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Rotary Club of Apex

"SERVICE Above Self"

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**APEX ROTARY NEWSLETTER - JANUARY 08, 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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Attendance: 46 Apex Members

**Rotarian Visitors:** Lee Toler, Former Apex Member; Fred Papa, Cary; Kate Voss, Grand Cayman & Brent Wilson, Cary Page.

**Guests:** Sharon Galluzzo. guest of Margo Bills.

**Inducted** None

**Makeups:** Gill, Wilkes, Byrd, Yates, Malinski, Kearns, Bills, Moorhous, Stellar, Calhoun, Jones, Bulla & Abernethy.

**Speaker:** Kevin Brimhall, JFD Performance Solutions, hosted by John Abernethy. His firm helps clients implement sustainable change and achieve greater results using a proven process to help companies to become more profitable and individuals to reach their potential. They focus on organizational and personal excellence to improve productivity, reduce costs, increase customer loyalty and develop operational strategic plans to increase sales thereby impacting a company's bottom line and a person's level of success.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS & REMINDERS

**Charlie Holland** is recovering from surgery and doing well, according to all reports. We wish him a speedy recovery.

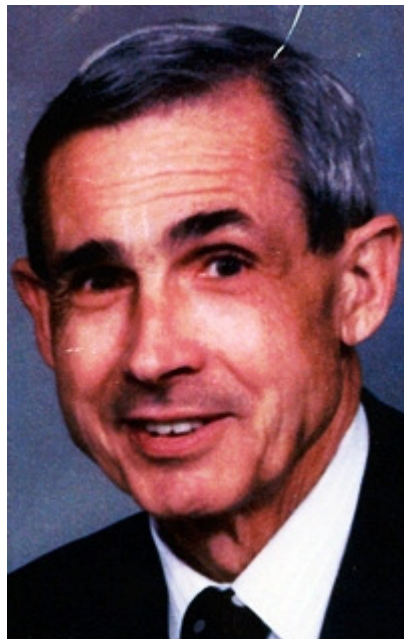
**NEW MEETING TIME** - Effective January, 2009, we will meet at 12.30pm instead of 1:00pm.

**February 14 , 2009 - Stop Hunger Now Million Meal Event run by the Apex Baptist Church:** Apex Rotary volunteers welcome. Details to follow.

**March 01, 2009 - Apex Rotary's Stop Hunger Now Million Meal Event - Apex Methodist Church:** Details to follow.

## IN MEMORIUM

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Long standing Apex Rotary member and Past President Billy Ray Johnson passed away on January 7, 2009, at his home. He was born August 31, 1935 in Four Oaks.

Billy graduated from Dunn High School, and received his BS degree from Florida Southern University in Lakeland, FL, and his Masters degree from North Carolina State University. He also attended Duke University and Wake Forest Seminary. He served for four years in the United States Air Force.

Early in his career he was a teacher, counselor, assistant principal, and principal in the Wake and Harnett County School Systems. He was the owner of Apex Development and Realty for over 30 years where he served as Broker in Charge as well as being a developer.

In Apex , he was a faithful member of the Rotary Club, serving as Club President and as Rotary Foundation Chairman. Widely recognized as an ideal representation of Rotary's motto, "Service Above Self," he was named Rotarian of the Year. He was a member of Bible Study Fellowship and of the Capital Church in Garner, where he served as a deacon and Sunday School Teacher.

Billy's extensive involvement in community organizations does not completely convey the heart of the man. The real Billy Johnson was a person of extraordinary compassion and kindness who spent his life reaching out to others to lighten their burdens. As a cancer survivor from 1984, he never complained or dwelt on his own challenges, but daily prayed that he would cross paths with someone whose life he could touch that day. He will always be remembered for his numerous acts of kindness-from sharing his testimony of unwavering faith in his Lord to simple heartfelt words of encouragement and often financial support. These memories will forever remain in the hearts of his family and friends.

Our Club's heartfelt sympathy goes out to his family. He will be fondly remembered and sorely missed by our members.

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 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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