



## Scuttlebutt

Wednesday, September 18, 2019

### Matt Arnold's notes

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Greetings friends,

We kicked off our meeting Friday with a recorded report from Dr. Ray Tseng and our dental team in Guatemala. They managed to serve over 680 children across 3 1/2 days. A remarkable achievement. Many thanks to Ray and Anzor for organizing this and all of our supporting members including Doctors Gary Hill and Alessandra Ritter as well as Rob Maitland and Lorenzo Mejia.

D. G. Martin introduced Dr. Jodi Magness noting that our best programs are our own members. That was certainly true as we heard Professor Magness update on the Huqoq dig and the amazing mosaics.

We set out for Winston Salem right after the meeting. It was a perfect outing save for one detail. All had a great time, starting with the UNC Marching Band serenading us as soon as soon as we stepped off of the bus.

Tremendous thanks to Omar Zinn, Tim Smith, and John Perry for pulling all of this together.

This week, our District Governor Marie Howard will join us for her official visit. She will update us on her plans for the district as well as Rotary International President Mark Daniel Maloney's vision for Rotary's growth in the United States and across the globe.

Have a great week. See you Friday.

Yours in Rotary,

Matt Arnold  
 President 2019-2020



### Sergeant-at-Arms Bryan Gilliam



Bryan led with an invocation about kindness. Then as a tribute to the day being Friday the 13th he began a slew of facts related to the day. With some help in pronunciation from Jodi, he informed us of paraskevidekatriaphobia, fear of Friday the 13th. We also had our first full moon and first harvest full moon since 2000. Bryan continued with educating us in how the number 13 has been unlucky for thousands of years.

### Announcements

- SECU Family House Dinner Service, Thursday September 19th TOMORROW! [Please sign up to help.](#)
- Steak Night is set for October 10, 2019 at the Rooster Hut. Contact Greg Bradbury to register. Steak, beer, wine, fun, fellowship all for \$25 per person. For the first time partners are invited!
- Save the date Bike Night 2019, December 5th.
- Nominations for District Governor, 2022 2023 may be made now through September 25, 2019. Nominations may come through club-supported resolutions. Please contact Matt Arnold if you wish to make a nomination after securing the nominees approval.

### Guests & Visiting Rotarians

September 13, 2019 Meeting

### Speakers

**September 20, 2019**

[Rotary District Governor Marie Howard](#)  
 The Vision of Rotary International 2019-2020 President Mark Daniel Maloney

**September 27, 2019**

[Dr. Shelton Earp, Director of UNC Cancer Care](#)

Advances in Cancer Research at UNC Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center

**October 11, 2019**

[Courtney Edwards](#)

Tax Reform 101: What you need to know, but were afraid to ask.

### Birthdays

Fred W. Kiger  
 September 18th

Jodi Magness  
 September 19th

Robert B. Ward  
 September 21st

Edward Lowdermilk  
 September 23rd

Richard Baddour  
 September 25th

Felix Muriithi  
 September 27th

Robert Lawrence Krieg  
 September 29th

Tim Smith  
 September 29th

James A. Heavner  
 September 30th

Mark E. Moshier  
 October 3rd

Gardner Stultz  
 October 11th

Holly H. Alderman  
 October 13th

John Wallace  
 October 17th

### Club Leaders



[Matthew Arnold](#)  
 President



[Gavin Christopher Heymann](#)  
 President-Elect



[Patrick Phelan](#)  
 Secretary



[Courtney H Edwards](#)  
 Treasurer



[John E. Blunk Jr.](#)  
 Public Image Chair

**Guest of Member**

<u>Guest Name</u>	<u>Guest of Member</u>
Wendy Maxwell	Maxwell, Michael
Win Chesson	Chesson, Earl
Audie McRae	Chesson, Earl

**Guests: 3**

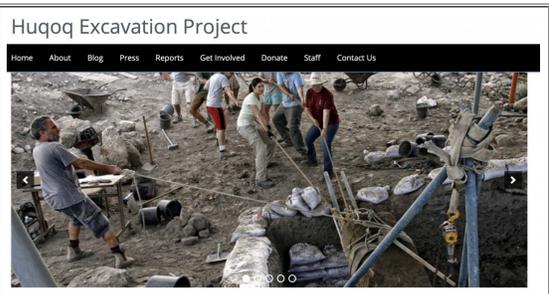
**Rotarian Guest**

<u>Guest Name</u>	<u>District / Club</u>
Linda Arnold	Chapel Hill NC

**Guests: 1**



**This week in photos**



Visit the Huqoq web site



On board the rolling tailgate



Tough game great ECHR turnout...



Christine Diane Jones  
Club Director



Will Bunch  
CCO-Club Comm. Offer



Mike Clayton  
Rotary Foundation Chair



Kim Grooms  
Membership Chair



Steve Hess  
Service Projects Chair



Roger D. Jennings  
Sergeant-at-Arms



John A Perry  
Club Admin Chair



Dan Jared Deacon  
Fundraising Chair



Pam Herndon  
Grants Chair



Daniel Rockaway  
Club Programs Chair



Omar Zinn  
Club Fellowship Chair



Lorenzo Mejia  
Youth Services Chair



Robert Nelson Maitland II  
iPast President



Carol J. Rives  
Asst Governor



Watch the full Dental Project Report

## September 13, 2019 Speaker - Jodi Magness

By Will Bunch on Wednesday, September 18, 2019

D.G. Martin provided an insightful introduction of our fellow Rotarian Jodi Magness. Jodi and her husband Jim have been in Chapel Hill since 2002. Jodi works in the Department of Religious Studies at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and is the Kenan Distinguished Professor for Teaching Excellence in Early Judaism.

She is an archaeologist and has directed over 20 excavations around the world but mostly in Israel and Greece. Since 2011 Jodi has directed the Huqoq excavation which was her topic of the day. D.G. found an article which revealed Jodi once said, "I got a rat tail in 1988 and I've kept it ever since, because someday it will come back into style and I'll be ready for it."

Jodi began her dive into the history and findings at Huqoq which is found Northwest of the Sea of Galilee. The site was once a Jewish village and they are excavating a Jewish Synagogue. Jodi focus is to ascertain the fate of Jewish Villages in a Christian Era. It was in a time in a rural area whose economy was mostly based on agricultural work, fishing and crafting.

To provide a visual of what the Synagogue in Huqoq would have looked like Jodi showed pictures of the Compernaum Synagogue for architectural comparison. However, the Compernaum Synagogue was paved with flagstones and the Huqoq Synagogue was paved with biblical mosaic scenes. Jodi told us to go to [National Geographic](#) to see some of the old published findings.

Jodi then began to describe some of the new discoveries on the North Wall from the summer of 2018. Of which was a Mosaic depicting the story of Moses sending out two spies to come back with a cluster of grapes on a pole, a person leading a wolf which referenced Isaiah 11:6 and 3 men being tied up referencing Daniel 3:23. In the Summer of 2019 the West Isle was excavated where they found an inscription in aramaic, an atypical finding as most of the writings were in Hebrew. This mosaic would originally have been 4 quadrants but was mostly damaged and part of two quadrants are able to be seen showing a portion of a bear and boar which referenced Daniel chapter 7:2-7. The Boar was the symbol of Roman Legion at the time.

In the summer of 2016 they found a large Mosaic which had many palm trees depicted which referenced the scene described in Exodus 15:27 of 70 palm trees and 12 water springs. They also found a scene from Noah's ark, however Jodi educated us in how the original language actually describes a structure which is more like a large chest than a boat. They also found a scene from the Pharaoh's soldiers drowning in the red sea, the mosaic however was embellished to include some of the soldiers being eaten by large fish which is an example of Midrash or Jewish exaggeration of a biblical story.

In the summer of 2017 they found a Helios and Zodiac cycle, however unlike the typical cycle shown with females representing the seasons this mosaic had male personification for this role. Furthermore they uncovered the first ever depiction of Jonah in Jewish art. This mosaic also had Midrash in which Jonah was being eaten by a fish inside a fish inside a fish which provides sufficient evidence to date the mosaic to the 5th century. This mosaic of Jonah also included Harpees who were the personification of storm winds. They also found a mosaic showing the building of the tower of Babel which depicted men of various skin color building the tower with saws, hammers, chisels, planers and a pulley system. A fight was breaking out which represents the story in the building of the tower of Babel.

What Jodi didn't have time to discuss was the era's of use for the building she had to dig through to get to the use during the Roman Christian era. Built atop the synagoggue was mideval era use where they used the building for cooking.

## Our next Speaker ♦ District Governor Marie Howard



Rotary International District 7710 Governor Marie S. Howard will address the East Chapel Hill Rotary Club at our regular meeting on September 20, 2019 at the Hotel Sheraton beginning at 1:00 PM. District Governor Howard is one of more than 500 Rotarians worldwide serving as a district governor this year. A member of the Rotary club of Clayton, NC, she has been a Rotarian for eight years.

Since joining Rotary in 2011 Howard has served as club Treasurer, three terms as club President, for two different clubs, and two years as Assistant Governor for Area 1. She was instrumental in starting the Kerr Tar Rotary Club and the Knightdale Satellite Club.

During her visit to the club, Howard will share the vision of 2019-2020 Rotary International President, Mark Daniel Maloney of Decatur Alabama. Additionally, Howard will describe her initiatives to support local Rotary clubs and their humanitarian service projects.

## Rotary Youth Leadership Award

RYLA, or Rotary Youth Leadership Award, is an annual leadership weekend for select high school juniors. It is typically held



in April each year.

RYLA is a fun, intensive learning experience where you develop your skills as a leader and have a great time at a beautiful camp about one hour north of Chapel Hill. The leadership exercises at RYLA will help you develop communication and problem-solving skills, discover strategies for being an effective leader and unlock your potential to turn motivation into action.

RYLA awardees are selected by an application process that considers academics, service, athletics and involvement in community activities. Click here for general [information on the RYLA program](#).

If you know a high school junior interested in applying for East Chapel Hill Rotary's RYLA program, please contact Will Bunch at [wbunch@mazefp.com](mailto:wbunch@mazefp.com) to submit an application.

East Chapel Hill  
Meets at Hotel Sheraton

Time: Friday at 12:45 PM

