



### May 6, 2021 CLUB BULLETIN

#### Speakers

### May 6: Academies for Creative Education Tour

May 13: Challenge Scholarship

May 20: Jocelyn Baker, CEO, Habitat for Humanity - North Central Georgia

May 27: ROTARY RAFFLE, c/o Jeremy Skinner

June 3: OPEN

June 10: Paula Gault, Judge Richard S. Stan Gault Education Scholarship

June 17: Tim McDonald, Lanier Tech President, c/o Jim Otwell

June 24: Michelle Prater, North Georgia Community Foundation, c/o Ken Terry

July 1: OPEN

July 8: Board Transition

July 15: District Governor Mike Berg

#### Birthdays

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

\* **Board Meeting: 5:30 p.m. May 19 at NOFO Brewery**

\* **Club Social: 6:30 p.m. May 19 at NOFO Brewery**

If you have any upcoming events that you would like to see in the bulletin, please reach out to Stephanie Woody at [swoody@forsythnews.com](mailto:swoody@forsythnews.com).

#### Club Leaders



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#### THIS WEEK:

### May 6: Academies for Creative Education Tour

Please email Mike Smith at [mfs125@bellsouth.net](mailto:mfs125@bellsouth.net) if you are willing and able to help with our set up and serving at our in-person meeting.

## This week in history: 1994 English Channel tunnel opens

In a ceremony presided over by England's Queen Elizabeth II and French President Francois Mitterrand, a rail tunnel under the English Channel was officially opened, connecting Britain and the European mainland for the first time since the Ice Age.

The Channel Tunnel, or Chunnel, connects Folkestone, England, with Coquelles, France, 31 miles away. The Chunnel cut travel time between England and France to a swift 35 minutes and eventually between London and Paris to two-and-a-half hours.

As the world's longest undersea tunnel, the Chunnel runs under water for 23 miles, with an average depth of 150 feet below the seabed. Each day, about 30,000 people, 6,000 cars and 3,500 trucks journey through the Chunnel on passenger, shuttle and freight trains. Millions of tons of earth were moved to build the two rail tunnels—one for northbound and one for southbound traffic—and one service tunnel. Fifteen thousand people were employed at the peak of construction. Ten people were killed during construction.

Napoleon's engineer, Albert Mathieu, planned the first tunnel under the English Channel in 1802, envisioning an underground passage with ventilation chimneys that would stretch above the waves. In 1880, the first real attempt was made by Colonel Beaumont, who bore a tunnel more than a mile long before abandoning the project. Other efforts followed in the 20th century, but none on the scale of the tunnels begun in June 1988.

The Chunnel's \$16 billion cost was roughly twice the original estimate, and completion was a year behind schedule. One year into service, Eurotunnel announced a huge loss, one of the biggest in



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### The Four-Way Test

Of the things we think, say or do...  
Is it the **TRUTH**?

Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?

Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?

Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

United Kingdom corporate history at the time. A scheme in which banks agreed to swap billions of pounds worth of loans for shares saved the tunnel from going under and it showed its first net profit in 1999.

Freight traffic was suspended for six months after a fire broke out on a lorry in the tunnel in November 1996. Nobody was seriously hurt in the incident.

In 1996, the American Society of Civil Engineers identified the tunnel as one of the Seven Wonders of the Modern World.

<https://www.history.com/this-day-in-history/english-channel-tunnel-opens>

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### Social Media Links

For more information about our club click on one of the links below:

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### Past Presidents

1975	Tommy Bagwell	1986	Steve Jackson	1997	Bill Kehres	2008	Mike Palmer
1976	Terry Smith	1987	Tim LeBlanc	1998	Jeff Stephens	2009	Burton Blackmar
1977	Jackie Welch	1988	Denton Ashway	1999	John Weaver	2010	Shan Mize
1978	Larry Boling	1989	Bobby Thomas	2000	Jim Whitney	2011	Taylor Rice
1979	Zack Rice	1990	Jim Wheeler	2001	Jon McDaniel	2012	George Pirkle
1980	Roger Williams	1991	Rich Brown	2002	Keith Argo	2013	George Pirkle
1981	Tom Miller	1992	Tim Perry	2003	Rich Neville	2014	Mike Smith
1982	Gabe Dukas	1993	Bob McGuinn	2004	Melissa Durand	2015	Rusty Smith
1983	Eddie Stowe	1994	Robert Thuss	2005	Brandon Barron	2016	Donna Wade
1984	Dana Miles	1995	Brian Carpenter	2006	Chuck Welch	2017	Eric Duncan
1985	Mike Gravitt	1996	Charles Ammons	2007	Gabe Arango	2018	Ken Terry

### Paul Harris Fellows

In 2016 our club became 100% Paul Harris Fellows!

1977	Tommy Bagwell	Penny McGuinn	Jim Whitney	Seth Thomas
1978	Jim French	Rafe Banks	Rex Abbott	Donna Wade
1986	Bob McGuinn	Rich Brown	2000 Nancy Abbott	Lucy Thuss
	Larry Boling	Malvelene Vaughan	Melissa Durand	Matt Richmond
	Bobby Thomas	1993 Stan Gault	Tim Perry	2006 Chuck Welch
1987	Gary Allen	1994 Mike Gravitt	2001 Mike Smith	2008 Dana Miles
	Bill Carter	Shannon Mize	Bill Levensalor	Eric Duncan
1988	Jack Manton	Charles Welch	George Pirkle	Mike Palmer
	Zack Rice	Brenda Thomas	2002 Burton Blackmar	John Heath
1991	Robert Thuss	Chantal Bagwell	2003 Lorne Twiner	2010 John Martin
	Vic Shirley	Shaun McGuinn	2004 Bruce Hearn	2014 Linda Duncan
	Lou Douglas	Brian Carpenter	Jack Godwin	D'Arcy Duncan Andrews
1992	Rafe Banks	Michael O'Bryan	2005 Jon McDaniel	Erin Duncan Topel
	Jack Heard	1996 Leslie McGuinn	Mike Montgomery	2015 Sam Siemon
	Jim Wheeler	1997 Denton Ashway	Joni Owens	Gabe Arango Murray Rice



Rotary Opens Opportunities



# Will Watt Fellows

1986	Tommy Bagwell	1999	Rex Abbott	2007	Donna Wade	Lorne Twiner
1990	Dick Neville	2001	Jon McDaniel	2008	Eric Duncan	Bill Guilfoil
	Bobby Thomas		Rich Brown	2009	Dana Miles	
	Lou Douglas		Bill Kehres	2010	John Hall	
1995	Brian Carpenter		Mike Gravitt	2012	George Pirkle	
	Bob McGuinn	2002	Malvelene Vaughan		Dennis Gravitt	
1998	Jim Whitney	2003	Mike Montgomery	2013	Jim Wheeler	

*If you have a question about the bulletin/programs, or have a program of interest to the club, please contact Stephanie Woody at [swoody@forsythnews.com](mailto:swoody@forsythnews.com) or mobile 678-878-0516.*