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Rotary Club of Apex

"SERVICE Above Self"

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## APEX ROTARY NEWSLETTER - MAY 01, 2008

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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:** 42 Apex Members

**Rotarian Visitors:** Bill Rousseau, George Pauly, Marco Ramirez & Fred Papa.

**Guests:** Dottie Moorhouse.

**Inducted** None.

**Makeups:** None Recorded

**Speaker:** J.C. Knowles on famous, infamous and unknown cemetery monuments of note in North Carolina Cemeteries.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS & REMINDERS

**Pancake breakfast - May 3, 2008** at the Fire House. Volunteers for set-up should report at 06.00.

**July 26 Take A Kid To The Ballgame** at the Carolina Mudcats' new ballpark in Zebulon. Anybody can go, but it is a Community Services project. Show-up time is 3:00 p.m. with the game starting at 6:30 p.m.

**District Awards:** Margie Maddox reports that our club received honorable mention in 2 areas: Best Vocational Service Award and Best Web Site Award. We did receive the Best International Service Award. When Barry Phillips made his opening remarks, he complimented us on the 'Apex Invasion' and that It was an excellent idea that should be considered by other clubs in the district. So, winning one, being mentioned for two and being held up as an example of innovation by the District Governor in his opening remarks, we did well!

**\$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 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.

### Hunter Sylvester & His Dog "BO"

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Months ago, we had a speaker who had a young son, Hunter Sylvester who is Autistic. Hunter's father informed us about a "Service Dog" program that has proved to be very successful in calming and helping Autistic children to cope with life. The cost of a trained dog was about \$10,000. The family had raised a certain amount but couldn't reach the total required. Everyone at that meeting was so impressed that certain members stood up and donated on the spot. Apex Rotary donated the balance thereby reaching the total the parents needed.

At one point we were notified that the first dog did not work out. Laurie Crissman recently received an email from the parents that a second dog, "Bo", a great dane/lab mix with a sweet and gentle personality was working out very well.

Another Cemetery Monument

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I thought this picture should be added to J.C.'s collection of cemetery monuments. It's not in North Carolina, it's on U.S. territory in France. I took it last week at the D-Day American cemetery above Omaha Beach. It is a very emotional and worthwhile experience.

### Driving Miss Hillary

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This is not political, just plain funny!

Programs

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#### Guatemala School Book Donation Program:

*Colegio de HOPE Guatemala* is a private ,non- profit school that serves the children of Le Linea Ferreo (steel line). The children do not pay to attend the school however, it may cost their family the wages that the children could be earning if not in school. They are truly impoverished. The generosity of the Apex Rotary membership has touched the lives of at least 230 children and their families. By attaining some education, the children may escape the poverty in which they were born. If you have ever wondered if your actions matter, this project is proof that you do make a difference! Your compassion and generosity will serve the people of Guatemala for years to come. On behalf of the children of Le Linea Ferreo, they send their love and gratitude.

For those interested in participating to help the "Colegio de HOPE" children, contact Howard Malinski. For additional information online, visit [w 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.
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, 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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