



# The Guilford Rotarian

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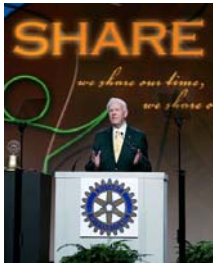
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"Listen with your heart"

**Area 7**  
**Governor's Representative**  
Charles "Chip" Marsh

### *PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE*

All, led by Sandy Ruoff

### *INVOCATION*

Dave Summerlin

### *VISITING ROTARIANS & GUESTS*

Bob White with Mike Sinclair  
Andy Stephens with Sandy Ruoff  
Mike Negrón with Paul Heeren

### *FOUNDATION MINUTE*

Every Rotarian Every Year (EREY) results to date have just been compiled. The average giving in our District is \$87 per member per year. The average giving in our Club is \$29 per member per year. If you've been waiting to give, please do so by the February 27 meeting so that it can be sent to The Rotary Foundation well before April 1. The results of contributions to TRF reflect donations from July 1 through March 31 so that donations made during April, May and June are credited to the individual but are not credited to any Club or District.

### *NEW MEMBERS PROPOSED*

**Michael Negrón** of Guilford is being proposed by Paul Heeren in the classification of Organizational Consultant.  
**Robert White** of Guilford is being proposed by Michael Sinclair in the classification of Medical Doctor.

### *BIRTHDAYS*

We all sang Happy Birthday to Dave Summerlin who had a birthday last week

### *ANNIVERSARIES*

Bruce Chips 1986  
Wayne Staschke 1987  
Larry Appleton and John Murphy 1993  
Justin Wyatt 2004  
Sal Catardi 2006.

### *ANNOUNCEMENTS*

**Board of Directors:** meeting at the Community Center at 5:30.

**Spelling Bee:** Service Before Self team will represent the club on Friday night at Guilford High School. Best of luck to team members John Murphy, Paul Canestri, and Justin Wyatt!

**Reeves Spencer:** Sandy announced his passing. Reeves Spencer was a member of our club for over twenty years. Reeves is Gene Bishop's father-in-law and Jonathan's and Nancy's grandfather. He will be sadly missed.

**Interact:** Bill Stableford thanked the club members for their help on the Habitat project in New Haven last Saturday. Four students from the Guilford High School Interact Club and four from the Hand High Interact Club participated. Much progress has been made

toward the home's completion.

### ***KING OF CLUBS FUND***

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No winner this week.

### ***HAPPY & CARE \$***

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Dave Summerlin: thanked us for his birthday song and made a generous donation to the Memorial Education Fund.

Bruce Chips: back in Connecticut after a three week stay at his home in Jupiter.

Many sad dollars were offered for the passing of Reeves Spencer.

Many happy dollars were offered for the Giant's Super Bowl victory upset.

Sad dollars were offered for the Patriots loss.

### ***SPEAKER: Linda Volpe***

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Linda grew up in Burma and gave a very interesting talk about her early childhood, her education, and her ultimate move to the United States. When the war with Japan began, Linda's parents were evacuated from Burma to India where she was born. When the war was over they moved back to Burma, now Myanmar. During her early years she was home schooled and later on attended elementary school where she was intrigued with geography and the United States. She later attended secretarial school. Radio was their only home entertainment and she enjoyed watching movies and following what the movie stars were doing. At the age of eighteen she met Ray whom she would marry six years later. After finishing school Linda wanted to become a stewardess but her parents would not sign for her. She moved to England as her father wished and applied for a visa to come to the United States. In 1965 her request was granted and she and her husband were finally living in the US. Ray was transferred several times to places in here and abroad. Because she had to reside at one address for a five year period, Linda did not become a citizen until 1979. She is very happy to be a citizen and does everything she can to help her relatives who still live in Myanmar.