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Rotary Club of Apex

"SERVICE Above Self"

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## APEX ROTARY NEWSLETTER - JAN 14, 2010

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The following is a quote from a personal eulogy given by a past member of the Apex Rotary Club for a deceased member at gravesite. A concept by which we members should all abide.

"For those of us who remain, and especially for our fellow Rotarians, we should always be mindful of this life well lived, a life of service above self, a life in which service to God, service to country and service to family was an unending mantra. Would that we all live such a life!"

THE BASICS

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**Adrian Yirka, Curator of Youth Programs, NC Museum of Natural Sciences Sciences  
hosted by Mike Bobay**

**Attendance:** 43

**Rotarian Visitors:** Bill Rousseau, Holly Springs & Fred Papa, The Cary Club.

**Guests:** Proctor Dean (Bill Sutton) & LaShonda Brown (Brenda Steen).

**Makeups:** None Recorded.

**Inductions:** None at this time.

**Speaker:** Curator of Youth Programs, NC Museum of Natural Sciences.

The North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences is the largest museum of its kind in the Southeast. Through their exhibits, programs and field experiences, they provide visitors with opportunities to get up close and personal with science and nature. They feature an array of permanent and special exhibits, live programs and educational films that appeal to audiences of all ages, the North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences encourages visitors to explore the natural.

Adrian spoke specifically about their Junior Curators program for students in grades 8-12. Junior Curators are volunteers with an intense interest in natural science and animal care. Volunteer responsibilities include live animal care, in-house and community natural history education, Museum special events and the Fossil Lab. Junior Curators enjoy bimonthly natural history seminars about such varied topics as fire ecology, neotropical migratory birds and invasive species. They enjoy monthly field experiences to natural areas around the state and participate in natural science service projects. They interact regularly with Museum staff and other natural history professionals from local universities, state agencies and Research Triangle Park. Students work together with like-minded peers.

For the 2010-2011 school year, applications will be available in April 2010. Students may stay in the program for up to five years. For more information, contact Adrian Yirka at email [adrian.yirka@ncdenr.gov](mailto:adrian.yirka@ncdenr.gov) curator of youth programs, or phone 919.733.7450 x520.

**THE WEEKLY "PEAK POST" FOR JAN 14, 2010**

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SORRY, NO PEAK POST THIS WEEK.

**IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS & REMINDERS**

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**Volunteers are Needed for this year's GSE Team Visit.** Five Team Members from India will be visiting our area from April 7th through the 9th. Host Families and Proposed Activities are needed by January 20th.

If you are interested in volunteering or have questions, please contact:

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## APEX ROTARY WEB SITE NEWS

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If you haven't already looked at the club's web site, please take a little time to familiarize yourself with it. It can be useful when you are questioned about the club and its programs. Just refer them to the site.

The web site address is <http://www.apexrotary.org> or [click here](#).

## SPECIAL NOTES & GUIDELINES

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**Make Ups:** Please remember to submit all make- up notifications to the Club Secretary as soon as you can. They can be submitted two weeks before and/or two weeks after a missed meeting.

**Guests and Visiting Rotarians:** We are always excited about having guests and visiting Rotarians to our weekly meetings. Please share the names of your guests with the Club Secretary each week. We do keep a record of who attends and this information will help with the book keeping.

**Using the Microphone:** Whenever you are speaking to the Club, whether it be as a speaker, making announcements or any other address to the Club, please come forward and use the microphone. Not only are there hearing impaired members, there is the problem with the Restaurant's kitchen fans blasting away so that the tables near the kitchen miss half or more of what you will say. Some of you feel you have loud voices. What you do not know is that when you start off, it's fine but as you go on, your voice gets lower and softer. You don't hear it but we do. Thanks for your cooperation.

**Apex Rotary Member Database Update:** You can update your personal data as follows:

1. Go to [www.apexrotary.org](http://www.apexrotary.org).
2. Click on "Membership"
3. Insert your email address (the one you used when you joined). In "Password", enter your Rotary ID number leaving out the first zero digit and click "Login".
4. Go to "Members" (top left) and click on "View My Data". It will automatically find your file.
5. Click on "Edit Member" and update your data.
6. On completion, at the very bottom of your data file, Click on "Update".

**The weekly newsletter** can now be viewed on our web site [www.apexrotary.org](http://www.apexrotary.org), click on "Newsletters". The file is in PDF format and you will need to have [Acrobat Reader](#) installed. If you do not have it, download it free at [Acrobat Reader](#).>

**Speaker Schedule** is now posted on the Club's web site <http://www.apexrotary.org>. Click on "Club Documents and then on the "Speaker Schedule (current year)". The file is in PDF format and you will need to have [Acrobat Reader](#) installed. If you do not have it, download it free at [Acrobat Reader](#).

**Apex Rotary Web Site News:** Click on the **NEW "Club Documents"** link on the Apex Rotary web site to see and have the option to download & print forms and copies of important club documents. The files are in PDF format and you will need to have [Acrobat Reader](#) installed. If you do not have it, download it free at [Acrobat Reader](#).

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