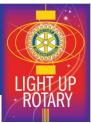


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- Fostering unity among member clubs
- Strengthening and expanding Rotary around the world
- Communicating worldwide the work of Rotary; and
- Providing a system of international administration

#### 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

03/30 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™ CELEBRATION

Introduction: Rob Everett/Sam Miglarese

04/20 Bert L'Homme, DPS
Centennial Program: EDUCATION
Introduction: Brady Surles; Don Stanger;
President Vandana Dake

#### **SERVICE SCHEDULE FOR MARCH 30, 2015**

Music Pianist: N/A

Vocalists: MATT KOPAC & TIKA RUSH
"The Star Spangled Banner"
Invocation & Rotary Minute
TBD

**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: <u>VINCE SIMONETTI</u>
CART Fund (Coins For Alzheimer's Research Trust)

3/23 \$17.05

#### "WHAT IT MEANS TO BE AN AMERICAN MUSLIM"



Today's program on "What It Means To Be An American Muslim" produced an informative presentation and lively question and answer period. Owing to illness, the scheduled speaker. Duke University Iman Abdullah Antelpi, a native of Turkey and one of the few Chaplains Muslim in American universities. had to cancel. Fortunately, two very bright and articulate Muslim students at Duke ably filled in.



Daanish Faruqi arrived in 2013 as a doctoral student in Muslim history. Daanish grew up in a Pakistani immigrant family in New Jersey. Safa al-Saeedi was born in Syria but her family now lives in Yemen. She enrolled at Duke as a freshman and is now a senior majoring in economics.

Growing up in New Jersey, Daanish considered himself not a Muslim-American, but simply an American. It was his experiences as a journalist in the Muslim world and as a Fulbright student in Morocco that awakened an awareness of himself as an American and a Muslim. He related how he settled in Cairo not knowing a word of Arabic --- a deficit he tackled quickly. Throughout his travels in the Muslim world, he was taken to be an American and as such was pegged as fair game for --- generally innocent --- "rip-offs." An American passport bestows many advantages, including the ease with which one can travel, standing in sharp contrast to the many hoops through which citizens of Muslim states must jump. On the other hand, Americans are likely to get an earful about foreign policy. Incidentally, his experiences as a journalist and scholar resulted in a book, *From Camp David To Cast Lead* that deals with the thorny issues surrounding Palestinian-Israeli relations.

Most of the program involved a give and take between Club Members and our guests. One issue that plays out over and over in Western media is the divide between Sunni and Shia Muslims. Safa tackled this one by pointing out that it was not so much a disagreement over religious belief or interpretation but that the contentious division had arisen after Muhammed's death over who should succeed him as leader. For the most part, Shiites and Sunnis have lived peacefully together. As an example she hadn't realized that a mosque near her home in Yemen was Shiite until after it had been bombed.

Club Statistics as of March 30, 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)
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

Daanish tackled the question about the murder of the three Muslim students in Chapel Hill. Regardless of the motive, he suggested that how they lived was more important than how they died. Their lives revealed that each was committed to serving humanity.

About separation of church and state which most people --- but not all --- in the West regard as a core value but which appears absent in the Muslim world: Daanish acknowledged that some Islamic scholars are wrestling with this issue in the context of political culture.

As for the repetitious description in Western media of "Islamic radicals," "Islamic militants," "Islamic terrorists": Safa contends this terminology is not helpful. "A radical is a radical" to peaceful, compassionate Muslims as well.

How can Americans better understand the Muslim world? For one thing, teaching Arabic (or Urdu, Maylay, or Farsi among the languages spoken by nearly a quarter of the world's population) in schools. As Daanish pointed out, language is a window to understanding.

Submitted By: Allen Cronenberg

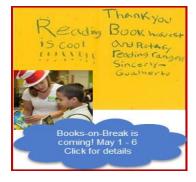
## NANA'S FOUNDATION FUNDRAISER WINE DINNER NANA'S RESTAURANT



Thursday, April 16th, 2015 --- 6:00 o'clock p.m.

\$75.00 Per Person

Please Contact Meg Solera For Additional Information at: meg.solera@gmail.com



#### Coming Events:

Books on Break International Highlights Habitat House Building "Little Libraries" Bull Moon Ride for Habitat Back Pack Buddies

Summer Programs: EDCI; PROUD: School of Doc with Full Frame; Take a Kid to Life & Science Museum; Am Dance

