



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER/MEETING NOTES

NOVEMBER 11, 2021



Club Service, Birthdays and Anniversaries:

Anniversaries:

Salem Taylor - November 15 (3 years)

Barbara Whitley - November 17 (27 years)

Birthdays:

None

Wedding Anniversaries:

Betty and John Foutz - November 17 (59 years)

Greeter: Frank Sparger

Invocation: Robert Stonestreet

Song: Sweet Land of Liberty (sung by The First Baptist Choir)

Guests: District Governor Nico Iannelli, Tammy Remsburg, Lonny Swan (veteran)

Announcements:

- The Reverse Raffle event is scheduled this coming Saturday
- Mary Burke had complications following surgery but is recovering well
- A Board meeting will follow today's meeting
- The Singing Americans will perform at Grace Baptist Church on Sunday at 4pm

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 National Gratitude Month.
This week is Children's Book Week.
Today is Armistice Day - now Veteran's Day.

On this day in 1885, George Smith Patton Jr was born. Patton was a general in the United States Army who commanded the Seventh United States Army in the Mediterranean theater of World War II, and the Third United States Army in France and Germany after the Allied invasion of Normandy in June 1944. He later earned the nickname of "Old Bloody Guts".

100 years ago today, on November 11, 1921, the unknown soldier brought back from France was interred below a three-level marble tomb. The bottom two levels are six granite sections each and the top at least nine blocks with a rectangular opening in the center of each level through which the unknown remains were placed through the tomb and into the ground below. A stone slab, rather than marble, covers the rectangular opening.

On this day in 1938, Kate Smith sang "God Bless America" for the first time.

The First Baptist Choir sang "America The Beautiful", "Battle Hymn of the Republic", "God of our Fathers, Whose Mighty Hand" and "Star Spangled Banner".

WEEKLY PROGRAM: District Governor Nico Iannelli

Nico Iannelli is originally from Long Island, NY, and currently lives in Waxhaw with his wife and their five children. Nico served in the U.S. Army as a combat medic and later worked in the financial industry before joining Marsh and McLennan's risk management division.

Nico has been a member of the Waxhaw/Weddington Rotary club for over 10 years and chartered "Rotary Means Business" to encourage the engagement of young professionals.

Nico honored the veterans in attendance and referred to their common bond as similar to that of Rotarians. He spoke of his mentor in Rotary who showed him the purpose, honor and privilege of membership. He stated the reputation of a Rotarian is well known.

Nico discussed the Queen City Honor Flight Program, which was grounded during Covid and

recently restarted. The mission of the program is to take veterans from Charlotte to D.C. to see the memorials and the Change of the Guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

Nico spoke of the need to empower women and girls, and recognized the lack of opportunity they face across the world. He stated it is important to share the Rotary story and mission to inspire the community and grow.

Nico gave updates regarding upcoming Rotary events and encouraged club members to invite others. He is humbled and honored to meet the clubs within the district and meet the members.

UPCOMING PROGRAMMING

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

December 16: Presenter is Jeff Crisco, Stanly County Sheriff - Sponsor is Bob Sweet



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!!
- There are 38 cards remaining and \$307 in the pot
- Dr Johnsen had the winning ticket, but did not draw the lucky card