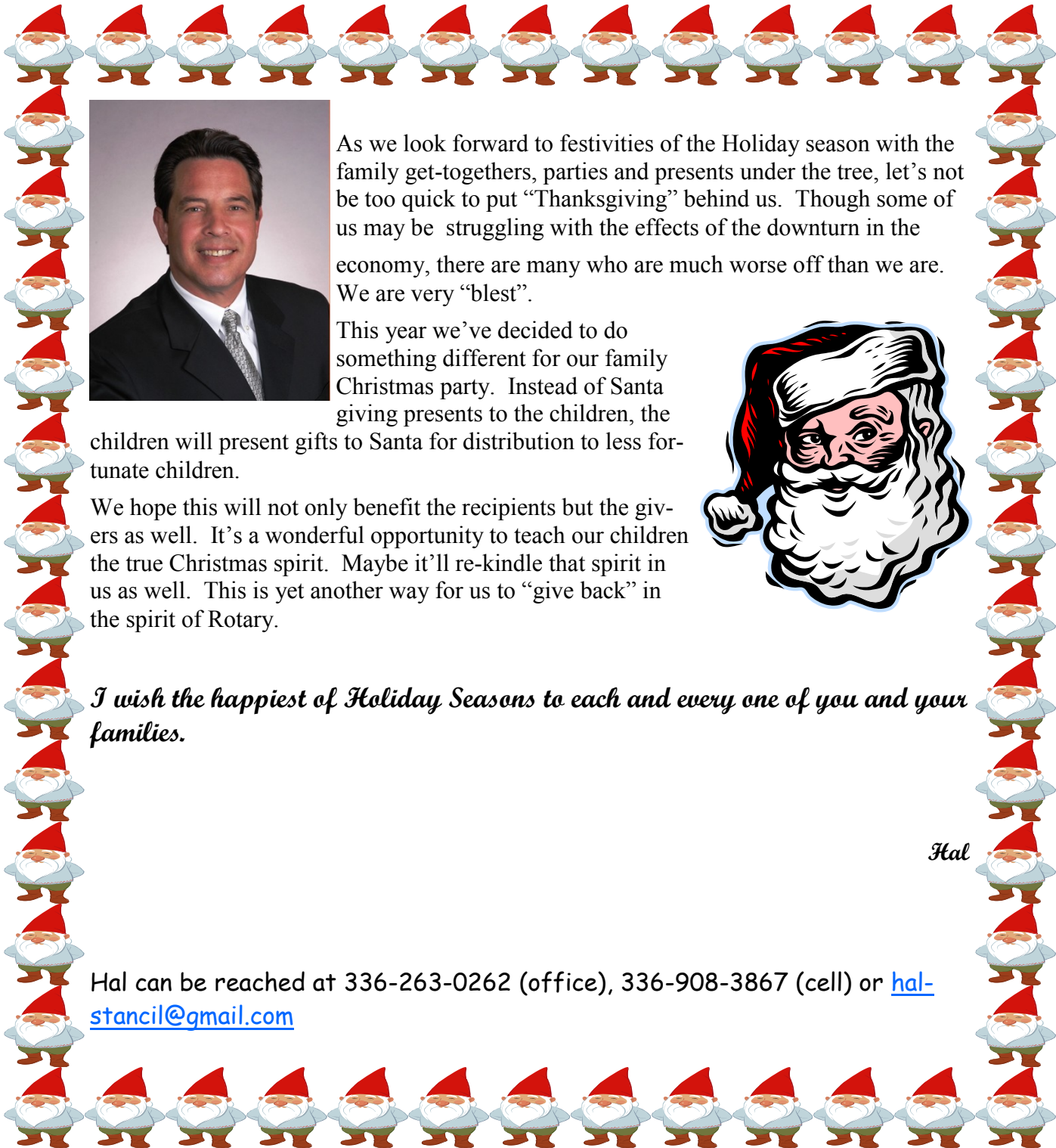


# In Gear

The monthly newsletter of Gate City Rotary — Greensboro, N. C.

Service Above Self December 2010



As we look forward to festivities of the Holiday season with the family get-togethers, parties and presents under the tree, let's not be too quick to put "Thanksgiving" behind us. Though some of us may be struggling with the effects of the downturn in the economy, there are many who are much worse off than we are. We are very "blest".

This year we've decided to do something different for our family Christmas party. Instead of Santa giving presents to the children, the

children will present gifts to Santa for distribution to less fortunate children.

We hope this will not only benefit the recipients but the givers as well. It's a wonderful opportunity to teach our children the true Christmas spirit. Maybe it'll re-ignite that spirit in us as well. This is yet another way for us to "give back" in the spirit of Rotary.



*I wish the happiest of Holiday Seasons to each and every one of you and your families.*

*Hal*

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# Programs, Visitors & Activities



**Jay Raffaldini**, of Raffaldini Vineyards told us all about wine-making.



**Tim George**, updated us about athletic development at UNCG. *Go Spartans!*



Mid Middleton "pins" new member, **Steve Brannan**. *Welcome, Steve!*



**Emily Hoole** reminded us of the wonderful things accomplished by the Rotary Foundation.

**Dan Quinn** is Owner of NETcom Cabling, Able Electric

**Describe your role within your company and why would someone choose to do business with you?** I manage the day to day operations for NETcom Cabling and Able Electric. Our customers do business with us because they know if it's sleeting on Christmas Eve and their fiber optic network has been cut, it will be our guys that are in the hole, in the mud fixing it. Same for our Security and Electrical group, we have the very best people, hands down no exceptions.

**Why did you choose this profession?** It was my first real job out of college. I learned the business and then had the opportunity to buy it. I have continued on because my customers over the last 20+ years have become like family to me. I know their children, go to their homes and vacation with them.

**What's your proudest accomplishment?** Having been married 22 years, and to the best of my knowledge, not screwing up my kids.

**Describe your family.** My wife Judy, pretty as the first time I saw her, in her green dress and big 1986 hair. Judy had two children (Melissa & Aaron) that were 12 & 11 when we married. Melissa is now 34 and runs the animal training for Busch Gardens Williamsburg. Aaron is 33, married and has two children. He is a pharmaceutical sales rep (the legal kind) and they live here in Greensboro so I get to see lots of my grandchildren. Judy and I adopted Katie from Vietnam in 2002 when she was 5, Katie is now 13 and attends the Academy at Lincoln. My extended family includes my 5 siblings and God knows how many nieces/nephews, great nieces/nephews and in one case great, great niece. I also count Katie's (6) siblings in Vietnam as my own and I visit them every year.



**Why did you join rotary and why do you stay involved?** I joined GCR for business contacts. I am involved because the members of GCR are the kind of people I would like to become. I also think Pay it Forward is a good idea.

**What is your favorite memory of rotary?** Last year GCR funded a heart surgery for Children of Vietnam. When I was in Da Nang in March I interviewed candidates and met the most wonderful family. The mom and dad were day laborer's (common in Vietnam) and they had one small son about 2. He had a broken arm and was charming. His surgery was more complicated than the normal surgery we provide and was going to cost a good bit more. I said that Gate City would cover it and many of you guys kicked in to cover the difference. There was also a guest present and he agreed to rebuild their home and provide some "extras" to this family.

As my commitment from GCR was translated to the family the mother/father began to cry and try and thank us. There was not a dry eye in the room. This is not only my favorite Rotary memory but one of the best days of my life.

**What do you like to do in your spare time?** Read and travel

**What is your worst habit?** Way too many to pick just one as "worst"

**If you could have dinner with one person, who would it be and why?** God, I have some questions.

**What is a little known fact about you?** I would like to be a National Park Ranger someday.

**What is something on your bucket list?** Ski Zermatt

**Mike Slane** is Treasurer of LGS Innovations, LLC.



**Describe your role within your company and why would someone chose to do business with you?** Responsible for cash management, banking relations, credit and collections, accounts payable and state sales and use taxes. Also dabble in foreign currency issues and VAT taxes. If you were an agency of the US Government interested in cutting edge products and innovative thinking (think Bell Labs) you would definitely want to consider LGS as a supplier.

**Why did you choose this profession?** When I was in high school we had a family friend that was a CPA and business owner. It was primarily his influence that steered me to business and specifically accounting. I've stuck with it because during my career I've been given a great deal of latitude to create systems and processes to improve the business. So, I'm not a debit/credit accounting geek (although some may dispute that) which to me, makes my work more interesting and challenging,

**What's your proudest accomplishment?** Have 3...My family, I am so blessed. My work, establishing the Treasurer function for our company in 2007. And Rotary, the 2008 Fundraiser.

**Describe your family.** 3 Chicks (Jo, Zoe and Noa), 3 chickens (Marsha, Jan and Cindy), 1 little piggy (Ava) and me.

**Why did you join rotary and why do you stay involved?** To do good work for good people with great friends.

**What is your favorite memory of rotary?** Drilling post holes in the muck of the drained lake at Camp Carefree.

**What do you like to do in your spare time?** Spend time with my girls, work out, play guitar, play soccer, mountain bike, paint, cook, hunt and fish (need to do more fishing!)

**What is your worst habit?** Not really a habit...but I can't sit still. Got to be doing something....but sitting down to watch a movie, sports or TV about kills me.

**If you could have dinner with one person, who would it be and why?** My grandfather, Salvatore LaCarrubba. He died several years before I was born. I would like to have known him.

**What is a little known fact about you?** I'm a classically trained pizzolo. (I was mentored by an Italian immigrant at a little pizzeria in NJ)

**What is something on your bucket list?** Perhaps I'm too easily satisfied, but I really don't have a bucket list. I do what I can with what I have and enjoy the moment.

**Richard Browne** is Vice-President, Marketing for Gilbarco Veeder-Root



**Describe your role within your company and why would someone chose to do business with you?** Gilbarco is the leading global provider of forecourt equipment (gas pumps, underground monitoring and point of sale) to fuel retailers (and yes, Buster, Diesel Exhaust Fluid). Our equipment delivers the highest up time in the industry combined with the easiest to use consumer interface and is backed by the nation’s strongest service network. We have a long history of product innovation designed to meet our customers’ needs.

**What’s your proudest accomplishment?** I choose a career in marketing because it provides the opportunity to create and define new markets and products. A successful marketing strategy can change a companies profit trajectory and improve the experience of our consumers and customers. As a marketer I am involved in all areas of our companies business and no two days are the same.

**Describe your family.** My wife, Kellie, was recently ordained as a minister in the Presbyterian Church and is the pastor of John Calvin Presbyterian Church in Salisbury, N.C. Our daughter Katelyn is in her final year at UNC and will graduate with a Masters of Library Science and a teaching degree in May. On the same weekend our son, Rich, will graduate from UNCG on the Chancellors List with a BA, majors in History and Political Science.

**Why did you join rotary and why do you stay involved?** I joined Rotary to be able to give back to our community and to meet other business men and women in Greensboro. I stay involvd because I enjoy the club members and believe in the causes the club champions.

**What is your favorite memory of Rotary?** Having Pete recruit the homeless man to help us with the trash pick up.

**What do you like to do in your spare time?** I read fiction and business books and spend time with my family. I enjoy traveling to spots of geographic and historic interest.

**What is your worst habit?** Not leaving work early enough to be on time for dinner.

**If you could have dinner with anyone, who would you choose and why?** Desmond Tutu who I think is a fascinating person and has rallied people for a cause he believes in with grace and humor.

**What is a little known fact about you?** I like to whitewater kayak

**Name something on your “bucket list”.** Driving across the country in a Winnebago.

# "Changing Lives!"



While in Guatemala installing stoves and fresh water systems, GC Rotarians Max, Dale, Richard, Kelly and Tommy Allen, take a break at a washing station built by Rotarians several years ago in the same village where they were working.

## **MOVIE REVIEWS**

**"Never Let Me Go"**, with Carey Mulligan, Keira Knightley and Andrew Garfield. Great acting. A sad love story with a very dark side. I loved the movie.

**"You Will Meet A Tall Dark Stranger"** the newest of Woody Allen. Funny movie. It's about relationships and everything goes wrong. Very entertaining.

**"Soul Kitchen"** a German movie. A guy owns a restaurant and everything goes wrong. His girlfriend moves to China, his back hurts after he tries to lift a dishwasher, he hires a chef and his regular customers don't like his fancy food and his brother is addicted to gambling and loses the restaurant. Funny movie.

**"Hereafter"** Excellent movie with Matt Damon. The movie takes place in three different countries, three different stories and at the end it all comes together. Clint Eastwood, the director did a wonderful job.

**"Secretariat"**, with Diane Lane and John Malcovich. A wonderful, feel good movie about a horse that won the triple crown in 1973. If you are an animal lover you will enjoy this movie a lot.

**"Nowhere Boy"** based on the life of John Lennon before he became famous.  
Very nice!

**"Howl"**, about the poet Allen Ginsberg. Unfolding of the landmark 1957 obscenity trial.  
..... BORING !

**"Stone"**, with Edward Norton and Robert De Niro. Edward was in jail and Robert De Niro was the parole officer. Edward tries to get out earlier. It wasn't a great movie, but I like Edward Norton.

**"Unstoppable"**, with Denzel Washington and Chris Pine. The most exciting movie I've seen in years. Very well done. The sounds of the trains are incredible.

**"Waiting For Superman"** a documentary about the school system in the US. An interesting subject. What an eye opener. A lot of sad cases. It's not always easy.

**"Conviction"** based on a true story. Hillary Swank plays the sister of Sam Rockwell who was convicted for murder. Hillary went to law school to prove her brother was innocent. Amazing how much **love she had for him and she was so dedicated. Good movie.**

**"A Woman, A Gun and a Noodle Shop"** a Chinese movies. It's a remake of the movie Blood Simple that the Coen brothers made in 1984. Everything goes wrong. It was amusing.

**"Inside Job"** a documentary about the global financial meltdown. Complicated stuff. Somewhat depressing.

*Restaurant Reviews next page!*

**Restaurant Reviews:**

**Bin 33** located at 323 South Elm Street.

I loved the atmosphere. I felt I was in New York City. The food was delicious. We had frog legs and they were tender and juicy. I had short ribs after and it just melted in my mouth. The flavor was very good and the fries to die for! Tony had duck pastrami and a friend had oysters. Everything was tasty. I have to go back to try their dessert. There wasn't enough time to have dessert, because we went to the theatre. Prices were very reasonable too. They don't take reservations, unless your party has 7 or more people.

**"Josephine's"** located on Spring Garden.

Warm and cozy atmosphere. Nice menu. A lot to choose from. We had a waiter who wasn't too friendly (probably from New Jersey ... just kidding). The food was very good, except the fries. They weren't crisp but soggy, so they are losing a lot of points. I also found the dessert too sweet. American desserts are always too sweet. We will go back to give it another try.

Cynthia Hooimeijer

## The Wisdom of Will Rogers

People get a chuckle out of his sayings, but there's a lot more than humor in these words. Here's a dozen sayings - one for each of the Twelve Days of Christmas.

1. Never slap a man who's chewing tobacco.
2. Never kick a cow chip on a hot day.
3. There are two theories to arguing with a woman . . . Neither works.
4. Never miss a good chance to shut up.
5. Always drink upstream from the herd.
6. If you find yourself in a hole, stop digging.
7. The quickest way to double your money is to fold it and put it back into your pocket.
8. There are three kinds of men: The ones that learn by reading. The few who learn by observation. The rest of them have to pee on the electric fence and find out for themselves.
9. Good judgment comes from experience, and a lot of that comes from bad judgment.
10. If you're riding' ahead of the herd, take a look back every now and then to make sure it's still there.
11. Lettin' the cat outta the bag is a whole lot easier'n puttin' it back.
12. After eating an entire bull, a mountain lion felt so good he started roaring. He kept it up until a hunter came along and shot him. The moral: When you're full of bull, keep your mouth shut.

Submitted by Dale Susan Meltzer

## December Meetings

- 2 "Wine to Water", Chelsea Small
- 9 Housing Bust & New Construction,  
Andy Dreyfus
- 16 CHRISTmas Family Breakfast
- 23 **NO MEETING!**
- 30 **NO MEETING!**

### Rotary Web Addresses

Gate City - [gatecityrotary.com](http://gatecityrotary.com)  
 District 7690 - [rotary7690.org](http://rotary7690.org)  
 R I - [rotary.org](http://rotary.org)

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 .....  
 Rusty Hoffman ..... Past Presidents' Committee

**Strive for 100% attendance by making up at these area clubs.**

<i>Mon</i>	<b>CRESCENT:</b> Realtors Assoc Building	12:30 P.M.
	<b>FURNITURELAND (HP)</b> Market Sq. Rest.	12:00 P.M.
<i>Tue</i>	<b>GSO-AIRPORT:</b> Cardinal Country Club	7:00 a.m.
	<b>GUILFORD:</b> Starmount Forest CC	12:30 P.M.
	<b>JAMESTOWN:</b> Jamestown Town Hall	6:30 P.M.
	<b>OAK HOLLOW:</b> Noble's, High Point	6:00 P.M.
<i>Wed</i>	<b>GREENSBORO:</b> Coliseum, "Blue Room"	12:30 P.M.
	<b>EAST GREENSBORO:</b> Bennett College	7:15 a.m.
	<b>THOMASVILLE:</b> Thomasville Women's Club	12:05 P.M.
<i>Thu</i>	<b>SOUTHERN GUILFORD:</b> Cooper's Ale House	6:00 P.M.
	<b>HIGH POINT:</b> High Point Country Club	12:00 P.M.
<i>Fri</i>	<b>SUMMIT:</b> Starmount Forest CC	12:30 P.M.
	<b>ASHEBORO:</b> Pinewood Country Club	12:00 P.M.

On-line make-up at: <http://www.rotaryclubone.org>.

## Celebrations

- 7 Mike Conrad
- 7 Steve WSirtz
- 23 Jack Reynolds
- 23 Randy Sherron
- 27 Chip Vail



22 Mike & Lilly Address



### The Four-Way Test

(A Primer for Human Relations)

Is it the Truth?

Is it fair to all concerned?

Will it build good will and better friendships?

Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

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