



## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER/MEETING NOTES

NOVEMBER 4, 2021



### Club Service, Birthdays and Anniversaries:

#### Anniversaries:

Ray Allen - November 8 (9 years)

#### Birthdays:

None

#### Wedding Anniversaries:

None

**Greeter:** Paul Childress

**Invocation:** Lee Allen

**Song:** The Old North State

**Guest:** Rob Boisvert (prospective member) - Juneberry Ridge

#### Announcements:

- Next week's meeting will include the annual Veteran's Program
- There are 14 Reverse Raffle tickets left to sell
- Eston West continues to recover

#### CLUB INFO:

Albemarle Club #6051 web site:  
<http://albemarlencrotaryclub.org/>

Find us on Facebook:  
<https://www.facebook.com/Albemarle-Rotary-Club-128519389623/>

Rotary District 7680 web site:  
<http://rotary7680.org>

## HEALTH AND HAPPINES - Dr Eric Johnsen

November is Inspirational Role Model Month,  
This week is World Karaoke Week.  
Today is National Chicken Lady Day.

Trivia Question: Who was the first baseball player to have their number retired? Lou Gerhig.

William Penn Adair Rogers (November 4, 1879 – August 15, 1935) was an American stage and film actor, vaudeville performer, cowboy, humorist, newspaper columnist, and social commentator from Oklahoma. He was a Cherokee citizen born in the Cherokee Nation, Indian Territory.

Known as "Oklahoma's Favorite Son", Rogers was born to a Cherokee family in Indian Territory (now part of Oklahoma). As an entertainer and humorist, he traveled around the world three times, made 71 films (50 silent films and 21 "talkies"), and wrote more than 4,000 nationally syndicated newspaper columns.

By the mid-1930s, Rogers was hugely popular in the United States for his leading political wit and was the highest paid of Hollywood film stars. He died in 1935 with aviator Wiley Post when their small airplane crashed in northern Alaska. Rogers's vaudeville rope act led to success in the Ziegfeld Follies, which in turn led to the first of his many movie contracts. His 1920s syndicated newspaper column and his radio appearances increased his visibility and popularity. Rogers crusaded for aviation expansion and provided Americans with first-hand accounts of his world travels. His earthy anecdotes and folksy style allowed him to poke fun at gangsters, prohibition, politicians, government programs, and a host of other controversial topics in a way that found general acclaim from a national audience with no one offended. His aphorisms, couched in humorous terms, were widely quoted: "I am not a member of an organized political party. I am a Democrat."

## **WEEKLY PROGRAM: NC Dept of Cultural and Natural Resources - Jeff Michael**

This week's program was sponsored by Angela Mills who introduced Badin native and former Rotarian, Jeff Michael - Deputy Secretary of the NC Department of Cultural and Natural Resources.

Jeff currently lives in Davidson with his wife and four children. He spends approximately half of his work week in Raleigh. Jeff described the NC Department of Cultural and Natural Resources as "the department of fun" because it includes all the things people love - Aquariums, Zoos, State Parks, Historic Sites and the Symphony.

The 45 State Parks in North Carolina include our local Morrow Mountain State Park, State Natural Areas, and State Trails. NC houses the "Mountains to Sea Trail. The Yadkin River Trail is a unique "blueway" in NC. The communities along these trails are eligible to receive grant funds.

NC State Park visitors can ask at any park for a passport which can be stamped at each of the parks.

Jeff discussed the prescribed burning program throughout the state, which allows native species to make a comeback.

The Parks and Rec Trust Fund issues grants to local parks with funding from the Governor's budget, the House budget and the Senate budget.

Other divisions under the department include: NC Museum of Natural Sciences; Natural Resource Management; and the Division of Land and Water Stewardship.

Jeff described much of the great work being done by the department across the State of North Carolina.

### **UPCOMING PROGRAMMING**

**November 11: Veterans' Day Program,  
Sponsor - Robert Stonestreet, Presenter -  
DG Nico**

**November 18: Public Engagement  
Coordinator, Albemarle Storm Water  
Management Plan - Presenter is Inga  
Kennedy - Sponsor is Barbara Whitley**

**December 2: Ronnie Michael, Mayor of  
Albemarle - update on Albemarle - Sponsor  
is Dr. Mac**

**December 9: World Vision - Presenter is  
Shannon Harris - Sponsor is Mandi Rogers**



A Project of the Rotary Clubs of North America

- CART bucket contributions support Alzheimer's research.
- The 50/50 drawing also supports CART Alzheimer's research.
- Support CART when you play 50/50!!