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# Rotary Club of Apex

"SERVICE Above Self"

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## APEX ROTARY NEWSLETTER - MAY 22, 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:** 40 Apex Members

**Rotarian Visitors:** Bill Rousseau, Ken Charvis & Fred Papa.

**Guests:** Trarsi Bailey, Bob Hirtic & Basul Uligati.

**Inducted** None.

**Makeups:** Tom Calhoun Recorded

**Speaker:** Jennifer Newcom, Executive Director of Children's Flight of Hope, hosted by Seth Ward.

Many people often assume that the greatest hurdle a sick child faces is finding the treatment required to help treat his or her condition. For many children, however, specialized medical care is readily available but getting to a treatment facility located many miles from home is the greatest obstacle to overcome. Children's Flight of Hope was founded to meet the transportation needs of these children.

Their mission is to provide free private air transportation to and from medical facilities for critically ill or injured children (with their families or guardians) who, due to medical, financial, or logistical reasons, are unable to travel to their destinations by any other mode. Highly qualified volunteer pilots operate our organization's aircraft to transport children and their families to and from medical facilities throughout the eastern United States. We seek not only to ease the financial burden of air travel but also to provide comfort and hope to the families we serve by providing quality service and the utmost attentiveness to their needs.

Children's Flight of Hope was founded in 1991 by two volunteer pilots who had each personally witnessed the need for dependable, affordable air transportation for children in need of medical treatment at facilities far from their homes. Far too often they found that while the treatment required by a sick child was available, the funding to get the child to the appropriate facility was not. Al and Richard initially envisioned providing air transportation for just a few children a year, without any charge to the families. The organization received its 501(c)(3) status and flew one child in its first year of operation.

For additional information, [click here](#).

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS & REMINDERS**

**Best wishes to Harvey Montegue** who is recovering from a brief hospital stay. Rich Van Tassel advised that Harvey is recovering from minor surgery and is doing well.

#### **Officers and Committee Chairs for 2008-2009.**

Cat Kearns-**Pres. 2008-2009**

Mike Stellar- **Pres. elect 2009-2010**

Margie Maddox-**Sec.**

Margo Bills-**Treasurer**

Lora Bulla-**Sgt. at Arms**

John Rodgers-**Past Pres.**

**Foundation Chair**-Mike Bobay

**Membership**-Karen Byrd/Tammy Yates

**PR**-JC Knowles

**International**-Howard Malinski

**Community Service**-Dudley Moorhous

**Vocational Service**-Cathy Gill

**Cub Service**-Eric Sayer

**Club Director**-John Abernathy

**Communications Officer** - Bruce Velsor

**Committee Budget & Goal Requests** Cat Kearns & Margo Bills request that all Committee Budget requests & Goals be submitted ASAP. Budgets to Margo and Goals to Cat.

**Apex Rotary Membership Casino - May 30, 2008** The Membership Committee is excited to host a Membership Casino! The evening will be filled with food, fellowship and fun, plus some Rotary trivia ~ it is sure to be a blast. **Friday, May 30, 2008 from 6:00 ~ 10:00 p.m. at the Fairview Community Center, 4505 Ten Ten Road, Apex.**

We would like each member to consider donating a prize for this event. You can donate an item or service from your business or you can purchase a prize. If possible, we would like the prizes to be valued at a minimum of \$25. Prizes can be dropped off at the following locations: Bonnie Fischer's office (Edward Jones Investments on Salem Street), Apex Chamber of Commerce c/o Brenda Steen, Byrd & Yates, CPA, PA c/o Karen Byrd & Tammy Yates Apex Rotary Meeting 5/22/08 c/o any of the above.

**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.

**\$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.

## LEWIS SMITH MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

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Jphn Rodgers presented the Lewis Smith Memorial Sholarship Awards to seven students at the Apex High School Awards Day on May 23, 2008.

The recipients and Martha Smith will be the club's guests at our June 12th meeting. The students will receive a certificate and a check for \$1,000.00 each. Martha will be recognized as the widow of Lewis Smith, for whom the Memorial Scholarship Fund is named.

The recepientsare as follows:

- Robert W. Allen
- Zachary Dunn
- Marissa Gonzales
- Stephanie Miller
- Emily Colona Pappas
- James Pritchett
- Colton Tyler Tingen

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## 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 ww.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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