely fighting for his life against prostate cancer diagnosed less than a week ago. Born May 16, 1923 in Glasgow KY, Jim was the first of Minnie and Burford Weaver's seven children. His siblings (in birth order) are Agnes Woodrum, Ruby Fowler, BL Weaver Jr., Frank Weaver, Doris McLeaster, and Emma Curts. Jim married Naomi Jeanne Shirley, and they raised two children, daughter, Kimmye Shaye and son Mark Richard. Jeanne died in 1992, and Mark suffered an untimely death by automobile accident in 1995. On September 19 1998 Jim married Barbara J.Reeder.

**Jim joined the United States Marine Corp at the age of 17 in June 1942. As a fighter pilot in WW2 and a jet fighter pilot in both Korea and Vietnam**, Jim's dedication to protecting his country was continually rewarded with promotions, leading to promotion to the rank of Colonel in December 1961. Honors included the Legion of Merit w/"V" and 2 stars, Distinguished Flying Cross with 1 star, Meritorious Service Medal, Air Medal with 2 stars and Numeral 10, Korean Service Medal with 2 stars, Vietnam Service Medal with 2 stars, Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with Bronze Star, Army Commendation Medal and Purple Heart. During his military service Jim also earned a Masters Degree in Engineering from the University of Maryland.

In recognition of Colonel Weaver and M/Sgt. Bob Becker, the USS Intrepid museum, now being renovated in the New York City harbor, will display a replica of the F3D Skynight fighter flown by them from the USS Intrepid during action in Korea in January 1953. Beside it also will be displayed a replica of the MiG-15 which Colonel Weaver and Sgt Becker shot down during the support of a bombing run on 23 January 1953. The F3D Skynight will be emblazoned with the names of Colonel Weaver and Sgt Becker as Pilot and Radar Observer.

After retiring from the Marine Corp, Jim and family settled in Cary, NC where he continued to enjoy flying as a recreational pilot. Jim managed the Raleigh Durham International Airport for several years before turning his attention to land development. Joining the Apex Rotary Club, he was honored as a Paul Harris Fellow many times over and was recently recognized for 29 years of Perfect Attendance. More important than his attendance, Jim served the club in many capacities, including as President in 1981 and 1982. Jim was widely recognized as truly representing the ideal of Rotary, "Service Above Self".

## Million Meal Event Details for February 24th

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**Stop Hunger Now Million Meal Event - February 24, 2008** will be held at and in partnership with the Apex United Methodist Church at their facility.

**First Shift: 11:45a.m. to 1:00 p.m.:** We need as many Rotarians as possible for this shift to unload the supply truck, set-up the packaging area and start packaging. Dudley's wife will manage the labeling portion which needs to be done before we start bagging any product. Bruce Radford will manage the boxing area for all shifts.

**Second shift: 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.:** The Church has 200 signed up (we need only 190).

**Third shift: 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.:** We need more volunteers on this shift.

**Fourth shift: 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.:** We need more volunteers on this shift.

**Fifth shift: 7 to 8:30 p.m.:** We need as many Rotarians as possible for this cleanup shift and to finish packaging if we are still short of the 144,000 meals.

Volunteers should contact Dudley Moorhous at [dmoorhous@lendingforyou.com](mailto:dmoorhous@lendingforyou.com).

**Guatemala School Book Donation Program:** See "Programs" in the March 15, 2007 Meeting Newsletter on [www.apexrotary.org](http://www.apexrotary.org). For those interested in participating to help the "Colegio de HOPE" children recently visited by Howard Malinski, contact him for further information. For information online, visit [www.hopewwguatemala.blogspot.com](http://www.hopewwguatemala.blogspot.com)<

## Special Notes

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**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 2007-2008".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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