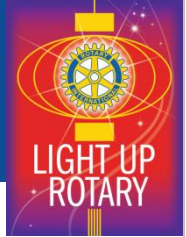




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- Fostering unity among member clubs
- Strengthening and expanding Rotary around the world
- Communicating worldwide the work of Rotary; and
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### THE 4-WAY TEST

Of The Things We Think, Say or Do:

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

### PROGRAM SCHEDULE

- 03/23 **ABDULLAH T. ANTEPLI, CHIEF REPRESENTATIVE OF MUSLIM AFFAIRS, DUKE UNIVERSITY**  
**“WHAT IT MEANS TO BE AN AMERICAN MUSLIM”**  
 Introduction: President Vandana Dake
- 03/30 **JAMES SILLS, PRESIDENT M&F BANK: A HISTORY OF A HISTORICAL BANK**  
 Introduction: Adrian Brown
- 04/06 **NO MEETING! IN OBSERVANCE OF THE EASTER HOLIDAY**
- 04/13 **OFFSITE MEETING!**  
**JOHN GUSS, DIRECTOR THE BENNETT PLACE: 150<sup>TH</sup> CELEBRATION**  
 Introduction: Rob Everett/Sam Miglarese

### SERVICE SCHEDULE FOR MARCH 23 2015

#### Music

Pianist: **ANDY ESSER**

Vocalist: **VINCE SIMONETTI**

**“THIS LAND IS YOUR LAND”**

Invocation & Rotary Minute

**MARK HIGGINS**

**DRC Raffle: RI Foundation Programs**

Contribution: \$1/Ticket; \$5/6 Tickets

Proceeds: ½ RI Foundation; ½ Winner

Rotary International: \$55.00/Raffle Winner: \$54.00

**Total: \$109.00**

**Raffle Winner: KEVIN SPEARS**

**CART Fund** (Coins For Alzheimer’s Research Trust)

**3/16 \$73.47**

## CYNTHIA HILL --- DOCUMENTARY FILM MAKER



From Left To Right:  
Rotarian Anna Jones; Janeen Gringrich, Who Worked With Cynthia Hill; and Rachel Raney, Executive Director of The Southern Documentary Fund

Documentary film maker, Cynthia Hill, expressed a reluctance to do public speaking and immediately ran into a common problem with trying to let your work do the talking ... balky audio-visual equipment. With some help from her friends, she finally got things rolling with two video clips --- the first from her award-winning documentary on domestic violence called *Private Violence*, a 77 minute feature length film; and the second from her PBS Series *A Chef’s Life*. A trailer for *Private Violence* can be found on the movie’s website at [www.privateviolence.com](http://www.privateviolence.com) along with a short biography of Ms. Hill, who now lives in Durham but is originally from Pink Hill, North Carolina over near Kinston.

Kinston, it turns out, is the location of the Chef and the Farmer, the restaurant that Ms. Hill’s friend, Vivian Howard, and her husband, Benjamin Knight, opened after working for top chefs in New York City. The restaurant and the farm country around it is the setting for *A Chef’s Life*. It is also one of the poorest congressional districts in the country.

Almost immediately after the clips finished, Ms. Hill opened the floor for questions. To my surprise, she was remarkably at ease at the microphone. Maybe the self-deprecation was a real “aw shucks” southern thing or “what the heck can I talk to Rotarians about?” Or maybe it was Arthur Rogers, playing the gushing fan-boy that put her at ease. They sure got me curious about the PBS Series. I’d never heard of it and have to admit I’ve lost track of PBS programming since the last time Time Warner scrambled up the channels again a few years ago. With Ms. Hill’s help, I found the PBS website where all the episodes can be streamed on your computer, tablet, or smart phone. <http://video.pbs.org/program/chefs-life/>

I watched one episode, then two, then three, and then decided I better write something before I cued up another. Arthur is right; the series is very engaging. Arthur mentioned the warm feelings about small southern towns like the one he grew up in. I’m a city boy but I did spend a lot of time a few years ago in towns like Bunn, Jackson, Warsaw, Tar Heel, and Rose Hill. It’s definitely different east of I-95 and the show demonstrates all that’s good and gracious about the people there. However, the only food I learned to appreciate “down east” was really good park barbeque.

Club Statistics as of  
March 23, 2015:

Club Members: 235;  
Active: 202  
Active-LOA: 4; Honorary: 28  
Staff Positions: 1



**OUR MARCH 2015 BIRTHDAYS**

Member	Birthday
KEN LUNDSTROM	MARCH 01
KAY GRESHAM	MARCH 02
MARION JOHNSON, JR.	MARCH 02
ROBERT HUNT	MARCH 03
SUSAN ROSS	MARCH 05
JOHN KERR	MARCH 05
MATT KOPAC	MARCH 05
STEED ROLLINS, JR.	MARCH 06
ALLEN CRONENBERG	MARCH 08
JAMES HEDRICK	MARCH 08
CRAIG BROWN	MARCH 09
HOWARD CLEMENT, III	MARCH 12
ERNIE MILLS, JR.	MARCH 13
RALPH SNYDERMAN	MARCH 13
PAMELA GREEN	MARCH 16
DENNIS MCLAIN	MARCH 16
GUY SOLIE	MARCH 17
JOHN STADDON	MARCH 19
ISAAC GREEN	MARCH 20
ERIN WILLIS	MARCH 23
WALT SHACKELFORD	MARCH 24
TOM KERNS, III	MARCH 26
INGRID WICKER-MCCREE	MARCH 29
LARRY CRANE	MARCH 31

**Pending New Members**

CHAD QUINN (Sponsor: Rob Everett)  
JOE WEBSTER (Sponsor: Willis Whichard)  
CATHY STALLCUP (Sponsor: Brady Surles)

**2014-2015 ROTARY LEADERSHIP**

RI President: Gary Huang  
District Governor: Matthew Kane  
ADG-Area 7: Joyce McKinney

**2014-2015 Club Officers**

President: Vandana Dake  
Immediate Past-President: Bill Ingram  
President-Elect: Lois Deloatch  
Vice-President: Todd Taylor  
Secretary: Phyllis Coley  
Treasurer: Susan Miller  
Sergeant-at-Arms: Reginald Hodges  
Finance Advisor: Barry Curtis

**2014-2016 Board of Directors**

Shelly Green  
Deirdre Haj  
Deana Labriola  
Eric Miller  
David Reese  
B. C. Dash  
Andy Esser  
Blake Strayhorn  
Meg Solera

**Club Website Master**

Jay Zenner, Designer; Updates

The restaurant and the show are really about the farm to food movement and part of the pleasure of watching it comes from the recipes that Vivian prepares for this "who would expect it here" fine dining restaurant. What that woman can do with corn will blow your mind. You also see the impact this movement is having on agriculture in the region where there are a lot of small farms that once depended on tobacco.

However, this is not just a food show. There is plenty of drama involved. The restaurant burns down in the first show. Vivian and Benjamin have twins. Hiring and training in a place without a whole lot of fine dining options, hanging on to sources, staff, and their own sanity while rebuilding, making for bingeing on downloaded episodes, if not strawberries.

While Ms. Hill was solving the A/V problems, Rachel Raney, Executive Director The Southern Documentary Fund went to the podium to describe this organization, which Ms. Hill co-founded in 2002. Ms. Hill later shared that they were determined to prove that "art can make money." It's tough, she indicated, but it can be done and described the mix of determination and dread they faced on their designated mornings for making fundraising calls. <http://southerndocumentaryfund.org>

President Vandana, who is on the Board of The Southern Documentary Fund, deferred to Rotarian, Anna Jones, for Ms. Hill's introduction. Anna, of course, has produced her own documentary about her father's involvement in the civil rights movement, *Chairman Jones: An Improbable Leader*, got some help from the organization and has a page on their website with a link to a trailer.

<http://southerndocumentaryfund.org/projects/chairman-jones/>

*Submitted By: Jay Zenner*

MELISSA MILLS SURPRISES HER FATHER, MR. FRED MILLS,  
AT OUR MARCH 23<sup>RD</sup>, 2015 ROTARY MEETING PRESENTING HIM WITH PHF AWARD



*From Left To Right: Fred Mills, Melissa Mills, & Kenneth Lundstrom*  
ROTARY MINUTE: NEW MEMBER, ERIK BENSON

Rotarian, Judge Craig Brown Speaks  
About The Brown Family Scholarship



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