

The Piedmont Rotarian

ROTARY DISTRICT 7690 • March 2001 • DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S NEWSLETTER

"Create Awareness, Take Action"

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JACK'S COMMENTARY



Jack Green

Along with the arrival of spring come many Rotary deadlines. March 20, 2001 is the deadline to have your Matching Grant Applications in to Colby Walton, District Chair in order for them to be processed before sending them to Rotary International. Community Assistance Grants are due to Colby Walton by April 5, 2001. Any club that will not meet the deadline for this year and have funds available to share with other clubs should e-mail Colby Walton at

ecolbywalton@northstate.net.

Also any clubs that still may be seeking funds should also e-mail him as soon as possible.

I hope that each club is striving to obtain the Governor's Gold Club Award this year. The applications for those must be in by the 5th of March, 2001.

Every Rotary Club in District 7690 is capable of winning a Presidential Citation. I believe that 90% of the Rotary Clubs in District 7690 have already qualified for the Presidential Citation. Please follow up your paperwork and have the Presidential Citation Nomination forms into the District by April 1, 2001.

The most important and most pressing deadline is District Conference Registration which is due to be in Margaret Padgett's possession by March 12, 2001. After having completed all of the other forms and applications, you will then want to be present in Wilmington, NC on April 19-22 to celebrate our Rotary successes, enjoy our Rotary fellowship and participate in all of the fun activities that the District Conference Planning Committee has arranged for you. Do not let this opportunity slip by. District Conference is a special time for Rotarians and we are planning a very special conference for you.

Registration for the Rotary International Convention in San Antonio, Texas should be sent to Rotary International by March 31 in order to take advantage of the final savings. After March 31, registration can only be handled on site at the convention. Hope to see you in San Antonio.



**2001 Rotary District
Conference Committee
Extends to All Rotarians
In Rotary District 7690
An Invitation
To Enjoy Great
Rotary Fellowship
And To Participate In The**

**2001 ROTARY DISTRICT
CONFERENCE
APRIL 19-22, 2001
WILMINGTON HILTON
Wilmington, NC**

**Registration Deadline:
March 12, 2001**

**For more information, call
the District Office at
336-841-7690**

Directory Update:

Siler City Club

President,

Jerry Harris

has a new

address:

119 N. Fir Street

Siler City, NC

27344

Barry Weinberg,

Madison-Mayodan

has moved.

Correspondence

should be

directed to:

Gerald Summerlin

106 E. Decatur St.

Madison 27025

336-427-6153

Rotary Youth Leadership Camp

The camp will be held July 15-21, 2001 and is sponsored by the Greensboro Rotary Club in cooperation with the Center for Creative Leadership in Greensboro. The program provides 54 selected high school juniors and seniors in Rotary District 7690 an opportunity to develop effective and responsible leadership skills. Each club president has received a mailing from the Greensboro Rotary Club. If you need more information, please call Ann Fragola at 336-292-4806.

THE WORLD AFFAIRS SEMINAR

The Youth Activities Committee is again pleased to announce this opportunity for young people in District 7690. The World Affairs Seminar is a one week international affairs seminar to be held at the University of Wisconsin in June. Over 1,200 students from the United States and Canada with about 250 foreign exchange students from 50 countries come together to promote world understanding among young people.

District 7690 will sponsor two high school juniors. All Rotary clubs are invited to submit a nomination to the District Youth Activities Committee, which will in turn select the two winners to be sponsored by the District. Publicity about the World Affairs Seminar and the necessary application forms have been sent to each club president in February. Each club president should alert the Club Youth Activities Chairman that they will need to contact the high school and conduct a selection process to be completed by **March 9**. The deadline for the club recommendations to the District Committee is **March 30** and interviews will be on **April 8**. An announcement of the two winners will be made at the District Conference.

Please note that this is a district project and there is no cost to the individual club, other than the time committed to selecting excellent candidates. Candidates must be excellent students, and have shown an interest in World Affairs.

A Christmas Memory

On the Tuesday before Christmas, I was standing in front of Wal-Mart ringing the bell for the Salvation Army. It was 32 degrees, a light breeze was blowing and freezing rain was falling. I had been ringing the bell for about 45 minutes. Even though I was warmly dressed, my face and ears were cold and my feet were beginning to ache. I began to question why I had let Bill Green talk me into ringing the bell.

A young man, about 25 years old, came up and stood beside me. We exchanged greetings. I could tell by the way he looked and talked, he had had a hard life and was shy. After a couple of minutes, he said, "That is a good organization."

I replied, "Yes, it is. It helps a lot of people."

"I know," he said. "It is helping me now."

"How's that?" I asked.

"About six weeks ago, my wife and I had a baby," he replied. I got laid off my job and we didn't have no money. I've got a new job now but I don't start to work until after Christmas. My church and the Salvation Army gave us some baby clothes, some money and gift certificates. I just bought some milk, a special formula, for the baby. It costs \$12 a can."

He paused and with a lump in his throat said, "One day, one day, I will be able to put some money in that pot."

We talked a little longer and then he left. As I watched him walk across the parking lot in the freezing rain, I noticed that I was not cold anymore. Instead I felt warm all over and I remembered why I had volunteered to ring the bell. This is just another way that Rotary helps to make our world a better place to live.

Thank you Rotary and thank you Bill Green for letting me ring the bell.

Horton Godwin
Member, Furnitureland Club

AREA IX CLUB NEWS

Area 9 consists of the following clubs: Carthage, Pinehurst, Sandhills and Southern Pines. From the southernmost part of District 7690 come these reports of activities and projects that keep the image and reputation of Rotary in the highest standing. The Moore County clubs have several joint projects.

Carthage:

Small, but active, the Carthage Rotary Club celebrated its 60th Anniversary at the January 18th meeting with L.L. (Luke) Marion, Jr., our sole surviving charter member in attendance. Among its diverse activity the club is seeking to sponsor a North Moore Rotary Club. With the three other clubs in Moore County, Carthage is seeking to sponsor a Rotaract Club at Sandhills Community College. The Carthage Club always enjoys working with the other clubs in Area 9 to promote Rotary causes. At Christmas, the Carthage Rotarians delivered 15 "Share Your Christmas" baskets of food and a ready-to-eat turkey dinner with all the trimmings to area needy families. In addition, 5 of the neediest families received gifts of clothing and toys. The club provides two \$1,000 scholarships to two local high school graduating seniors and one nominee to the Guilford College Rotary Leadership Camp. The club also sponsors an outbound exchange student, Heather Kenyon to Belgium as well as sponsoring an inbound exchange student from Belgium.

Pinehurst:

The Pinehurst Rotary Club has been busy this fall starting out with the Holly Arts Festival in October when the club sold baked goods and other items. Our presence in the community was duly noted, and the club had a profit for the day. The club hosts a "Road Kill Pickup" every two-three months along Linden Road and around the traffic circle. The club is now in the process of preparing for our Ethics and Values in Business Award Dinner where a local business person will be named our Citizen of the Year and will be honored with a Paul Harris Fellow award. The club will also give a \$1,000 scholarship to an outstanding Sandhills Community College student as well as several \$200 scholarships will be awarded. This event is one of the highlights of our Rotary year. This fall Rob Dalziel, Chairman of our International Committee, and his wife traveled to Leon, Nicaragua with a Duke hospital surgical team and assisted the team in operating on children with cardiac problems. This trip inaugurated the club's international project of raising funds to bring much needed pediatric cardiac surgery to this underprivileged country, and we are seeking matching funds from RI. The club will also participate in distributing bike helmets to needy children at a bike rodeo.

Sandhills:

The Sandhills Rotary Club is having a very good year. Attendance, membership, fund raising, international and community involvement is on the increase in the club. Membership has increased by a net of four to this point, and we expect to exceed our goal of five. The major fund raising activities, Tour de Moore Bike Race, Christmas Tree Sales and the Salvation Army bell ringing have reached all-time highs. The club has also been able to make monetary contributions to the Lance Armstrong

Fight Against Cancer, local charities such as Junior Achievement, Moore Buddies and others. The club is also involved in three international projects. Two are partnering projects with other local clubs and foreign clubs. The projects include working with the Rotary club in San Diego, Chile helping furnish audiological equipment for children with hearing impairments, assisting with the funding for training of the Nicaraguan doctor in cardiology and working with one of the Rotary clubs in Lima Peru with their needs for books, etc. The club has also established three scholarships for Sandhills Community College.

Southern Pines

Due to outstanding club programs, a nice facility at Longleaf Country Club with good food and great fellowship, attendance and membership growth is increasing. Seven new members have been brought into the club this year. Our club communications have been enhanced through the internet as we post our club calendar and newsletter all on line. Our ongoing community service projects are strong. Our Interact club at Pinecrest High School is very active. Under the direction of Cathy Harpster, the Interact club has just received the 2000 World Interact Week Recognition from Rotary International President Frank Devlyn. The club has also submitted an outstanding applicant to sponsor as an exchange student to Ireland. The club will be trying out a new fund raiser in the spring which will be a Hole-In-One Tournament, silent auction, outdoor live music and dancing with a smorgasbord supper. It is hoped that this even will be a community event that will be anticipated each year and be a profitable one for the club. A most important goal of the club is to become a 100% Paul Harris Fellow Club over the next five years which is a project the club and its members are dedicated to accomplishing.

Henry Brown is completing his second year as ADG for Area 9, and he has been a Rotarian since 1985, initially in Raleigh and then in Pinehurst when he was transferred to the area in 1993. A retired Wachovia Bank trust officer, he and his wife, Missy, are proud grandparents of three grandchildren. Their two daughters live in Salisbury and Morehead City. Henry feels privileged to have served as ADG for the four outstanding Moore County clubs and looks forward to expanded service to all the district clubs as District Governor in 2002-2003.

New Interact Club

Congratulations to the King Rotary Club for sponsoring a new Interact club. On January 11, 2001 the club put the finishing touches on the formation of an Interact club at West Stokes High School. On that evening, DG Jack Green, ADG David Jones, and Interact District Chair Ann Murr led the chartering ceremony for 34 high school students and the club sponsor, Robert Mitchell. These Interact students are "up and running" with service projects involving senior citizens, preschoolers, individuals with special needs and non-English-speaking individuals.

Attendance for January, 2001

CLUBS	6/30/00	MBR / MBRS.	MTGS. /	ATTEND
Alamance	49	50	5	66%
Alamance Bkft	29	29	4	93%
Archdale/Trinity	25	30	4	70%
Asheboro	115	121	4	82%
Burlington	46	47	4	68%
Carthage	21	18	4	86%
Clemmons	108	113	5	70%
Crescent	121	125	3	78%
Eden	67	63	4	73%
Elkin-Jonesville	48	46	5	85%
Furnitureland	61	69	4	78%
Gate City	50	52	3	87%
Graham	49	52	4	66%
Greensboro	326	331	5	67%
Gboro Arpt	33	35	4	81%
Guilford	64	63	4	65%
High Point	188	190	4	81%
Jamestown	36	38	4	73%
Jonesboro	56	58	4	76%
Kernersville	38	48	5	81%
King	19	22	4	78%
Lexington	59	60	4	82%
Liberty	23	25	4	72%
Madison/Mayodan	44	43	5	77%

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Mocksville	58	52	5	79%	
Mount Airy	115	118	5	87%	
Oak Hollow	26	24	4	67%	
Pinehurst	45	42	4	72%	
Randolph	55	55	5	90%	
Reidsville	96	96	3	71%	
Reynolda	123	129	4	77%	
San-Lee	34	34	4	92%	
Sandhills	30	33	5	73%	
Sanford	107	107	4	80%	
Siler City	83	75	3	72%	
Southern Pines	90	91	4	84%	
Stoneville	15	16	4	90%	
Stratford	150	160	4	68%	
Summit	140	144	4	81%	
Thomasville	75	73	5	76%	
Triad	49	52	5	70%	
Troy	31	33	4	70%	
Walnut Cove	14	16	4	86%	
Winston-Salem	260	258	5	58%	
Yadkinville	19	24	5	64%	
Yanceyville	32	30	4	68%	
DISTRICT	3322	3390		76%	

Special Upcoming Events...

- PETS Training, Greensboro, NC
March 23-24, 2001
- 2001 District Conference, Wilmington
April 19-22, 2001
- District Assembly, GTCC, Jamestown, NC
May 10, 2001
- 2001 Rotary International Convention, San Antonio
June 24-27, 2001

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