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"Mankind is Our Business"

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THE MONTHLY MESSAGE



Vocational Service

All Rotarians are familiar with the Four Avenues of Service, which include Club Service, Community Service, International Service and Vocational Service. Often times the weak "leg" of the four "legs" of service is Vocational Service.

Stuart B. Fountain

It is interesting to reflect that Vocational Service is one of the Four Avenues of Service at all. But further reflection reminds us that diverse vocations was one of the core concepts in the founding of Rotary by Paul Harris and his three friends.

Vocational Service reminds us of the worthiness of all vocations, of all types of work. One of the ways we promote the worthiness of all vocations is by introducing the world of work to high school students. We do this best through our clubs when we have "Shadow Day" and invite students to follow us around at our place of work. This is typically on Ground Hog Day in February and coincides with the day the ground hog may or may not see his shadow. I urge all of our clubs to participate in Shadow Day. It's good for the students and also introduces them to Rotary.

Vocational Service also promotes high ethical standards in our vocations. This means reminding ourselves of the 4-Way Test, living by it, and promoting it to high school students and those around us. Some clubs have a 4-Way Test award that is given annually to the business person in their community who best exemplifies the 4-Way Test, whether a Rotarian or not. (If he/she is not a Rotarian, it's a recruiting opportunity!)

Other awards are given for the outstanding person in public service such as firefighter, law enforcement, emergency medical service, or teaching. All of these recognize the worthiness of work, the quality of the work experience, and high ethical standards in the world of work.

I urge all of our clubs to renew their efforts to promote Vocational Service so it will not be the "weak leg" of the Four Avenues of Service.

Yours in Service Above Self, Stuart

Casting A Shadow for Rotary

Many of us have been left with feelings of helplessness, anxiety, sorrow, and anger following the diabolical acts of violence directed at our country. It is good to realize during times like these that Rotary provides many opportunities to serve our local and world communities in uplifting and affirming ways. This month Rotarians focus on Vocational Service, the second of four Avenues of Service.

Promoting an environment where moral and ethical standards are upheld while conducting business transactions and negotiations, Vocational Service also emphasizes the fair treatment of and loyalty to all who participate in business and professional endeavors. These Rotary ideals are more important than ever, given the world situation we face today.

This month Rotary recognizes the value of every vocation and profession and honors the contribution each gives to society as we serve the needs of others. Many clubs throughout District 7690 are sponsoring a Shadowing Day, which earns points toward the Gold Club Award, while others are choosing to observe this month through workplace visitations and tours, career days, scholarship awards, and classification talks given by club members. Many projects acknowledging Vocational Service can be easily accomplished by your club, which helps further engender and reinforce the interrelationships which hold our communities together.

Richard Thomas
Chairman, Vocational Service

**Remember These
Important Activities
for October:**

**OCTOBER 6
Football Fellowship
at Wake Forest**

For information, call
1-888-758-DEAC

**OCTOBER 24
District-Wide
Golf Tournament**

For information, call
Charlie Taylor
336-766-3881

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**DISTRICT
GOVERNOR'S
CLUB VISITS
FOR
NOVEMBER:**

November 1
Gate City
High Point

Rotary Foundation Banquet

The annual Rotary Foundation Banquet will be held at High Point Country Club on Thursday, November 8. Registration will be done through the club president, and registration forms will be sent to each club president in October. The guest speaker will be past president of Rotary International, Herbert G. Brown. Clubs are encouraged to participate in this special event in the district.

**2003-2004 Nominee for
RI President**

The 2001-2002 Nominating Committee for President of Rotary International in 2003-2004 having functioned in accordance with the by-laws of Rotary International has indicated that it unanimously nominated Jonathan B. Majiyagbe of the Rotary Club of Kano, Kano State, Nigeria for the office of President of Rotary International. Biographical information for Rotarian Majiyagbe will be available on the RI Website and in the next issues of the Rotary Newsbasket and *Rotary World*.

**Rotarians Award \$250,000
CART Fund Grant**

As a result of the CART drive in Rotary districts from South Carolina, North Carolina and Georgia, a \$250,000 grant for Alzheimer's Research to Case Western Reserve University of Cleveland, Ohio has been made. This is the first award made from this fund. This money came from pocket change donated by Rotarians. "The CART (Coins for Alzheimer's Research Trust) Fund began when Roger Ackerman (District 7770) asked his fellow Rotarians to drop their spare pocket change in a bucket as they arrived at their Sumter Club meeting." If your club would like to participate in the CART program, please contact Ralph Greco of the Mocksville Rotary Club at 336-751-3543.

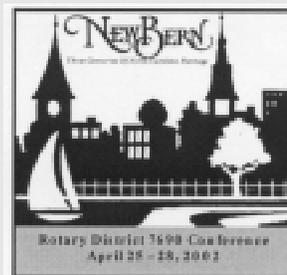
**Correction to Article on
Ambassadorial Scholars**

The following students are also selected Ambassadorial Scholars for 2002-2003:

Leslie Fowells - sponsored by Furnitureland
Jacob Montgomery - sponsored by Winston-Salem
Elizabeth Joyce is an Ambassadorial Scholar, not a Cultural Scholar
Jay Goodman is a Cultural Scholar, not an Ambassadorial Scholar

**Correction to Attendance,
July 2001**

Several clubs have corrected their 6/30/01 membership figures. The corrected total as of 6/30/01 is **3357 Rotarians** in District 7690.



New Bern Notes

The Federal Era saw New Bern develop fully. Many successful merchants and sea captains built fine homes that can be seen on leisurely walks through the historic district.

Saturday's activities include a luncheon organized by the New Bern Preservation Foundation to include a presentation on antiques and tour of four historical homes.

Save the date_ 4/25-28, 2002 for District Conference!

For more information: www.rotary7690.org

AREA III CLUB NEWS

Area III consists of five clubs, Alamance, Alamance Breakfast, Burlington, Graham and Yanceyville.

ALAMANCE **Mike Dunning, President**

Alamance meets 12:15 pm Tuesday at the Ramada Inn, Burlington. It was chartered on March 31, 1981. Alamance is focusing on membership development, club structure and continuing its major international project. Plans call for a new club directory to be prepared to improve club member communication and to be a resource for new members. Effort is being made to develop a web page for the newsletter. Beth Powell, Chairperson of Heal the Children, indicated this year's destination the Dominican Republic is to receive medical, dentistry and optometry care and they still need contributions from all clubs. Plans for this year's golf tournament are well underway. An annual academic scholarship is given to a high school senior each year.

ALAMANCE BREAKFAST **Randy Perkins, President**

Alamance Breakfast meets at 6:45 am Mondays at Ramada Inn, Burlington, formed November 22, 1985. Early risers are thought to have an edge on the average and this club seems to be a step ahead of most as it is a well-rounded club in all areas of Rotary life. Like most clubs, membership growth is seen as critical. Attendance is no problem for this club as the average of 90% attendance is a club goal. The club will continue to support international projects such as the Help the Children and is active in its support of a Russian MBA student at Elon. Vocational efforts include an active Shadowing Program and the second year of a Rotaract Club at Western Alamance. Community involvement includes a golf tournament where a new member will be inducted. Club service is outstanding with a district award winning bulletin.

BURLINGTON **Mark J. Podolle, President**

Burlington meets at 5:45 pm on Mondays at Nick's Cuisine and was chartered on May 11, 1925. The Burlington Club has a rich tradition of strong community and international involvement. Its members are trying to draw on this history to focus on membership growth to provide the leaders for the new century. The community effort includes support and operation of Reading is Fundamental (RIF) national reading program directed toward third, fourth, and fifth graders, an annual golf tournament, reading for the blind monthly at Time Warner Cable, involvement in A Day of Caring and ringing the Salvation bell. International involvement includes support for Heal the Children and in the past hosting the GSE team and the annual world tour stop. Club service concentration has been placed on a mentoring program to be organized, a monthly meeting designated for guest night for membership

development and financial support for member attendance at the district conference. Vocational contributions include annual academic scholarship to a high school senior, shadowing program and annual scholarship to the summer leadership program.

GRAHAM **Dexter Barbee, Jr., President**

Graham meets on Thursday at 12:30 at the Graham Civic Center and was chartered on March 4, 1940. Graham has been marshaling its forces to tackle its biggest challenges with a highly organized and broad-based effort. The biggest opportunities come in membership growth, reinforcing Rotary ideals with an orientation program, Foundation participation, and member participation in the District Conference. Community Service programs include the annual golf tournament, sponsoring of a youth baseball team, back to work program and academic scholarship. An international project they plan to continue is the Heal the Children donation. Membership development will bring competition between members with a point system for meeting club goals for members. Vocational projects include Shadow Day with 4 to 6 students, Rotaract by Scott Hummel and workplace tours planned for meetings. Fellowship for club unity is planned including a pool party, a bowling night and possibly a Vegas night.

YANCEYVILLE **Joel Tate, President**

Yanceyville Club meets on Tuesday at 12:30 at the Community Center and was chartered on May 7, 1937. The Rotary light shines brightly in Caswell County. The Yanceyville Club is getting off to a good start in reaching 100 or more youth with a day of fishing. The Yanceyville Club is a reflection of the leadership in this tight knit community. As with many rural communities, growth comes with great effort and this is a hard working group. Leadership is focusing on development of Rotarians and their involvement in Rotary with training and events. The role in the community includes three high school scholarships and one community college scholarship, sponsorship of a special Olympic event, and Relay for Life. International involvement includes the club's support of Heal the Children. Support of the Foundation should exceed the district goal of \$100 per member.

JAMES M. LEWIS-ROTARY CLUB OF BURLINGTON

Jim is past president of the Burlington Rotary Club and a member of the 2000 Rotary District Conference Committee. He has spent 25 years in financial service industry and the last fourteen years with BB&T. Currently, Jim is Vice President Business Services and Commercial Loans at the Burlington office. Jim did his undergraduate study at UNC Chapel Hill with a BS degree in Business Administration, and he received his Masters in Business Administration from East Carolina University. Jim is also a graduate of UNC School for Banking and Wake Forest Babcock School for Financial Review. Currently he serves on the Board of the United Way of Alamance County.

Attendance for August, 2001

CLUBS	6/30/01	MBR. / MBRS. /	MTGS. /	ATTEND
Alamance	46	47	4	65%
Alamance Bkft	29	30	4	87%
Archdale/Trinity	30	30	4	70%
Asheboro	122	121	5	82%
Burlington	48	44	4	66%
Carthage	16	16	4	67%
Clemmons	102	109	5	77%
Crescent	122	127	4	84%
East Greensboro	25	27	4	60%
Eden	61	59	4	70%
Elkin-Jonesville	50	48	5	71%
Furnitureland	67	68	4	80%
Gate City	47	46	5	92%
Graham	45	41	3	77%
Greensboro	326	324	5	58%
Gboro Arpt	36	31	4	73%
Guilford	57	58	4	74%
High Point	186	186	5	76%
Jamestown	33	32	4	80%
Jonesboro	62	60	5	76%
Kernersville	49	50	5	74%
King	21	21	5	90%
Lexington	61	61	4	62%
Liberty	25	23	5	71%
Madison/Mayodan	44	43	4	81%

CLUBS	6/30/01	MBR. / MBRS. /	MTGS /	ATTEND
Mocksville	60	60	4	81%
Mount Airy	118	118	4	81%
Oak Hollow	20	20	5	60%
Pinehurst	39	37	4	63%
Randolph	55	66	5	88%
Reidsville	97	96	4	68%
Reynolda	130	128	5	65%
Sandhills	35	33	5	85%
Sanford	105	103	4	73%
San-Lee	32	32	4	91%
Siler City	72	69	4	69%
Southern Pines	86	83	5	85%
Stoneville	16	16	5	82%
Stratford	154	150	4	69%
Summit	144	144	4	76%
Thomasville	78	82	5	77%
Triad	52	50	4	81%
Troy	31	30	5	71%
Walnut Cove	18	18	3	72%
Winston-Salem	258	257	4	57%
Yadkinville	23	25	4	51%
Yanceyville	26	26	4	76%
DISTRICT	3357	3347		74%

Special Upcoming Events...

- Football Fellowship, Winston-Salem
October 6, 2001
- Rotary Foundation Banquet, High Point
November 8, 2001
- 2002 District Conference, New Bern
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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