

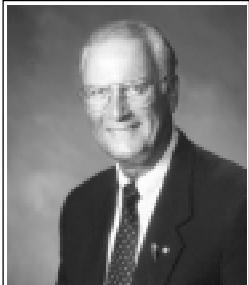
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"Mankind is Our Business"

PDG Stuart B. Fountain, District Governor, 1602 Benjamin Pkwy., Greensboro, NC 27408

THE MONTHLY MESSAGE



Stuart B. Fountain

War and Peace

We will all remember where we were and what we were doing on September 11, 2001 when a major terrorist strike hit the World Trade Towers in New York and the Pentagon just outside Washington, D.C. Suddenly our world was no longer the same. Suddenly the insulation from these events provided us by the

Atlantic and Pacific Oceans was no longer effective. Suddenly the United States was "at war with terrorists and terrorism."

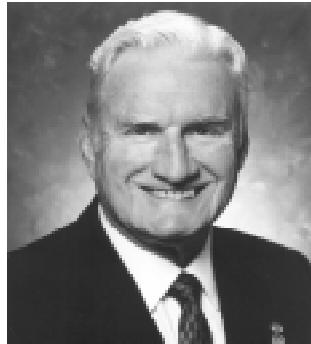
Try as we might to get back to our customary routine, to get back to our "normal" lives, we couldn't. In the back of our minds are the constant questions, "What's next?", "What are we getting into?", and "What's the ripple effect on our families and our future?"

As a child I sensed the uncertainty my parents felt during the second World War. When the first atomic bomb exploded, I wondered if our country would be next. Now that feeling of anxiety and uncertainty has returned. Life was certainly more comfortable and relaxed during the peaceful 50's and early 60's. Viet Nam brought more uncertainty in the 70's, but the 80's were peaceful again. The point of all of this is that the world has survived periods of extreme stress and turmoil in the past and we will again. But it will take time and sacrifice once again.

Out of the ashes and turmoil of the second World War, the Rotary Foundation was born with the express purpose of promoting peace and world understanding while reducing the possibility of another world war. At this time of renewed stress and turmoil, the need for the Rotary Foundation is even greater than it was prior to September 11, 2001. We need to make a renewed commitment to support the Rotary Foundation as it promotes world understanding. It's the most effective weapon Rotarians have to win peace.

November is Rotary Foundation month. At this awkward time, Rotarians need to dig a little deeper and support the Foundation even more than before September 11. It's Rotary's best way to promote peace and world understanding.

Yours in Service Above Self, **Stuart B. Fountain**



**ROTARY DISTRICT 7690
IS PLEASED TO WELCOME
RI PAST PRESIDENT,
HERBERT G. BROWN
AS THE GUEST SPEAKER
FOR THE
ROTARY FOUNDATION
BANQUET
NOVEMBER 8, 2001**

Herbert G. Brown is a businessman and former real estate developer. He has been chairman and president of several banks and retail companies. For more than 50 years he owned and operated furniture stores in Florida and Louisiana. Born in 1923 in Iota, Louisiana, USA, he attended the University of South Louisiana and Eckerd College.

He has served as Louisiana and Florida president of the Boy Scouts of America and holds scouting's Silver Beaver Award. He has served as president of the Opelousias, Louisiana Association of Commerce. Mr. Brown is past commander of the American Legion in Louisiana and served for 14 years as trustee and chairman of the Morton F. Plant Hospital in Clearwater, Florida. He has received numerous humanitarian awards including Citizen of the Year in the state of Louisiana; the Tampa Bay, Florida Humanitarian of the Year Award; the Clearwater, Florida Service to Mankind Award; the Watson Clinic Humanitarian of the Year for his work with Heartbeat International; and the Silver Medallion Brotherhood Award from the National Conference of Christians and Jews. Among his many awards as a businessman he was inducted into the Tampa Bay Business Hall of Fame, and named Florida Entrepreneur of the Year in 1991. In 1994 he received the first Tampa Bay Research Institute Humanitarian Award and was named to *Who's Who in the World* and *Who's Who in America*. He has received honorary degrees from the University of South Florida, Eckerd College, Holy Name College in Philadelphia and Hong 1K University in Korea.

Mr. Brown joined the Rotary Club of Opelousas, Louisiana in 1945 and is currently a member of the Rotary Club of Clearwater, Florida. He has served Rotary International as District Governor, institute counselor, member and chairman of numerous committees, Rotary Foundation Trustee and Director, and Aide to the

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NOVEMBER IS ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTH



New Bern Notes

New Bern has many natural resources. This was one of the reasons it was chosen as the state's first capital. It is located at the confluence of the Neuse and Trent Rivers. They run thru the Croatan National Forest spreading over 157,000 acres. Saturday's activities include a captain's choice golf tournament at Emerald Golf Club, designed by Rees Jones.

•Save the date: 4/25-28, 2002 for District Convergence. For more information: www.rotary7690.org

Each president and newsletter editor should have received the District Conference Promotional Package. Your District Conference Club Coordinator should be making a presentation to your board in the near future. Promote in your newsletters, club meetings, make mention at least once a month, make it easy for your members to attend - subsidize registration cost. We're excited about the Conference, we hope you are!

We need your pictures of club activities to show off at the conference!

Do you think you have an outstanding community or international service project? Submit the nomination form. The conference will recognize the best District projects on Friday & Saturday.

(...continued from Page 1, Rotary Welcomes ...) president of Rotary International. He was chairman of the Health, Hunger and Humanity (3-H) Committee for five years and chairman of both the Rotary International PolioPlus Campaign Committee for the USA and the 1991 Mexico City Rotary International Convention Committee.

Mr. Brown holds both the Citation of Meritorious Service and the Distinguished Service Award for his service to the Rotary Foundation. In his volunteer work for Rotary he has received honors from the governments of Columbia, the Phillipines and Peru. He has achieved more than 43 years of perfect attendance in Rotary. Mr. Brown and his wife Diane live in Clearwater, Florida. They have five children and nine grandchildren.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Two more clubs in District 7690 have achieved the status of 100% Paul Harris Club. The Rotary Club of Randolph is the 285th club in the world to reach this achievement, and the Rotary Club of Asheboro is the 287th club in the world to accomplish this. This now makes 11 clubs in our district.

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION 2002

It's not too early to start making plans to attend the 93rd Rotary International Convention in Barcelona, Spain June 23-26, 2002. Anyone who has ever attended an International Convention will readily verify the exciting opportunities you have to meet Rotarians from over 160 countries, to learn of work done through Rotary in Action, to hear outstanding speakers, and to enjoy dazzling entertainment.

Several travel agents will be offering pre and post convention tours - some of which can be found in The Rotarian magazine. You can find registration forms in the Sept. 2001 Rotarian and complete data, maps and rates along with the hotel reservation forms in the October 2001 Rotarian. If I can help you or your club with forms or any information regarding the Barcelona Convention, please contact me:

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Rotary Foundation

PDG Arnold King and his Rotary Foundation Committee conducted two very informative and worthwhile seminars in District 7690 in September and October. All clubs had the opportunity to hear more about the Rotary Foundation, the methods of giving and the special programs sponsored by the Rotary Foundation. It is important for each club to remember their Foundation goals for 2001-2002 and continue to work toward these goals. The annual Rotary Foundation Banquet will be held on Thursday, November 8 at High Point Country Club. This is a special night for recognition and celebration of The Rotary Foundation. The following Rotary Foundation Committee Chairmen are available for club programs:

PDG Arnold King, Gen. Chm., RI 336-993-2202
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William Leinster, Grants Chm. 336-433-4047
Ann Dyson, Alumni Chm. 336-751-4445
Bob Fowler, Group Study Exchange Chm. 336-883-1333
John Rosser, Permanent Fund Chm. 336-230-0922
John Womack, Scholarships Co-Chm. 336-889-5441
PDG Carol Summerlin, Scholarships Co-Chm. 336-427-0964

AREA IV CLUB NEWS

Area IV consists of Kernersville, Reynolda, Stratford, Winston-Salem, and Clemmons clubs.

KERNERSVILLE Roy Collette, President

Kernersville Rotary Club is a breakfast club that meets Fridays at 7:00 AM at the cafeteria at Dudley Products. In this Rotary year, we have already sponsored the town's 4th of July parade and coordinated a 5K Fun Run with that event. Arnold King again headed up our Rotary Youth Leadership Academy for 20 local high school students. A late summer picnic was enjoyed by club members before getting back to work with the resumption of school and our business partnership with Cash Elementary. Our Study Buddy program will again benefit kids there who need tutors and good role models. Upcoming projects include a membership drive/open house, an event which proved very successful last year, our annual pancake dinner fundraiser, and a new fundraising project, a Halloween Haunted House. Our two Interact Clubs will participate with us in this event. We plan to add a third Interact Club this year at the new Bishop McGuinniss High School in Kernersville. A golf marathon is scheduled for the spring. All of the fundraising will allow us to expand our scholarship program, fund our annual Scholastic Banquet and help us to continue to provide avenues of "service above self."

REYNOLDA Florence P. Corpening, President

Reynolda meets at 12:30 PM on Friday, regular meeting place is the Lawrence Joel Memorial Coliseum, but due to renovations the club is meeting primarily at the Home and Garden Building located in the Fairground area of the Coliseum Complex. The club received its charter on Jan. 6, 1984. The club is working very hard to increase participation in the Foundation. An impressive goal is to raise \$5,000 this fiscal year. The club has instituted a new goal to get each member to contribute at least \$100 annually by making quarterly contributions of \$25. Another goal is to get at least four new Paul Harris Fellows. Past president of the club has initiated a member and program survey. This survey will give members an opportunity to give their input on programs and the selection of new members. We have already brought in two new members and have plans to meet the Rotary International's Presidents request. The club sent a check in the amount of \$2500 to the New York District to assist the children of the rescue workers who were victims of the September 11 disaster as well as supporting financially the local SORT team. Two fellowship events have been planned: Christmas party and participation in the Komen Foundation Race For The Cure.

STRATFORD Ed Robbins, President

The Rotary Club of Stratford entered the new year pledged to continue its focus on helping youth, membership growth, and a revitalized emphasis on an increased commitment to the Rotary Foundation. Our goals are to raise over \$30,200 which will fund our scholarship program, maintain an exchange student, fund our club's international project, and allow us to attain a \$100 per capita contribution level to the Rotary Foundation. Over the past year we have worked with the Winston-Salem and Reynolda clubs in starting an Interact Club at Forsyth Country Day School. Interclub

cooperation is a key to our success. Without the help of the Winston-Salem and Reynolda clubs our objectives would be more difficult to accomplish. In addition, we are always trying to steal ideas from the Clemmons Club. In order to raise the needed funds, we will hold the second silent auction at our Holiday Social, on December 6. The beneficiaries of the auction are The Rotary Foundation, The Winston-Salem Children's Museum, and our International Rotary project. After the social we plan to sell 200 tickets in a reverse draw raffle, which will be held on either Valentine's Day or at our annual Spring Social. Fifty percent of ticket sales are dedicated to the Rotary Foundation. Stratford's membership goal is to initiate at least 15 new members during the year. To do this we have enlisted some of the best talent in the club and asked the entire membership to be on the lookout for qualified new members. We plan to meet the district goal of one new member per month. We still boast the best food in the area at our meetings and have had some great speakers including our Congressman, Richard Burr and John Allison, CEO of BB&T Corp., the later speaker shared with the Winston-Salem club, Reynolda club, and Clemmons club. All visiting Rotarians are always welcome.

WINSTON-SALEM Robert Sanders, President

Since July 1, 2001, the Winston-Salem Rotary Club has approved five new members. The club conducted a solicitation for the Foundation and obtained 21 sustaining members. A limited study was made to determine if the Benevolent Fund Drive should be combined with the Foundation's solicitation. The club is reviewing the possibility of making the newsletter available by email. The Winston-Salem Rotary is developing a means to contact members who have poor attendance so that those members can be encouraged to improve their attendance.

CLEMMONS Steve Sessions, President

Terry Alexander was the Charter President of Clemmons eight years ago and we are making Terry VERY proud. Our membership drive has rewarded us with 12 new qualified members bringing our total membership to 120. So far this year we have raised over \$20,000 through 2 events which was our Third Annual Mountain Bike Race at Tanglewood and the Volkswagen Beetle Reverse Raffle. A sincere thanks goes to the Area 4 clubs that allowed us to promote our raffle at their meetings. You can count on the Clemmons club to return the favor. Our Hand in Hand Trip to the Festival of Lights for 225 indigent children will take place in December and will include supper and a play. We have donated over 25 used computers to a local school and are adopting 4 families in temporary financial trouble for Christmas outreach. Youth Exchange is such a great program and Nathalie, our exchange student from France attends West Forsyth High School where we have pledged \$10,000 in scholarships this year. Arrangements are being made for a 6-day hands-on construction of a Jamaican Learning and Training Center scheduled for March. As a 100% Paul Harris Club, Clemmons' next campaign is to be a 100% Benefactor Club.

Darrell Walker is serving his second year as assistant district governor to AREA IV. He has been a member of Rotary since 1990 and has had perfect attendance for the past 8 years. He is regional vice president of the Budd Group in Greensboro. He truly enjoys Rotary and the concept of working toward world peace and understanding...if any group can accomplish this it's Rotary. He has enjoyed working with the Forsyth County clubs for two years.

Attendance for August, 2001

CLUBS	6/30/01	MBR. / MBRS. /	MTGS. /	ATTEND
Alamance	46	47	4	63%
Alamance Bkft	29	34	3	87%
Archdale/Trinity	30	31	4	82%
Asheboro	122	120	4	80%
Burlington	48	44	3	72%
Carthage	16	18	4	75%
Clemmons	102	107	4	76%
Crescent	122	129	3	83%
East Greensboro	25	27	4	65%
Eden	61	58	4	68%
Elkin-Jonesville	50	49	4	76%
Furnitureland	67	69	3	75%
Gate City	47	46	4	96%
Graham	45	42	4	76%
Greensboro	326	324	4	69%
Gboro Arpt	36	31	4	80%
Guilford	57	58	4	68%
High Point	186	187	4	74%
Jamestown	33	32	4	75%
Jonesboro	62	62	4	76%
Kernersville	49	50	4	69%
King	21	24	4	76%
Lexington	61	54	4	67%
Liberty	25	23	4	86%
Madison/Mayodan	44	43	3	73%

CLUBS	6/30/01	MBR. / MBRS. /	MTGS. /	ATTEND
Mocksville	60	60	4	81%
Mount Airy	118	122	4	83%
Oak Hollow	20	20	4	67%
Pinehurst	39	37	4	60%
Randolph	55	65	4	92%
Reidsville	97	96	4	68%
Reynolda	130	128	4	59%
Sandhills	35	38	4	82%
Sanford	105	107	4	70%
San-Lee	32	32	3	89%
Siler City	72	67	3	77%
Southern Pines	86	85	4	86%
Stoneville	16	16	4	81%
Stratford	154	151	4	63%
Summit	144	145	4	75%
Thomasville	78	82	4	70%
Triad	52	50	4	88%
Troy	31	30	4	73%
Walnut Cove	18	20	4	72%
Winston-Salem	258	257	3	77%
Yadkinville	23	26	4	58%
Yanceyville	26	26	4	76%
DISTRICT	3357	3369		75%

Special Upcoming Events...

- 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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