

The Piedmont Rotarian

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

"Create Awareness, Take Action"

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JACK'S COMMENTARY



Jack Green

We have so far had an absolutely fabulous Rotary year! We started the year off with one hundred percent attendance at the President-Elect Training Seminar and we've ended the year up with one hundred percent of our clubs attending our District Conference. In addition to that, we had growth in membership in our District. Everett Padgett has led us to number one in the world in Bequest Society Members.

We are well on track to finish ahead of our projected \$350,000.00 goal for Rotary Foundation. Our GSE Team has gone to the Philippines and returned and the Philippine Team has come here, visited with us, and returned to the Philippines.

We have had twenty-nine Rotary clubs participate in Rotary International Projects this year and they are: Alamance, Alamance Breakfast, Archdale-Trinity, Burlington, Crescent, Eden, Furnitureland, Graham, Greensboro, Greensboro Airport, Guilford, High Point, Jamestown, Jonesboro, Kernersville, Madison, Mayodan, Mount Airy, Oak Hollow, Pinehurst, Reidsville, Sand Hills, Sanford, San Lee, Stratford, Siler City, Stoneville, Thomasville, Triad and Yanceyville. We have applied for over \$100,000.00 on our Rotary International Projects. These are both records for District 7690 and this in addition to Dick Maxwell's \$120,000.00 Project, Operation Smile.

The Ambassadorial Scholarship program in District 7690 continues to be an important emphasis. We had four academic out-bound scholars. These scholars traveled to Canada, England, and Scotland. Two cultural scholars were selected; however, one scholar was unable to accept. Ivan Crissman, a cultural scholar, traveled to Mexico. The district also sponsored one incoming scholar that completed studies at UNC at Greensboro and now has returned to Japan. Selections for the 2001-2002 Rotary year have already been made. I strongly urge clubs to seek candidates for this great opportunity to participate in the Ambassadorial Scholar Program.

Rotarians of District 7690, you have in fact raised the bar of Rotary Excellence this year. You have led the way to an even more successful year next year. Thank you to all of you that participated in the celebration of our Rotary success at District Conference. I know that you have thoroughly enjoyed yourself and at the same time rejuvenated yourself to the Rotary experience. Let's get ready to prepare our Rotary Club to meet the challenge of the 2001-02 Rotary year and raise the bar of Rotary Excellence one more notch.

CALLING ALL CLUBS

PRESIDENTS-ELECT

CLUB SECRETARIES

AND

**DIRECTORS &
COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN**

PLAN TO ATTEND THE

DISTRICT ASSEMBLY

MAY 10, 2001

**GTCC,
JAMESTOWN CAMPUS**

**FOR A DAY OF
ROTARY INFORMATION
AND PLANNING FOR THE
UPCOMING ROTARY YEAR**

(Each club has received registration information materials. If you have questions, please call the District Office at 336-841-7690. Registration deadline is May 1, 2001.)

NOTICE:

**Rotary
Foundation
Contributions
should
be made
no later
than
June 15,
2001
to get
club
credit
for
2001-
2002.**

Group Study Exchange Team Visits District 7690

The Group Study Exchange Team from the Philippines have completed their visit to Rotary District 7690. The team members, Bienvenido Policarpio, Paolo Turno, Regie Plana, Magdalena Ligad and Cynthia Austriaco, have been hosted by several clubs in the district. These clubs have been responsible for showing the team what life is like in North Carolina. District 7690 appreciates all of the hosting families for opening their homes and extending the traditional southern hospitality to the GSE team.

Our outbound team led by Bill Riggs of the Reidsville Rotary Club also had a memorable experience visiting in the Philippines. The outbound team members were Jamie Kinney, Josephine Williamson and Virginia Parker.

Thanks to Rotarian Bob Fowler, District Chairman of GSE, for his efforts in preparation of the outbound and inbound visits.

Calling All Rotarians Headed to San Antonio

All Rotarians planning to attend the Rotary International Convention in San Antonio are invited to attend the "Carolinas' PETS Reception. It is for all Rotarians from the seven districts that participate in the Carolinas' PETS. The event will be held on Monday, June 25 at the Marriott River Center Lobby Bar from 5:00 - 6:30 pm. Cash bar will be available.

Rotary Foundation GIVING

There is a Native American proverb that says, "We will be known forever by the tracks we leave." Nowhere is that more truthful than the Rotarian's commitment to The Rotary Foundation. Our contributions to the Annual Fund provide support for both the World Fund and our district. Of every dollar you give, sixty cents comes back to our district to be allocated. And of the forty cents that stays in the World Fund, we benefit in having a Group Study Exchange Team and through Matching Grants.

Our goal for 2000-2001 is that we achieve a \$100 per-capita amount. With almost 3,500 members in our district, we must reach \$350,000 in unrestricted giving. Some clubs will easily achieve that goal. But there are some clubs that have had difficulty in reaching it. We must work together to give hope through your contributions to the Annual Fund. Although restricted giving is encouraged, only gifts made through the Annual Fund Share Program will count toward our goal.

The end of the Rotary year is fast approaching. The finish line is just in sight. Since there is always a huge last minute rush, you will want to get your contributions into Evanston before June 15th. Please take a few moments and complete your contributions to the Foundation. The "tracks" we make now will be able to provide hope to so many others down the road. In spite of the fact that we likely will never visit the homes of our recipients or even meet their families, we can be assured that our gifts will truly make a difference in their lives.

Everett Padgett, *Annual Giving Chmn.*

Congratulations

PDG Ray Taylor of the Pinehurst Rotary Club has been selected by RI President-elect Richard King to serve as Zone Coordinator of Recreational and Vocational Fellowships for 2001-2002.

AREA I CLUB NEWS

Area 1 consists of: Elkin-Jonesville, King, Mount Airy, Walnut Cove and Yadkinville.

All five clubs have had a very successful Rotary year.

Elkin-Jonesville:

The Elkin-Jonesville Rotary Club is now in its seventh year and continues to raise the bar of service under the leadership of President Ann Ashman. They have established an annual Rotary Habitat Golf Tournament that has allowed the club to give over \$7,000 back to the community through Habitat for Humanity. The club also provides financial support to the local homeless shelter.

In the area of international service, the Elkin-Jonesville Club has participated in two major international projects. In October their World Community Service Project from last year (the drilling of a fresh water well in Brazil) was completed and dedicated. The club was able to participate in the dedication - at a distance. This year the club held a fund-raising event at the new Shelton Vineyard. As a result, they provided \$20,000 for the purchase of mattresses for children in orphanages in Moldova, the poorest of the small countries in Eastern Europe.

In community service the Elkin-Jonesville Club has assisted the Elkin High School in the development of a new Interact Club. They are planning to hold a "Charter Night" in May. These "Interactors" have been exploring the feasibility of working on an Aids Relief project in Africa.

In addition to their involvement in a variety of projects, this club is committed to growth, with six new members inducted thus far this year. While seriously involved in all of their projects, they have a great deal of "fun" particularly with Rotarian Gary Maxey's standup comedy, a central part of the weekly meetings.

King:

Although the King Rotary Club is still in its infancy, it is spearheading some very ambitious efforts. Under the leadership of President Mike Donaldson (the club's third president), the club is actively involved in exciting service projects through the community. On January 11, 2001, the club chartered an Interact at West Stokes High School. District Governor Jack Green and District Interact Chairperson Anne Murr led the chartering ceremony for 34 high school students and the club sponsor. Students and parents enjoyed encouraging, challenging remarks by Jack Green, DG, Anne Murr, and Mike Donaldson. These Interact members are "up and running" with service projects involving senior citizens, preschoolers, individuals with special needs, and non-English-speaking individuals.

Involvement with the high school is not new to the King Rotary Club. For two consecutive years, the club has raised more than \$10,000 for a scholarship fund for West Stokes students. Each quarter, the school selects a "Good Citizen of the Quarter" with criteria for the award based on the Rotary 4-Way Test. At year-end, one of the quarterly recipients is chosen by the club to receive a \$1,000 scholarship renewable for three years.

Since the club began, it supported area nursing homes during the holidays with Christmas cards for residents, distributing more than 350 cards each year. This past Christmas, the club integrated the Christmas card project with Vocational Service by helping the art department at West Stokes High School begin a school-based enterprise. The club approached the art department with the idea of using student-designed Christmas cards for residents of nursing homes. With a financial contribution from the club, the art department not only provided unique, professional quality cards for the residents, but began their own business as well. The students now have a year-round greeting card business with proceeds from sales being used to purchase computer equipment for their graphics projects.

Walnut Cove:

The Walnut Cove Rotary Club is the oldest of the five clubs in Area I. Being located in a small community has provided many challenges for this club. Suffering from a loss of membership for several years, the club had only three members in 1998. Since that time they have worked tirelessly to grow their membership and to support their local community. Beginning the year with fourteen members they are now at twenty and working to achieve their goal of twenty-five members by the end of the Rotary year. Under the leadership of Tom Grubbs, the club has had outstanding year and now has two Paul Harris Fellows in their membership.

In recognition of outstanding individuals in their community, they will again host an evening of fellowship and dinner to award the Bill Johnson Outstanding Citizen of the Year on May 5. This is an award created by the Walnut Cove Club to recognize outstanding community service in the name of Bill Johnson, a past president of the Walnut Cove Club. To further their support of leadership development, the club recently received a \$3,000 grant to the Bill Johnson Memorial Fund from the Winston-Salem Foundation for the development of a Stokes County Leadership Development program. In the area of community service, the Walnut Cove Rotary Club is sponsoring the fund-raising effort for a \$500,000 expansion of the Walnut Cove Library. The Walnut Cove Rotarians are dedicated to making a difference in their community.

AREA I CLUB NEWS

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Mount Airy:

Under the leadership of John Springthorpe, III the Mount Airy Rotary Club continues to grow in size and achievement. During this year the club has added nine new members, seventeen Paul Harris Fellows, two Bequest Society members, and one Major Donor. The club has become very much involved in international activities. Again this year the club is hosting an exchange student, this time from Romania and is working on the development of an international project with a club in Uganda. With the recent visit from the President of their sister club in Wallington, England, the clubs are discussing the possibility of another international project in South Africa in cooperation with a local Rotary Club there.

The Mount Airy Club takes an active role in Community Service. As a sponsor of the March of Dimes Walk, club members provide hot dogs, pizza and refreshments to the participants. Last fall the club played a major role in supporting the construction of a Habitat for Humanity Home. Through their rigorous efforts, they literally raised the roof on the house. In all of this the club also works to maintain a clean community environment and is a leader in their efforts.

In the area of club service, the Mount Airy Club continues to support and encourage the Interact and Rotaract Clubs they sponsor at the local high school and community college.

Yadkinville:

Now in its third year, the Yadkinville Rotary Club continues to grow in numbers and its enthusiasm. Under the leadership of President Dan Pavlansky, the club has added five new members this year. Each year prior to the Christmas Parade, the Yadkinville Rotary Club hosts its annual Christmas Pancake Breakfast fundraiser. This year's fundraiser was the most successful since they started.

In partnership with the Elkin-Jonesville Rotary Club, the Yadkinville Club sponsored an informational breakfast meeting concerning the proposed Fed-Ex hub at the Piedmont Triad International Airport. This meeting was well attended by many of the community leaders, which provided the opportunity to introduce many to Rotary and its community activities.

The club continues to provide two scholarships per year for local high school students attending Surry Community College.

The club's community "Adopt-a-Family" out reach at Christmas was again a great success. The club provided toys, clothes, and meals for seven needy families, one from each school district in Yadkin County. New fundraisers in the form of a BBQ supper and a spring golf tournament are being added for the club. The outstanding member participation and cooperation in the club members has contributed to their success and placed them in the position of being the preeminent service club in Yadkin County.

David Jones has served AREA I as the Assistant District Governor for the past two years. David is a member of the Mount Airy Rotary Club. David has enjoyed working with these five clubs over the past two years.

This concludes the club summaries for 2000-2001. Thanks to all the Assistant District Governors who assembled the information for the newsletter, and thanks to all the club leaders that promoted and accomplished so much during this year!

Congratulations to the Clemmons Rotary Club

The Clemmons Rotary Club has become the **ninth club** in District 7690 to achieve 100% Paul Harris Fellow status. This is a great accomplishment for both the Clemmons Rotary and District 7690. The Clemmons Rotary Club achievement marks 263 clubs in Rotary International to attain this goal.

Attendance for March, 2001

CLUBS	6/30/00	MBR /	MBRS. /	MTGS. /	ATTEND
Alamance	49	51	4	65%	
Alamance Bkft	29	29	4	83%	
Archdale/Trinity	25	30	4	70%	
Asheboro	115	121	5	80%	
Burlington	46	47	4	69%	
Carthage	21	18	5	90%	
Clemmons	108	116	4	76%	
Crescent	121	125	4	74%	
Eden	67	63	4	72%	
Elkin-Jonesville	48	47	4	76%	
Furnitureland	61	69	4	82%	
Gate City	50	47	5	83%	
Graham	49	47	4	77%	
Greensboro	326	332	4	68%	
Gboro Arpt	33	36	4	78%	
Guilford	64	62	4	65%	
High Point	188	188	5	76%	
Jamestown	36	36	4	83%	
Jonesboro	56	62	5	78%	
Kernersville	38	50	4	77%	
King	19	22	5	78%	
Lexington	59	61	4	82%	
Liberty	23	25	5	70%	
Madison/Mayodan	44	43	4	78%	

CLUBS	6/30/00	MBR. /	MBRS. /	MTGS. /	ATTEND
Mocksville	54	54	4	80%	
Mount Airy	115	122	4	81%	
Oak Hollow	26	24	4	52%	
Pinehurst	45	40	4	70%	
Randolph	55	55	4	90%	
Reidsville	96	93	4	66%	
Reynolda	123	120	5	64%	
San-Lee	34	30	4	77%	
Sandhills	30	33	4	74%	
Sanford	107	113	4	71%	
Siler City	83	75	4	67%	
Southern Pines	90	92	5	84%	
Stoneville	15	16	5	81%	
Stratford	150	159	4	64%	
Summit	140	143	5	75%	
Thomasville	75	77	4	74%	
Triad	49	52	4	68%	
Troy	31	32	5	70%	
Walnut Cove	14	18	4	82%	
Winston-Salem	260	261	4	57%	
Yadkinville	19	24	4	59%	
Yanceyville	32	30	4	67%	
DISTRICT	3318	3390		74%	

Special Upcoming Events...

- District Assembly, GTCC, Jamestown, NC
May 10, 2001
- 2001 Rotary International Convention, San Antonio
June 24-27, 2001
- 2002 District Conference, New Bern, NC
April 25-28, 2002
- 2002 RI Convention, Barcelona, Spain
June 23-26, 2002
- 2003 District Conference, Sea Trail, Sunset Beach
April 24-27, 2003

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