

JACK'S COMMENTARY



Jack Green

Happy New Year to every Rotarian! At this time of year you should feel very proud to be a Rotarian. Rotary clubs across our District have participated in holiday projects that touch the lives of many people. The number one project in the District seems to be ringing the bell for

the Salvation Army. Many clubs have competitions with other civic organizations to see who can raise the most money for the Salvation Army. Many clubs work with Christmas Cheer to provide food and gifts to families; adopt families for Christmas to provide food and gifts; sponsor a Christmas party for outstanding students in various high schools; sponsor Holiday Blood Drives; participate in the Angel Tree Program assuring that many underprivileged children are taken care of at Christmas; bring gifts to Rotary meetings to be given to Social Services to be dispursed to children for Christmas; take up a special collection for the Boys & Girls Home at the Rotary Cottage at Lake Waccamaw; and deliver food baskets and holiday dinners and toys selected by Departments of Social Services for underprivileged children and their families. Many clubs raise money for their Christmas projects by selling Christmas trees, holding parties for seniors at senior community centers, providing meals and gifts in a holiday spirit. Many clubs give money to Christmas Cheer projects in their local communities.

The total impact of Rotary at the holiday season is enormous. By us helping the less fortunate we are making life in our communities much better. I commend each of you for your good works and I am proud to be a Rotarian in District 7690.

With the new year beginning of the real millennium, I am hoping that each of you will rededicate yourselves to achieving our District Goals.

Charlene and I wish each of you a very prosperous 2001.



A Sister Rotary Club May Be Just What Your Club Needs

A number of clubs in District 7690 have developed and are now enjoying "Sister Club" relationships with another Rotary Club. Working with a Sister Club can become one of the most meaningful and fun activities ever undertaken by your club. It provides an avenue for you to share your Rotary experience, and it is guaranteed to help your club promote the ideals of Rotary.

There is no prescribed procedure for identifying and establishing a Sister Club, and you cannot fill out an application to become a Sister Club. Someone in your club has to "make it happen." Typically a Sister Club relationship starts when a Rotarian has contact with another club and senses that there could be a good fit between his own club and the other club. After getting a feeling of support from fellow Rotarians, the next step is to begin a discussion with the other club about how the two clubs could help each other. This will probably result in members from each club visiting each other, and this alone will be a great Rotary experience.

The Summit Club in Greensboro began their sister club relationship with the newly formed Rotary Club of Moscow, Russia in 1992 after one of their members visited the Moscow Club and invited Moscow's president to visit Greensboro. When he accepted, Summit Rotarians welcomed him enthusiastically, and about a year later the two clubs established a formal relationship by simply drawing up and signing an agreement setting forth the purpose and goals of the relationship. Each year since then, both clubs have shared Rotary through numerous exchanges among their members and projects that have promoted the ideals of Rotary and generated enthusiasm for Rotary in both clubs.

If you would like more information about Sister Club relationships and the experience of other clubs, contact Phil Johnson of the Summit Club at pljohn1@attglobal.net or 275-2765 in Greensboro.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE UPDATE

Registration forms
for the
upcoming District
Conference to be
held Thursday,
April 19-22
in Wilmington
will be mailed to all
Rotarians in January.

There is a \$50
savings for each
Rotarian that
registers on or
before
February 16, 2001.
Registration
deadline is
March 12, 2001.

All clubs should be
making plans to have
their club
represented at the
2001 District
Conference. It will be
a great event with
Rotary information,
fun and fellowship.

Plan to be there!

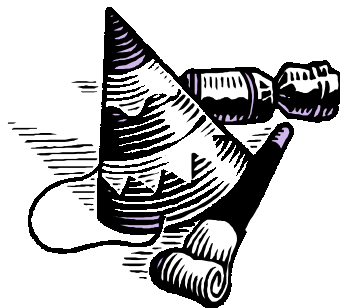
DIRECTORY UPDATES

New address, ADG Scott Reynolds
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Mike Sigmon (L) and Bob Hunt (R) of the Summit Rotary Club celebrated 10 years of Rotary in Russian in Moscow. The Summit Club has a longstanding Sister Club relationship with the Rotary Club of Moscow. R.I. President-elect Rick King (C) was the keynote speaker. Rotarians from many clubs in the former Soviet Union and over 10 countries were represented.



HAPPY NEW YEAR!



Rotaract Yard Sale Raises Funds for Projects

It's 6 am at Greensboro's War Memorial Stadium, and through the darkness comes a caravan of cars and SUV's, each bursting at the seams with yard sale items. The district Rotaractors are about to open their fall fundraiser to help support their community service projects, which include a Youth Exchange Student picnic, their annual district conference, and the Rotaract Olympics for area community center kids. Like bees in clover, bargain hunters wielding flashlights are darting and digging into the sale items, even before all have been displayed.

Led by district Rotaract representatives Olga Khavjou and Jonathan Lucas (Triad), clubs from Greensboro College, NC A&T, Salem College, Triad-High Point, and UNCG all pitched in to price and sell goods contributed by local Rotarians and others. In the spirit of camaraderie and fun, UNCG president Christy Aycock was named "top haggler," and a special thanks went to Eric Credle, who drove some super Troy Rotary items to Greensboro the day before the sale.

Rotarians throughout the district should really take note of the dedication, effort, and capabilities of these energetic young men and women, and consider what a valuable resource they are to our community and to the outreach programs of their sponsoring Rotary clubs. Involve them in your club's projects, and everyone will benefit! And, if your club doesn't yet sponsor a Rotaract club, consider doing so. The rewards will be many for all involved!

AREA VII CLUB NEWS

Area 7 includes the clubs in Thomasville, Mocksville, and Lexington

Thomasville Rotary Club:

President Phil Griffin and his board are starting off with a great Rotary year in 2000. Under Phil's leadership, their club is sponsoring a new Rotaract Club at the Davidson County Community College with Pam Gobble as committee chair. The Lexington Club will also help with some of the manpower needs to make sure the club gets off on a solid footing. Phil has done an excellent job in focusing on the importance of attendance and has increased their club's attendance percentage much closer to the District goal. Also, with Chuck Bibee leading the committee, the club is looking at the Davidson County Assessment of Health and Human Services Needs and Opportunities 2000 to see how their club can help. Their focus will be on the education needs of the county. Vickie Holder's committee is completely reorganizing the club's orientation process. Robert Black is working with the other Area 7 clubs to participate in a joint international project. So Phil and his club are very busy with this and all their fundraisers and community projects for their Rotary year in Thomasville.

Mocksville Rotary Club:

President Bill Jobert is leading an exciting year for Rotary in Mocksville. After the club's planning session, Ken Diggins and his Membership Committee got to work and has already increased the membership by 12%. Their major fund raiser, Fall Reverse Raffle, was a big success this year under the leadership of Carl Boon as they raised more than 77% more than they raised last year with the proceeds going toward scholarships. The Mocksville Rotary does a neat event each year when they honor their veterans during their Veterans Day Luncheon where veterans from WWII through Vietnam are invited. December is a busy month for Mocksville Club as they "ring the Salvation Army bell" for their kettle campaign, conduct an annual blood drive, participate in the Angel Tree process and enjoy their annual Christmas luncheon with their spouses and friends. They are also working with the other clubs in Area 7 for a joint international project. They are looking forward to their annual Operation Smile project when they raise over \$10,000 each year for this very worthwhile project. A busy year is unfolding for the Mocksville Club.

Lexington Rotary Club:

President Denny Sebesan is leading the charge in Lexington Rotary. The Club just completed its major fundraiser, Lexington Annual Pancake Breakfast, adding additional dollars to its Scholarship Fund. The club has special emphasis on driving toward the goal of having every member participate as a Paul Harris Fellow. Bob Bowers is leading the campaign and has reported seven additional PHF lined up so far this year. During the holidays, Lexington Rotary competes with the other civic clubs in their area to raise the most dollars during their kettle campaign. Lexington

Rotary has won this contest for the past eight years thanks to the leadership of Eddie Allred. Another goal of the Lexington Club was to participate in an international project which John Cashion and Lee Crowell are heading up and working in cooperation with Thomasville and Mocksville. Looks like Area 7 is leaning toward Mexico to help with a "super tortilla project." The club is also planning a new community project this winter working with the local mental health organization. Also, President Denny plans to add an additional fundraiser in the spring with proceeds designated to local charities. A lot is going on in Lexington for Rotary.

Bill McMurray is serving his second year as Assistant District Governor for Area VII. He has been a member of the Lexington Rotary Club for over 20 years and is a Paul Harris Fellow. He has served as club president as well as other offices and committees with the Lexington Club. Bill is employed with the Bank of North Carolina as a Senior Vice President in Lexington. Bill is married to Ann and has two grown daughters and no grandchildren, yet.

JANUARY IS ROTARY AWARENESS MONTH

It has been said that being an informed Rotarian is being a **better** Rotarian. If it is your goal to become a **more informed** Rotarian, there are several things you can do to help yourself along that path.

1. Read The Rotarian magazine monthly.
2. Read your club bulletin.
3. Keep abreast of new publications and materials.
4. Attend district conferences and district assemblies.
5. Attend an international convention.
6. Read the Rotary International committee leaflets.
7. Become familiar with the RI Manual of Procedure and the District Manual of Procedure.
8. Discuss Rotary with knowledgeable Rotarians.
9. Attend meetings that highlight Rotary information.
10. Attend a District Rotary Information Seminar if one is available in your district.
11. Add to your reading list My Road to Rotary by Paul Harris and The Rotarian Reader.
12. Attend a new member orientation session.
13. Discover the materials available from Rotary International through the Supply Catalog.
14. Attend a club board of directors meeting.
15. Establish a good Rotary library.
16. Locate an experienced Rotarian that will share his experience and ideas with you.
17. Use make-ups to learn more about other clubs.
18. Make contacts with other Rotarians from other districts to gain a wider variety of information.

Everett B. Padgett, Jr., PDG

Attendance for November, 2000

CLUBS	6/30/00	MBR	/ MBRS.	MTGS.	/ ATTEND
Alamance	49	45	5	68%	
Alamance Bkft	29	29	3	93%	
Archdale/Trinity	25	31	5	67%	
Asheboro	115	123	3	77%	
Burlington	46	46	4	77%	
Carthage	21	17	4	89%	
Clemmons	108	110	5	72%	
Crescent	121	123	4	84%	
Eden	67	66	4	72%	
Elkin-Jonesville	48	47	5	81%	
Furnitureland	61	65	5	82%	
Gate City	50	51	4	81%	
Graham	49	52	4	79%	
Greensboro	326	330	5	64%	
Gboro Arpt	33	34	4	76%	
Guilford	64	64	4	68%	
High Point	188	190	5	71%	
Jamestown	36	36	4	83%	
Jonesboro	56	59	4	78%	
Kernersville	42	46	5	85%	
King	19	21	4	90%	
Lexington	59	60	4	80%	
Liberty	23	25	4	63%	
Madison/Mayodan	44	44	4	71%	

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Mocksville	58	53	4	84%	
Mount Airy	115	118	4	81%	
Oak Hollow	26	26	4	81%	
Pinehurst	45	42	4	81%	
Randolph	55	62	4	84%	
Reidsville	96	98	4	57%	
Reynolda	123	129	4	65%	
San-Lee	34	33	4	94%	
Sandhills	30	30	4	78%	
Sanford	107	111	4	68%	
Siler City	83	76	3	66%	
Southern Pines	90	88	3	83%	
Stoneville	15	16	4	81%	
Stratford	150	163	4	68%	
Summit	140	139	3	79%	
Thomasville	75	74	5	64%	
Triad	49	52	4	80%	
Troy	31	33	3	70%	
Walnut Cove	14	16	4	82%	
Winston-Salem	260	259	4	59%	
Yadkinville	19	23	4	69%	
Yanceyville	32	32	4	63%	
DISTRICT	3326	3387	76%		

Special Upcoming Events...

- **2001 District Conference, Wilmington**
April 19-22, 2001
- **2001 Rotary International Convention, San Antonio**
June 24-27, 2001

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