



SUNRISE SALUTE

Rotary International Charter No. 30735 – Chartered May 1, 1995 – Rotary District 7690

News from the Rotary Meeting of April 21, 2008



2007-08 RI Theme

Leading the Way At San—Lee

President Paul Dauphin opened the meeting with the quote of the week: "For every failure, there's an alternative course of action. You just have to find it. When you come to a roadblock, take a detour." -Mary Kay Ash

Hubert Garner led the Rotary invocation

Fred Stuart led the Pledge of Allegiance

Rotary guests: Cliff Peake from Jonesboro Rotary

President Dauphin adjourned the meeting by leading the 4 way test.



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President Paul Dauphin recognized Bill Ray who introduced Bob Joyce, President of the Sanford Chamber of Commerce, for a program touting the proposed quarter cent sales tax to be voted on by the citizens of Lee County on May 6th. Bob opened his program citing the present and future population of residents and students for our county. The July 1, 2008 population for Lee County is estimated to be 61,800 and 85,000 in 2023. The student population is 10,000 now and will be 11,800 in ten years.

The sales tax in Lee County is now six and three quarters cents per hundred, but in the past has been seven cents per hundred, and if the sales tax increase is passed by the voters, the tax will simply be going back to seven cents. The sales tax increase will raise county revenue by about one and one half million dollars per year, will allow the county to borrow between 28 to 30 million dollars for our schools, and would require a three and one half percent increase in the property tax to raise the same amount of funds. A failure to pass the sales tax increase will postpone needed school construction at Lee County Senior High and Central Carolina Community College by five years.

Good News

- Matt Garrett spoke highly of the art celebration which takes place each third Friday in Siler City
- San-Lee Rotary great hunter Mike Thomas bragged about his first wild turkey kill.
- Hubert Garner recommended the 'Greetings from Route 66' article in the May 2008 issue of the *Rotarian*, and this brought about several reminiscences from San-Lee Rotarians.
- Terry Mullen remembered the Route 66 museum in Elk City, Oklahoma
- Pete Straka remembered hitchhiking this fabled 2,500 mile route from Chicago to Los Angeles.

Club News

- President Dauphin again announced the San-Lee Sunrise Charter night for May 19th at 6 o'clock at The Flame Restaurant.

Community News

- Hubert Garner announced the May 7th Salvation Army Golf Tournament,