



The Spokesman

June 1, 2020



PROGRAM: Rev. Dr. Frank K. Thomas

TOPIC: A Ground Water Approach/Racial Equity

Introduction: Tom Blount

Invocation: George White

Rotary Club of High Point

Thursday 12:00 Noon

800 Country Club Drive

Email: hprotary@northstate.net

Rotary Zone 33

Rotary District 7690

Rotary Club # 6062

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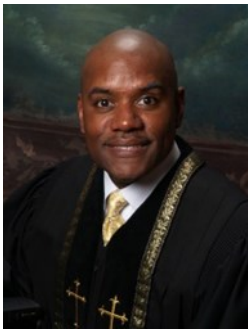
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Celebration Now Scheduled For

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2020

This Week at Rotary . . .



Reverend Dr. Frank K. Thomas, a native of Detroit, Michigan, joined the United States Army after completing his secondary education at Henry Ford High School in 1982. He served as a Combat Engineer for 25 years ending his career as the Senior Military Science Instructor at Wake Forest University. He was most recently the Director of Custodial Services, Facilities and Campus Services at the university. He is a member of the prestigious Sergeant Audie Murphy and Sergeant Morales clubs; a life member of the Association of the United States Army, the Non-Commissioned Officers Association, and the Big Red One (BRO) Society. His military awards are extensive...they include the Corps of Engineers Bronze Order of the de Fluey Medal.

Dr. Thomas accepted his call to the gospel ministry in June 1985 and was ordained in January 1989 at his home church New Jerusalem Temple Baptist Church in Detroit, Michigan. He received a Master of Ministerial Arts degree from the A.L. Hardy Academy of Theology in Seattle, Washington and an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree from St. Thomas Christian University in Jacksonville, Florida. During his military career, Dr. Thomas served military congregations in Korea; Fort Lewis, Washington; Aschaffenburg, Germany; Fort Ord, California; and as pastor of congregations in Kosovo and Schweinfurt, Germany. He also served in several ministry capacities within Baptist churches in Olympia, Washington and Orange Park, Florida. Prior to his retirement from the army in December 2007, he served as Interim Pastor of Mt. Zion Baptist Church in High Point, North Carolina. In June 2009, he accepted the church's call to become their 6th Pastor. During the first year after his arrival, he worked with the city on a project that resulted in the church building at 753 Washington Street being listed with the National Park Service as a Historic Site. The church has also purchased a Hammond organ and a 15 passenger bus with car-port. They have completed a restoration of the sanctuary and were recently the (gift) recipient of a full renovation project for the fellowship hall by F.L. Blum Construction Company of Winston Salem in 2016; along with adding a computer lab with computers donated by the City of High Point. Mt. Zion has also partnered with High Point University (HPU) to operate a Community Writing Center, an after-school program where HPU students mentor elementary and middle school students.

Dr. Thomas is currently the Executive Secretary for the Rowan Missionary Baptist Association; the former president of the Ministers Conference of High Point and Vicinity; and a Life Member of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). Committed to the community, he formerly served on the Board of Directors with the Piedmont Health Services & Sickle Cell Agency (PHSSCA), High Point Jail Ministry, and Shepherd Center of Winston-Salem. And currently with the High Point Chamber of Commerce Advisory Board (2019 Chair), Business High Point, United Way of Greater High Point (2018 Campaign Chair), Board of Visitors at High Point University, Board of Directors of Foundation for a Healthy High Point, and Board of Trustees of High Point Medical Center.

He and his wife Mary have three daughters, Alicia, Tiffany and Crystal and are the proud grandparents to two granddaughters, Autumn and Zuri.

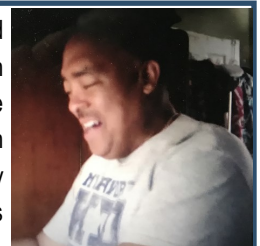


June 4th

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Last Week at Rotary . . .

Normalcy!!!!!! Well, almost! But there was Keith Byrd at the keyboard giving those ivories a workout. It seemed like normal. Tyler Adamson added a comment that read "Freebird". Well, Freebird was Lynyrd Skynyrd and this was jazz so maybe it is more like 'Birdland' (look it up if you aren't a jazz aficionado). But either way it was Keith and it was good! President Steve Ilderton and Dave McCoy also thanked Keith. Steve also added a warm welcome to all and led us in the Pledge. Joel Gentry offered a great prayer of hope and peace. There were no guests, just home folks in the meeting Thursday, which was also our highest Pandemic Era Zoom meeting attendance wise. Gary Sturdivant was on a roll with birthdays and anniversaries, singling out Tyler Admason who had a birthday Thursday. Tyler chimed in that he was enjoying a ham (continued on page four)



Make ups 4/23/20

S.A. Bell Ringing: Fuller
Mobile Meals: W. Kester
Orientation: Peek
Designs to Fight Hunger: C. Pierce
Nominating Committee: Do. Shaw
April Board Meeting: Norris

Make Ups 4/30/20

April 30th Zoom Social: Adamson
Nov. Board Meeting: C. Hughes
Dec. Board Meeting: Do. Shaw
Jan. 23rd Social: W. Kester
Mobile Meals: Peek

Make Ups 5/7/20

ACC Day: W. Kester, Montgomery, Bowman
Jan. Board Meeting: Peek

Make Ups 5/14/20

April 30th Zoom Social: M. Morgan, Montgomery
2nd Chance Prom Mtg.: Elder
Feb. Board Meeting: Fuller
Mobile Meals: W. Kester
Golf Committee Mtg.: Norris

May 21, 2020 Absent: Abeles (L), Atkinson, J. Baker, Bencini, Bertschi, Boone, Bulmer, Clodfelter, Collins, Coy, Curlee, Br. Davis, Draelos, Dunbar, Esposito, Gayle, Gentry, Gibson, Hanson, Harris K. Hughes, Jackson, Johnson, Kerr, Lackey, Lessard, McKnight, J. Miller, M. Miller, Mills, Montgomery, Morris, Nelson, Newman, Norris, Patterson, Peek, Razzak, D. Shaw, Dw. Shaw, K.S. Smith, Ward, Webster, West, Whitley

May 28, 2020 Absent: Abeles (L), Atkinson, J. Baker, Bencini, Bertschi, Boone, Bowman, Bulmer, Childress, Clodfelter, Collins, Curlee, Br. Davis, Draelos, Dunbar, Esposito, Fuller, Gayle, Hanson, Harris, Hughes, Jackson, Johnson, Kerr, Lackey, Lessard, J. Miller, Mills, Montgomery, Morris, Nelson, Newman, Patterson, Razzak, Robbins, Shaw, Suire, Webster, Whitley

It's Vacation Time!

Miss a Meeting While Away?
Don't Forget To Do A
Make-Up!

During this period of regulations surrounding the coronavirus pandemic, call the club your are considering visiting to see if they plan on offering an online meeting option.

MAKE UP OPPORTUNITIES**Monday**

Furnitureland - String & Splinter 12 noon-
 Greensboro-Crescent-Realtor Assoc. 12:30 pm

Tuesday

GSO-Airport-Cardinal Club 7:00 am
 Asheboro—Pinewood C.C. 12 noon-
 Lexington—YMCA 12:15 pm
 Guilford—Weir Jordan House 12:30 pm
 W-S Benton Convention Center 2:30 pm
 Jamestown—Jamestown Town Hall 6:00 pm

Wednesday

Kernersville—First Christian Church 7:00 am
 Archdale-Trinity Guil-Rand Fire Dept 12 noon
 Thomasville—Woman's Club 12:05 pm
 Asheboro—Randolph
 AVS Catering Banquet Center 12 noon
 Greensboro-Coliseum Sp. Events Ctr 12:30 pm

Thursday

Greensboro-Gate City-O'Henry Hotel 7:00 am
 W-S Stratford—Forsyth C.C. 12:30 pm

Friday

GSO Summit-Starmount Forest CC 12:30 pm
 W-S Reynolda—Forsyth C.C. 12:30 pm

Easy Make Ups!

You can now receive make up credit through the Internet. Just go to the web-site: www.rotaryclubone.org. This site gives you another make up opportunity you can do from the comfort of your own home. This is a fully chartered club by Rotary International. You can choose a 'Program' that you want to read, answer some question, and print out the makeup slip. All they ask is that the person donate the cost of maintaining the site. If you contribute the cost of your meal, please be sure and let Mary Sizemore or Dave McCoy know so that you will receive meal credit on your next statement.


ROTARY CLUB of HIGH POINT
2019-2020 Officers, Boards, Committees

President	Steve Ilderton
President Elect	Don Shaw
Vice President	Megan Ward
Secretary	Mary Sizemore
Treasurer	Amy West
Immediate Past President	Jeff Fuller
Executive Secretary	David McCoy
Sergeant-At-Arms	George White
District Liaison	Stan Godwin
Membership Retention	Wil Elder
Special Recognitions	D. Shaw, G. Sturdivant, J. Anderson, J. Gentry
Family of Rotary	Sharon Smith
New Comer's Committee	George White
Blue Badge Administration	George White
Football Pool Master	David Pritchett
Rotary History	David Wall
Birthday Cards	Jack Hawks
Calling Committee	George White
Membership Recruitment	Justin Peek
Classification	Gus Schwenk
Orientation	Janice Steede
Attendance	Mary Sizemore
Social Events	Wil Elder/Jordan Lessard
Club Public Relations	Carol Hughes
Spokesman Newsletter	Mark Pierce
Website Development	Dave McCoy
Facebook	Carol Hughes
Press Releases	Jessica McKnight
Club Administration	Mark Pierce
Anniversary Celebration	Mark Pierce
District Conf. Contacts	Steve Ilderton/Don Shaw
Youth Services	Addison Maille, Karim Razzak
Interact	Jessica McKnight, Keith Curlee
RYLA	Tammy Childress
Local Scholarships	T. Childress / HPRF decision
School/Student Relations	Greg Suire
Job Shadowing	
Children's Christmas Party	Don Shaw
Youth Service Chair	Tammy Childress
Community Srvc Projects	Merritt Bears
Literacy (Read-A-Thon)	Mary Sizemore
Concern For The Elderly	Clark Pierce
Salvation Army Bell Ringing	Stan Godwin
Service Projects	Bradley Gibson
Fundraising Projects	Bryan Norris
Second Chance Prom	Marsh Hester
Poinsettia Sale	Greg Suire
Golf Tournament	Tyler Adamson
ACC Day	Nancy Bowman
Allocations	Joel Gentry
Foundation & Inter. Srv.	Owen Bertschi
Polio Plus	D. McCoy / T. Faucette
District Grants	Mark Pierce
Programs	Tom Blount (non Board Pos.)

Don't Forget to Make-up!

THANK YOU ROTARIANS

Thank you to all who submitted quotes, sayings, words of inspiration, and encouragement for our Graduating Senior Interact Members. They will be published in a Special Edition of the Spokesman honoring those special young men and women!

PROGRAM IDEAS?

Who do you know that might be a good speaker for Rotary? In these days of restricted meetings, we have successfully used Zoom to meet. So maybe you know someone across the country or half way around the world that would be interesting to your fellow members. Now is the time to line them up! Have an idea? See Tom Blount!

COMING SOON!

NOW MORE THAN EVER, ROTARY CONNECTS THE WORLD: THE 2020 ROTARY VIRTUAL CONVENTION

20-26 June 2020

Rotary



With the Rotary International Convention in Honolulu cancelled due to Covid-19, R.I. has elected to take this year's convention virtual! What a great & easy way to experience an International Convention!

Watch for Details!

Rotary
Club of High Point



100 Celebrating
YEARS OF SERVICE
1920 - 2020

The
Rotary
Foundation



Rotary
District 7690
"Where Fellowship and Service are Timeless."

June 11th Marshall Edwards Grow Veggies in 10 Days	June 18th Heidi Majors YWCA Celebrates its Centennial	COMING ATTRACTIONS		June 25th CHANGING OF THE GUARD (no noon mtg)	July 2nd NO ROTARY Happy Fourth of July
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DAVID JACKSON Sun, May 31st



CLARK PIERCE Sun, May 31st



JESSICA MCKNIGHT Sat. June 6th



JAMES CUMBY 37 YRS. June 2nd



KEM ELLIS 37 YRS. JUNE 2nd



CLARK PIERCE 32 YRS. June

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY



**SCOTT & LORA
DUNBAR**

18 years
Mon., June 1st



**BART & BARBRA
LASSITER**

42 years
Wed., June 3rd



**JUSTIN & ASHLEY
PEEK**

4 years
Thursday, June 4th



**MEGAN & BRIAN
WARD**

11 years
Saturday, June 6th

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Last Week at Rotary continued from page one

sandwich lunch for his birthday lunch. Gary threw out a few celebrity celebrants that shared Tyler's birthday, including Jerry West (81), Gladys Knight (75), Rudy Giuliani (76), Michael Oher (33), and Mario Rubio (49). And Gary still found time for a good joke too! Mark Pierce was up

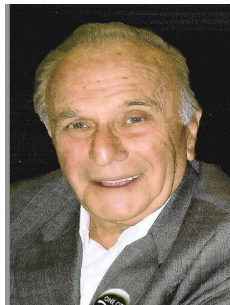


Gary Sturdivant next sharing words from Salisbury's Dr. A.R. Keppel in 1958 on the 'Spirit of Rotary'. You can reread the words elsewhere in this issue of *The Spokesman*. Mark then unveiled the plan to publish a special edition of *The Spokesman* to honor all the graduates from H.P. Central H.S. and H. P. Christian Academy Interact Clubs. The issue will be flavored with special sayings and quotes submitted by Club Members. The words are to be encouraging, motivating, or inspirational. All Interact members will be pictured. This is just a little something extra we can do to support these graduating seniors that had so many of their traditions robbed from them this year due to the pandemic. Then whoops! Dave McCoy noticed a visitor had joined us and welcomed Makeba Gregg of the Thomasville Club.

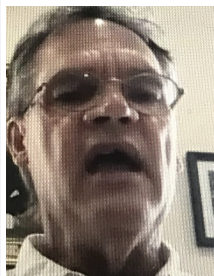
Tom Blount took over to introduce the program, Steve Ilderton and Dick Thomas on the Galapagos Islands. Dick is the director of the Piedmont Environmental Center and the coordinator of this trip that he, the Ildertons, and Si & Debbie Bell were a part of this past year. Dick gave a number of the facts of the region, including the makeup of the islands that comprise the 24,000 sq. ft. area that straddles the equator, 600 miles off the South America coast. He went on to explain the three active tectonic plates in the area, the convergence of three ocean currents, and the hot spot theory. Then he touched on something we could all understand a bit more easily . . . wildlife. And there are many unique birds and reptiles in this place. Ancestors of the current birds inhabiting the islands once flew across the ocean to reach the islands from South America. The reptiles evolved when they hitched rides on floating mats of of the coast of South America that eventually marooned them there. The wildlife inhabitation occurred sometime in the last few million years. Steve took over to tell about the trip that Dick led with twelve others. After an explanation of the flight itinerary, Steve talked a bit about the tortoise reserve they visited where 600 lb. tortoises were common place. The shells were large enough that Steve could fit inside one. Then it was on to the private accommodations they enjoyed on a 82' catamaran with on board chefs, maids, and crew. The dining experiences included three meals a day with plenty of fruits, veggies, and lots of fish. There were nice sun decks to enjoy too on the eight days on the water. He took time to praise the well organized crowd control of visitors by the governing body keeping all activities free of crowds and delays. The travelers did a lot of hiking and snorkeling. The sea life was amazing and the snorkeling the best Steve says he had ever experienced. One of the great things about the Galapagos, Steve said, was that the animals are never harmed and they have few predators, so they show no fear of people, making viewing an up close and personal experience. Steve then showed a video of the trip and some still photos of various impressive, unique animals from both land and water environments. Si did add at the end of the presentation that he gained 2 lbs. on the trip (only two?). And he praised the great work of Dick Thomas both on the trip and at the environmental Center locally. Tom Blount turned the tables on President Steve and presented the speaker's gift before Steve closed us by leading us in the 4Way Test.

DO YOU REMEMBER HANK BRODT? WE DO, AND OFFER OUR SYMPATHY!

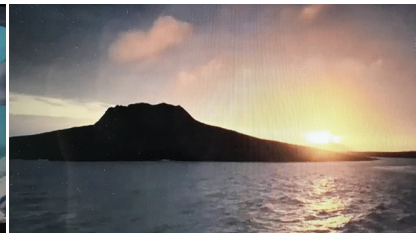
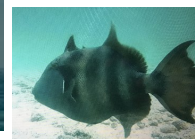
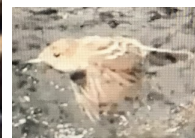
Jeff fuller wrote last week to make certain we were aware that Hank Brodt passed away. As you remember, Hank spoke to



our club a few years ago about his experience in surviving the Holocaust. He was an important part of not only the Jewish community, but the Triad as a whole. Jeff said he last saw him speak/sing last year and he was as bright and witty as ever. As we lose more and more Holocaust survivors it becomes more and more important to never forget those horrible events so nothing like that ever happens to any community again. Those that were in attendance will remember his riveting, impactful program.



Club President
Steve Ilderton and
Piedmont Environmental Center
Director Dick
Thomas "took
us" to the
Galapagos Islands
last Thursday!



Thanks Steve, Dick, and Si for a Great Rotary Program!

MOBILE MEALS:

Fourth Thursday.

Want to Help?

Call Clark Pierce to get involved!

**LOOKING FOR
SOMETHING
TO DO WHILE
HOMEBOUND?**

**This Sounds
Interesting!**

#RotaryResponds

Live on June 3, hear from two Rotary members that are leading innovative and inspiring projects in their communities to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. Set a reminder now and join the conversation.

#RotaryResponds

LIVE



John Hewko
CEO
Rotary International



Joe Otin
Governor of District 9212
Rotary Club of Nairobi
Lavington, Kenya



Maggie Clark
President
Rotary Club of Guthrie,
Oklahoma, USA

Wednesday 3 June
10:30 Chicago time

Join us for [#RotaryResponds](#)



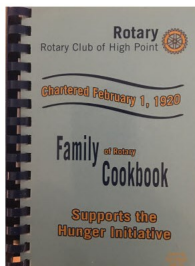
D-DAY 46TH ANNIVERSARY

LANDINGS AND BATTLE OF NORMANDY

Thank you Rotarians who have proudly served our Country!

REMEMBER the 76th
Anniversary
Of D-Day
June 6, 1944
June 6, 2020

Rotary Club of High Point "Family of Rotary Cookbook"



**WE STILL HAVE SOME
ROTARY COOKBOOKS**

Just \$ 15.00 Shipped Right to Your Door

Sale Proceeds Support Local Hunger Initiatives

**THIS THING'S NOT OVER YET!
WHAT CAN WE DO TO HELP?**

Many need our help right now! Food. Supplies. Volunteers. Money. The Red Cross needs Blood. The Salvation Army can use cash & food items. Our own Rotary Club just matched a District Grant to help in the fight locally!
Please Help Where You Can!



AS READ AT ROTARY LAST THURSDAY. REPRINTED AT THE REQUEST OF SEVERAL.

The Spirit of Rotary: *The following is excerpted from remarks made by Dr. A.R. Keppel upon the induction of Dr. Frederick Spencer Jr. into the Salisbury Rotary on June 24, 1958. It is an inspiring read! It is something all Rotarians should read now and then!*

"...Although I am delighted to attempt this, I assure you that I find it most difficult to convey to you through the medium of words Rotary's true meaning. For Rotary--in its fullest conception--cannot be defined--for when we define it, we confine it and when we confine it, we betray it. Rotary is not just an organization, it is a spirit. And you can only tell how much a (person) has of it by the degree to which (they) reflect it. When you become better acquainted with Rotary's history, you will understand more clearly what I am trying to say. For Rotary was given birth in the heart of a lonely man--a man who craved not civic prominence, not social prestige, not glamorous publicity, but rather sincere friendship, satisfying fellowship and sympathetic understanding. Paul Harris, who unknowingly founded this great organization in 1905, soon discovered that to gain such friendship, such fellowship and such understanding, one must first give it. And that is Rotary's secret today. Rotary has no formal creed, is not bound by prejudices, is not confined by tradition. Rotary is as broad and as open as the human heart. Its emblem is the cogged wheel--the cogs representing the human contacts, and the spokes radiating from the hub, representing the straightforwardness and the directness of those contacts. If we were to name the spokes, we might find for them no truer significance than to call them Rotary's six F's--Fellowship, Friendship, Frankness, Fairness, Faith and Fun. The hub stands for service which forms the center of all human relationship as well as Rotary's driving force."