

# APEX ROTARY CLUB NEWSLETTER

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William Madison Sutton Jr. (Bill) was a beloved husband, father, grandfather, and great grandfather. Bill was born on July 29th, 1936 to Roberta Sanderlin Sutton and William Madison Sutton in McComb, Mississippi. He passed away peacefully on July 27th, 2024 in Raleigh, NC. Bill was preceded in death by his parents, his brother Bob, a grandson Stephen, and his wife Patricia.

Bill grew up in Orlando, FL and graduated from Edgewater High School and the University of Florida. He was a member of Chi Phi Fraternity and ROTC.

Bill's first career began in the US Army, where he served for 22 years. All of his service was as an officer in the Infantry. Notable achievements were: Expert Infantry Badge, Parachutist Badge, Bronze Star Medal (1 Oakleaf Cluster), Marksman Qualification Badge, Sharpshooter Qualification Badge, and many others. He served overseas in Korea, Germany, and 2 tours in Vietnam. In addition, he and his family were stationed at many posts throughout our country.

His second career was in town management.

Bill served as a town manager in North Carolina, Georgia, and Florida. His final management position was in Apex, NC from 1993 to 2001, when he retired. After retirement, Bill served on the Apex Town Council as a Councilman and Mayor.



**August 2024**

**In Memory of  
Bill Sutton**



**July 29, 1936 – July 27, 2024**

On July 27 we lost a beloved member of our club, Bill Sutton. Bill was a treasure to so many and he will be missed by our club and the community for all his dedicated work in public service.

Bill joined the Apex Rotary Club in 1993.







# Guest Speakers



Randy Vosburg, the new Apex Town Manager, spoke to the club about his vision for Apex



District Governor Jeff Blass spoke to the club about his vision and membership engagement.



Don gave a talk about rockets that was out of this world!



Thanks to Don and Carl for helping out Zach's Toy Chest with sorting toys.

# MEMBER NEWS

Effective July 1, 2024 you will now need to pay \$15 for each guest you bring to a meeting. You can pay the day they attend or ask to be billed.

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We were able to raise the \$800 needed to buy the plane replica for the orphanage. It will be purchased and placed in the Oxford Home for Children.

*Happy*

## BIRTHDAY

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Tim Powell - August 10  
Don McAlister - August 13  
Jim Stella - August 24  
Jeffrey Roscoe - August 25

## Club Anniversary

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Morgan Tyler - August 14  
DeEtte Ferry - August 19  
Roy Moore - August 19  
Karen Barlow - August 23  
Doug Meckes - August 23  
Ryan Jespersen - August 24

## Welcome to the Club!



We want to welcome our newest member, Rakesh Babuji to the club. Rakesh transferred from Bangalore Yelahanka, India.

Rakesh Babuji is a distinguished figure in both the business and community service sectors. As the founder and CEO of Digiward Solutions, a cybersecurity firm specializing in tailored security solutions for small and medium-sized enterprises, Rakesh has positioned himself as a leader in the tech industry. His firm is renowned for its commitment to affordability and effectiveness, providing vital cybersecurity resources that help businesses protect themselves against increasingly sophisticated threats.

Beyond his business endeavors, Rakesh is deeply involved in Rotary International, demonstrating a strong commitment to community service. He is an active member of the Rotary Action Group for Community Economic Development (RAGCED) and plays a significant role in the IT Rotary Fellowship. In these capacities, Rakesh leverages his expertise in technology to foster initiatives that aim to improve infrastructure, education, and economic development through innovative IT solutions. His work with the IT Rotary Fellowship particularly underscores his dedication to using technology as a force for good, focusing on projects that enhance cybersecurity, promote digital literacy, and support the integration of technology in underserved communities. Rakesh's dual focus on entrepreneurship and community service exemplifies his belief in the power of technology to transform lives not just in the marketplace, but also in the broader global community. His leadership in both business and philanthropy highlights a profound commitment to creating a safer, more connected, and prosperous world.

# Events

OktoberFest - October 4-5, 2024

We will be assisting Cary Rotary with this event. Please see Roy to sign up to help!

Cat Kearns Client Appreciation Tailgate - September 22, 4-7pm

Featuring Corner Boys BBQ

Contact Cat for raffle donations or sponsorships for CMN

See the attached flyer for more details!!

## FEATURED ROTARIAN



Karen Byrd is a wiz with numbers as a Certified Public Accountant but did you know she is also an amazing photographer? Check out some of her amazing pictures on page 6! She is doing a 52 week challenge that displays her amazing work.

Karen and her husband Jimmy love to travel around the country in their RV.

Karen has been with Apex Rotary since 2006.

## Dates to Remember

August 1 - Club Assembly

August 8 - Sara Merz - Poe Center for Health Education

August 15 - Barbara Belicic - Launch Apex

August 22 - TBD

August 29 - No Meeting

September 5 - TBD

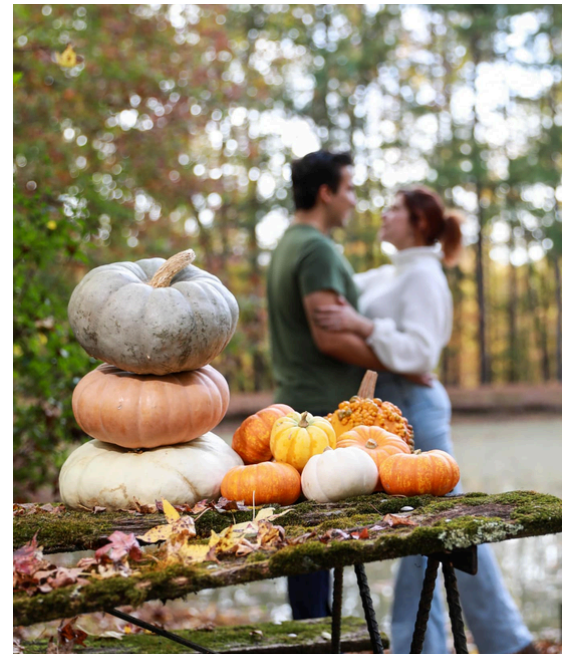
September 12 - TBD

If you have something for the newsletter  
please contact Ann Stephens  
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# Karen Byrd Photography

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*Join me!* 3rd annual  
**KICK-OFF WITH RE/MAX UNITED**

**A Fun, Family Friendly "Tailgate Style"  
Client Appreciation Event**

**Sunday, Sept 22nd  
4pm - 7pm**

**RSVP by 9/8**

**RE/MAX United  
51 Kilmayne Dr Cary**

- **Food & Drinks**
- **Kids area w/ Inflatable**
- **Live Music**
- **Raffles & Silent Auction**

**Bring a Chair!  
Wear your team colors!**

**Rain or  
Shine!**

**RE/MAX**



**Children's  
Miracle Network  
Hospitals**