

JACK'S COMMENTARY



Jack Green

Something really exciting is happening in the Rotary World. It's called CAP. CAP stands for the new program of the Rotary Foundation called the Community Assistance Program. This program, or CAP, will allow districts to use District Designated Funds in their own communities or nations or projects that benefit community and/or improvements of the lives of the economically disadvantaged.

The amount of DDF that each district will have available is based on ten (10%) percent of the district's previous year annual giving to a maximum of \$10,000. It is a requirement that we have an equivalent amount of funds available in our District's Humanitarian Share allocation in order to take advantage of the CAP's Funds.

I am pleased to report to you that District 7690 is able to utilize the full amount - \$10,000. for the Community Assistance Program in 2000-2001. It should be noted that these funds are only available for the 2000-2001 Rotary Year and CANNOT be carried over for future years. District 7690 has the option of applying for one or more multiple awards with a minimum award of \$1,000.

It is my understanding that applications for this award will be distributed to all districts in December 2000. And the Rotary Foundation will begin accepting applications on January 1, 2001. The closing date for applications will be April 15, 2001.

I am going to have our web master Phil Morris post the list of twelve criteria for this program on the District Website.

As you know, this will be the first time the Rotary Foundation will grant an award in our country and in our own districts, if the criteria are met. I find this to be truly exciting and a positive change for Rotary International. District 7690 is among the top fifty districts in the world in Foundation giving. Now we will be able to apply some of this money to our local needs. The High Point Rotary Club has a Weed and Seed Project (a crime reduction initiative designed to improve the lives of people living in core cities). The High Point Rotary Club has received a grant of \$2,000. It is expected that this grant will be eligible for matching funds from the new CAP grant.

I have just consulted with Colby Walton concerning our International Projects. I am informed by Colby that we have 21 Clubs in our District who are participating in an International Project. Eight applications have been received or are in progress and one Discovery Grant is in progress. So far we have committed a total of \$30,000. of our DDF Fund, in addition to this two Operation Smile Grants

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Bequest Society The Rotary Foundation

The Permanent Fund has established a way to recognize Rotary Foundation Benefactors with a contribution amount of \$1,000 or more. This recognition can be funded through a will, life insurance policy, and outright contribution or a trust arrangement. The Foundation has been very successful in getting members to join the Benefactor Program.

Early this year the Rotary Foundation established a new program called the Bequest Society. This program recognizes commitments of \$10,000 or more to the Permanent Fund. Various levels of contribution amounts were established to recognize the differing amounts of commitment. Our district now has more than 30 members of the Bequest Society. Anyone wishing to be recognized as a member of the Bequest Society prior to December 31, 2000 will be known as a "Charter Member" of the Society.

**NOVEMBER IS
ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTH**

Remember the Foundation Goals for 2000-2001

1. Average \$100. per member donation to the Rotary Foundation

2. One hundred new benefactors and five new major donors

Is your club working towards these goals?

**REMEMBER!
THE NEWSLETTER
CAN BE FOUND ON
THE DISTRICT
WEB PAGE:**

www.Rotary7690.org

Congratulations District 7690!
Rotary District 7690 was recognized with honorable mention for the District Governor's newsletter at the recent Zone 33 and 34 meeting held in Tampa, Florida. The district was also recognized as the leader in percentage of attendance for the 1999-2000 year.

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totaling \$60,000 have been approved. Rotary District 7690 is becoming involved in International Rotary. If you have not yet done so, call Colby Walton at 336-841-6774 or email Colby at ecolbywalton@northstate.net and get your international project started immediately. Colby has advised me also that he is available for a club program on matching grant and International Projects.

I am posting on the District Website, the Rotary Award for World Understanding and Peace. This award is for a non-Rotarian or organization for outstanding achievement consistent with the ideas and objectives of Rotary International. Please review the award and the criteria. Download the form and submit your nomination. You have until December 1, 2000. I know that every Rotary Club in District 7690 knows someone who should be nominated for this award. This award carries with it a grant of \$100,000. from the Rotary Foundation to be used to support the project of the recipient's choice. Presentation of the award will occur at the 92nd Annual Rotary International Convention in San Antonio, Texas, June 24-27, 2001.

As I now have completed all of my club visits I am duly impressed with the quantity and the quality of services that the Rotary Clubs in District 7690 deliver to our communities and to the world. Congratulations on your Club's achievement, keep up the efforts to **CREATE AWARENESS AND TAKE ACTION IN OUR CLUB**, in our communities and in the world.



Does Your Club Need Help or Need a Program on the Rotary Foundation?

Below is a list of the district chairmen serving this Rotary year in the Rotary Foundation. If your club needs help in one of these areas or would like a program in a particular area, please contact the designated chairman.

**GENERAL CHAIRMAN
PDG Arnold King
336-993-2202**

**ALUMNI
Ann Dyson
336-751-4445**

**ANNUAL GIVING AND MAJOR GIFTS
PDG Everett B. Padgett, Jr.
336-869-4128**

**GRANTS
E. Colby Walton, Jr.
336-841-6774**

**GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE
Doug Draughn
336-789-1707**

**PERMANENT FUND
PDG Carol Summerlin
336-427-0964**

**SCHOLARSHIPS
John Womack
336-889-5441**



A new Rotaract Club has been started at Elon College. The club is sponsored by Alamance Breakfast Club. Rob Malburg and Randy Perkins from Alamance Breakfast Rotary Club and Angie Smith and Amanda Clark from Triad Rotaract attended and organized the first meetings. The charter dinner will be scheduled this month. Sixteen people filled out application forms at the first meeting. Congratulations to Elon College and Alamance Breakfast Rotary.

AREA V CLUB NEWS

I am pleased to represent the six Rotary clubs in Greensboro that constitute Area 5 of District 7690. Serving as the ADG for Area 5 is a privilege, made all the more so by the uniformly high caliber of leadership found in every Greensboro club. The clubs include Greensboro-Airport, Crescent, Gate City, Greensboro, Guilford, and Summit.

Our closeness geographically is a big plus. Club presidents meet together monthly, and are able to coordinate the activities of the individual clubs, share with and learn from each other, and work collaboratively on a number of projects. An example in recent years is Neighborhoods United, where the clubs worked together in support of the rehabilitation and renewal of the Eastside Park neighborhood in Greensboro. Approximately \$1 million was eventually raised through the clubs and invested in this project. Preserve Planet Earth also had the support of all clubs. One million trees were planted over 5 years, with the last being planted in Rotary Park, a part of the new Greensboro Public Library. An international service project in Moldova is currently being developed by three of the Greensboro clubs, and other clubs have separate international projects underway. A community wide blood drive is undertaken in cooperation with our community's Rotaract clubs, of which there are four with one more in the works. Similar cooperation is evident with Interact clubs in the community. The list goes on.

Beyond what is done collaboratively, each club is thriving in its own right. Variety and balance characterize the activities of the Greensboro clubs, with all four avenues of service in evidence in every club. Last year five of the six were Gold Club Award winners, and the sixth missed the mark by the narrowest of margins. All are working diligently on membership this year, with early successes encouraging renewed effort. Clearly it can be said that Rotary is alive and well in Greensboro, and in Area 5 of District 7690.

While I have the floor, let me apprise you of my recent trip to Moldova. I went to Moldova last week with two others representing Hospice. We went hoping to solidify arrangements for a world community service project with the Rotary Club of Chisinau, whereby we would help establish the first Hospice in the Republic of Moldova. We had a very successful trip. The hospitality of the Moldovan people is unsurpassed, despite some rather primitive living conditions by American standards. As citizens of a former Soviet state, they are committed beyond doubt to democracy and a free market economy.

We made many new friends, reestablished our connections with the Rotary Club of Chisinau, and I think laid the groundwork for meaningful projects in the future. I will be glad to share additional information as we summarize and document our trip in the coming weeks, and exchange information with our colleagues in Moldova in the coming months.

Robert (Bob) Newton
Assistant District Governor, Area 5

Bob currently serves as the assistant district governor of District 7690 for Area 5. He moved from his native Wyoming to North Carolina in 1967, and to Greensboro in 1982. Bob has been a Rotarian since 1987, and is a member of the Greensboro club where he served as President in 1998-99. Bob is President of the Moses Cone - Wesley Long Community Health Foundation in Greensboro. He and his wife Donna have six children and twenty (count um -20) grandchildren in North Carolina, Florida, and California.

Rotary International Convention, 2001

Rotary International is returning to the USA for its 92nd R.I. Convention which will be held June 24-27, 2001 in San Antonio, Texas. If you have never attended an International Convention, this will be a great opportunity as it is only a few hours flight time from our area.

Few cities in North America have more character and charm than San Antonio, and this will be a perfect setting for Rotarians from around the world to meet and enjoy the fellowship and goodwill associated with our conventions.

It is not too early to start making plans to attend. The Rotarian magazine for September 2000 contains a copy of the Official Registration Forms (pg. 57-58) and also provides information on convention housing. Please contact me if I can help you or your club in any way regarding the 2001 International Convention.

Bob Rankin, *RI Conv. District Chair* 336-882-6139

Attendance for September, 2000

CLUBS	6/30/00	MBR . /	MBRS. /	MTGS. /	ATTEND	CLUBS	6/30/00	MBR. /	MBRS. /	MTGS. /	ATTEND
Alamance	49	47	4	61%		Mocksville	58	51	4	87%	
Alamance Bkff	29	29	3	92%		Mount Airy	115	118	4	86%	
Archdale/Trinity	25	26	4	76%		Oak Hollow	26	27	5	69%	
Asheboro	115	119	5	83%		Pinehurst	45	42	4	66%	
Burlington	46	48	3	89%		Randolph	55	55	4	84%	
Carthage	21	21	4	80%		Reidsville	96	97	3	70%	
Clemmons	108	111	4	81%		Reynolda	123	127	4	74%	
Crescent	121	124	3	77%		San-Lee	34	33	3	94%	
Eden	67	65	3	72%		Sandhills	30	32	4	78%	
Elkin-Jonesville	48	50	4	72%		Sanford	107	109	4	65%	
Furnitureland	61	65	3	79%		Siler City	83	80	3	72%	
Gate City	50	52	4	82%		Southern Pines	90	87	5	83%	
Graham	49	52	4	76%		Stoneville	15	14	4	89%	
Greensboro	326	329	4	66%		Stratford	150	160	4	65%	
Gboro Arpt	33	32	4	85%		Summit	140	136	4	77%	
Guilford	64	65	4	76%		Thomasville	75	74	4	67%	
High Point	188	189	4	71%		Triad	49	52	4	81%	
Jamestown	36	30	4	71%		Troy	31	32	4	61%	
Jonesboro	56	56	4	70%		Walnut Cove	14	14	4	80%	
Kernersville	42	41	4	79%		Winston-Salem	260	262	4	60%	
King	19	20	4	62%		Yadkinville	19	19	4	76%	
Lexington	59	62	4	75%		Yanceyville	32	32	4	72%	
Liberty	23	24	4	75%		DISTRICT	3326	3350		75%	
Madison/Mayodan	44	42	4	74%							

Special Upcoming Events

- **Rotary Foundation Banquet, H.P. Country Club** **Nov. 1, 2000**
- **2001 District Conference, Wilmington** **April 19-22, 2001**
- **2001 Rotary International Convention, San Antonio** **June 24-27, 2001**

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