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District Governor
2017-2018



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2017-2018

November 9, 2017 Rotary Motto: Service Above Self

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Last Week

Rotarian Zack Phillips, one of two forest rangers for [Carteret County](#), spoke on the forest fires within our county and how these fires are fought differently from forest fires in California. There are only two other full-time paid employees to operate equipment within the North Carolina Forest Service in Carteret County. Additional help is called in as needed from other areas within the North Carolina Forest Service.

Zack stated debris burning was the largest cause for 14 of our county out of control fires last year, and two of these fires were the result of arson. Zack also provided several details about the Newport fire last year and how over 200 homes were saved from damage.



Club Rotarian Zack brought the clothing and equipment he uses when fighting fires to show us the protection our professional firefighters have. He provided details about the equipment requirements and support trucks, tractors, helicopters, and fixed wing aircraft used. An interesting aspect of how a helicopter drops aerial emission balls that look like ping-pong balls was discussed. The helicopter carries hundreds of chemical-filled plastic spheres that its crew drops between the fire's perimeter and control lines constructed by other firefighters combating the inferno. The spheres are designed to activate on the ground, and smolder until they light vegetation or other potential fuel on fire.

In summary, Zack's presentation was a thorough explanation of how North Carolina is unique in the way a backfire or back burn is used and the equipment needed to control a forest fire.

Darden Eure, Jr. conducted an Officer Installation Service to install Johnny Thompson as Secretary and Jim Gregson as Club Executive Secretary for the remainder of our 2017-2018 Rotary year. This action allows both to have full access to our district database.

Demus Thompson continues to manage our club's tradition to assist the Salvation Army's Kettle Program. He began circulating a signup sheet for volunteer bell ringers. See Demus for any concerns about our scheduled times to ring the bell.



Happy birthday!

Jim Chalk.....Nov 13
Shelby Freeman...Nov 20



Ace of Spades
\$224.00



Rotary Month Designation & Program Schedule November 2017

Rotary Foundation Month
Nov 2.....Zack Phillips
Nov 9.....Johnny Thompson
Nov 16.....Fletcher Poulk
Nov 23.....No Meeting
Nov 30.....Dick Rogers

December 2017

Disease Prevention and Treatment Month
Dec 7.....Darden Eure
Dec 14.....Demus Thompson
Dec 21.....James Walker
Dec 28.....Neil Whitford

A Challenge for US



Make this water bottle so heavy with coins that by Christmas President Rick will need help to carry it.

2017-2018 Club Officers

President.....Rick Johnson
President-Elect.....Jim Gregson
President-Nominee.....Zack Phillips
Secretary.....Johnny Thompson
Treasurer.....David Hall
Sergeant-at-Arms....Gerald Renfrow
iPast President.....Win Chalk

Club Committee Chairs

Membership.....Dean McDonald
Service Projects.....David Bradley
Club Administration..Darden Eure, Jr.
Public Image Chair.....Dick Rogers
Public Image Co-Chair.....Zack Phillips
Rotary Foundation.....James Walker
Bulletin Editor.....Jim Gregson