

Monday with Mikey: October 17, 2016

- “In my mind I’m gone to Carolina…” I’m going to ramble a little today. *Hey, it’s my column...*
 - I have spent the last week in Charlotte, North Carolina, at the annual Zone 33/34 Institute. It’s an annual event designed to:
 - Provide training to current and future District Governors,
 - Promote friendly fellowship among ‘classmates’ (groups of folks who are/were/will be DGs during the same RY),
 - Pass on RI updates and news for sharing with district Rotarians, and
 - “PUMP UP THE JAMS” about RI convention – and in 2017, the Centennial of OUR Rotary Foundation!
 - Charlotte/Carolina/James Taylor trivia (you KNOW how I love trivia!):
 - The Carolinas, North and South, were named for King Charles I of England
 - So was Charlotte
 - “Carolina” is the feminine form of the Latin word “carolus,” which means “free man” or “land holder.” In Old French, the word means “song of joy.”
 - The first English child born in the New World was Virginia Dare, in the Carolina colony (which preceded Jamestown but failed).
 - British colonists exploring the Carolinas and Virginia encountered Spanish priests who had come north from Florida.
 - The FIRST Declaration of Independence was written near Charlotte. Called the “Mecklenburg Declaration,” (Charlotte is the seat of Mecklenburg County), it preceded the Philadelphia version by over a year.
 - Wilmington, NC, at the southwestern end of the Outer Banks, is hit by more hurricanes than any other city from Brownsville, Texas, to Norfolk, Virginia (the route of the Intracoastal Waterway). The Tampa Bay area is hit by the fewest.
 - James Taylor wrote his famous song, “Carolina in My Mind,” based on his experience in London while recording “The White Album” with The Beatles. The “holy host of others all around me now” are in fact John, Paul, George, and Ringo. Eric Clapton and Billy Preston also collaborated on the album. Speaking of Preston and Clapton – oh wait, those will have to be covered in future “MWMs.”
- Please be sure to register and attend our District’s Rotary Foundation Awards Dinner on November 17th. We’ll be celebrating our accomplishments from last Rotary Year.
- Attached to this note is the registration form for “Rotary Night with the Lightning,” scheduled for January 3rd. Should be a great time, and the ANNUAL FUND of TRF benefits!
- Don’t forget the CONTEST/DRAWING! Each club that ACHIEVES TRF Annual Giving of \$215 per capita by January 15, 2017 will be included in a drawing for D6950 to pay TWO registration fees for RI Convention next June. The drawing will be held on Saturday, February 4th, at Pre-PETS. Don’t wait! Get your contributions in today!

Until next Monday, keep “**Doing Good, Having Fun!**”

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