



# SUNRISE SALUTE

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## News from the the Rotary Meeting of December 21, 2009



### 2009-10 RI Theme

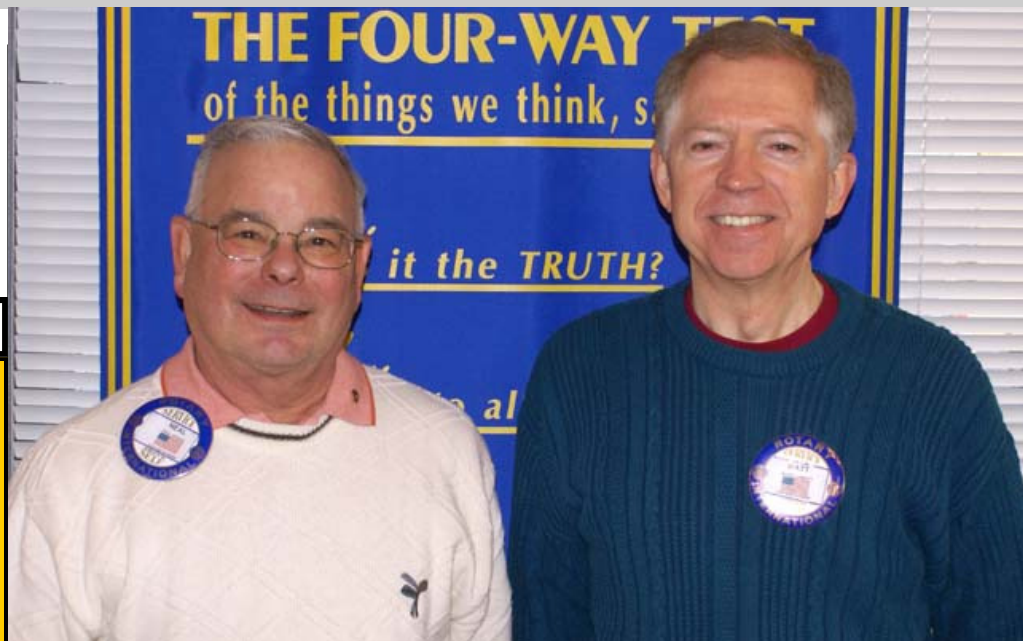
### *Leading the Way At San—Lee*

President Neal Jensen, opened the meeting with the 'Quote of the Week': "An atheist is a man who watches a Notre Dame-Southern Methodist University game and doesn't care who wins." - Dwight D. Eisenhower.

Terry Mullen led the Rotary invocation.

Ashley Hinman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Neal Jensen led the Four Way Test to close the meeting.



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Dr. Matt Garrett for a program extolling the life of Henry Wadsworth Longfellow and his famous poem for the season, 'I heard the bells on Christmas day'. In 1861, Longfellow, who kept a daily diary, wrote on December 25, "how sad are holidays". This entry was written after Longfellow's daughter died after her dress caught on fire and Longfellow himself was severely burned on his face and arms trying to put out the fire. In 1862 the December 25 diary entry was "a merry Christmas but for me no more". In 1863, after his son returned home disabled by war wounds, had no diary entry on December 25<sup>th</sup>. On December 25, 1864 Longfellow wrote the poem "I heard the bells on Christmas day." The third stanza reads:

"And in despair I bowed my head  
'There is no peace on earth,' I said,  
'For hate is strong and mocks the song  
Of peace on earth, good will to men."

But the fourth stanza reads:

"Then pealed the bells more loud and deep:  
'God is not dead, nor doth He sleep;  
The wrong shall fail, the right prevail  
With peace on earth, good will to men."

## Good News

- Larry Mintz made it back from snowbound New York City after a twelve hour flight delay, and reports his sister's surgery was a success.
- Sheriff and San-Lee Rotarian Tracy Carter reported the Sanford City policeman Scott Norton is recovering from his wounds and two suspects have checked into the county hoosegow.
- Neal Jensen gave a dollar for local law enforcement and for the officers who arrested the Carolina Trace embezzler.
- Ashley Hinman had high praise for the vets at the NC State School of Veterinary Medicine for help in healing Ashley and Mary Ann's dog Charlie.
- Leslie Cox said 'Go, Wolfpack'.
- Andy Manhardt cheered for Rutgers for their success in football.
- Fred Stuart shared his relief in the slow but steady recovery of his friend Alyx.
- Kevin Kirkman reported 225 packs were packed for Back Pack Pals for the long Christmas break.

## Club News

- There will be no San-Lee Sunrise meeting for the next two Mondays, December 28<sup>th</sup> and January 4<sup>th</sup>.
- San-lee Sunrisers will meet to cook the New Year's Day meal at the Breadbasket on January 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Leslie Cox reminded the membership that the first Monday of each month is Pack Pack Pals and the third Monday of each month is PB&J day.
- President Jensen reminded the membership of the Rotary District 7690 Annual Conference to be held April 23-25, 2010 at the Grove Park Inn and Spa in Asheville, NC.
- President Jensen also called attention to the updated speakers list sent out by email..
- President Neal Jensen thanked and presented Christmas gifts to the staff of Golden Corral for the great breakfasts they have prepared for San-Lee Sunrisers during the past year.
- Mike Thomas gave a stirring report on his and his daughter AJ's visit to present gifts to the San-Lee Sunrise Christmas family.