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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

During the holiday season, our thoughts turn to family and friends, to the events of former holidays, to the accomplishments of this calendar year, and the challenges of the next one. After the frantic days of mid-December, we have time to pause and reflect on where we are going, on our good fortune and what we can do to help someone else along the way.

This year I'm thinking about our Rotary family a lot. About how much my life has been enriched by being heavily committed to Rotary. About the innumerable wonderful people I've met and the wonderful inspiring projects they are doing. Some people have extended condolences to me for having to visit all 47 of our clubs. But to the contrary I've found it to be a truly uplifting experience. To see the commitment of good people who have the organizational skills, the creativity, the resources, the determination to make a project succeed for the benefit of people they may never see, has been an inspiration to me.

The people in the media world tell us that good news doesn't sell, and that bad news sells. Apparently we buy so much bad news that it seems that all people are corrupt, all young people are on drugs, and all of our value system has been thrown out like an outdated computer. Since September 11 it sometimes feels as if evil people, committing evil deeds with evil weapons have permeated our way of life.

And then there's our Rotary family providing a balance, and extension to an extra dimension in our lives. Just when we think the world is totally sick, we learn of another great project, another successful fund-raiser. If others could travel with me I could show them hundreds of good, talented, capable people working together, having fun together, supporting each other, finding happiness and fulfillment in helping others. Like-minded people sharing a cause, sharing a common enduring value system, sharing the ideals of Rotary and a Rotary Dream. And because of them our optimism is strengthened and our hope for the future is rekindled.

As we look ahead, the opportunities for service and sharing are everywhere. The needs never diminish. But our sense of
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ROTARY RECREATIONAL & VOCATIONAL FELLOWSHIPS

Rotary has a unique opportunity for you to contact and participate in your recreational or vocational interests to supplement our normal Rotary programs.

We presently have about 40 Recreational Fellowships and 40 Vocational Fellowships. The Recreational Fellowships include: golf, yachting, flying and just about any other activity of your interest. There is also a Vocational Fellowship for almost any business or profession. If you are a doctor, lawyer or engineer, you can join a fellowship and be in touch with other members of your profession or business worldwide.

All the fellowships publish a complete membership roster and a newsletter on their activities. At the International meeting, many fellowships have a booth which gives members an opportunity to interface in person with other members of their fellowship. Also at the International meeting, most fellowships have their annual general meeting there to make plans for the coming year and review their activities.

In the past, we have had an international committee to oversee the operation of the fellowships but for the last two years, we have had a task force with an extensive network of contacts to promote these various fellowships.

I have been active in the Flying Fellowship since 1968 and served as chairman in 1968-70. I enjoy working with other Rotarians worldwide for the benefit of Rotary and who have an interest in flying. In our District 7690 we have several members of the International Fellowship of Flying Rotarians (IFFR) and past District Governor H. Edward (Ned) Poyser of Pinehurst is a past chairman of this fellowship. There are 22 members of IFFR in our district.

Past District Governor O. Raymond (Ray) Taylor has been very active in the fellowships and is a good resource for information or a program on all of the Rotary Recreational & Vocational Fellowships. Please feel free to contact Ray or myself for additional information.

Join the fun and join a fellowship!

PDG Marcus Crotts
RI General Chairman



New Bern Notes

In 1791, President George Washington made a special visit to New Bern. He stayed two nights as guest in the home of noted patriot and privateer, John Wright Stanly.

See the John Wright Stanly home on the bicycle tour of downtown New Bern which boasts of over 150 landmarks. Bikes will be provided as part of this optional activity.

Save the date - April 25-28, 2002 for District Conference!

Registration forms will be mailed early January or download from www.rotary7690.org

Each club has been assigned an Area Promoter listed below. The Area Promoter has agreed to promote the conference at a club board meeting and will be glad to assist in promoting at your club meetings. Please make use of these valuable resources or call Mitzi Ellis with any questions. (336)889-8976

Surry, Stokes, Yadkin: Lenna Hobson

Rockingham: Pam Stephens
Alamance, Caswell: Rob Malburg

Forsyth: Steve Sessions
N. Guilford: Mitzi Ellis

S. Guilford: Jim Stowers
Davie, Davidson: Ralph Greco
Randolph, Montgomery: Jaci Betts

Moore: Robert Nunnally
Chatham, Lee: Larry McCrae
Siler City: Jerry Harris

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accomplishment grows as we look over what we have done so far. Now is the time to pause, take a brief break, renew our energy and move on to successfully complete our current projects and look for new ones.

Just remember, the Rotary year ends in June. This is only half-time. After this pause we'll need to go out and work hard throughout the second half!

Happy Holidays!
Stuart B. Fountain, *District Governor*

CONGRATULATIONS!

At the recent RI Zone meeting for Zones 33 and 34 in which Rotary District 7690 belongs, Rotary District 7690 received the following awards for accomplishments in the 2000-01 Rotary year. The awards are:

- Second place for Zone 33 in greatest increase in Major Donors
- First place for Zone 33 in per capita annual giving to the Rotary Foundation
- First place for Zone 33 in greatest percentage of Paul Harris Fellows
- First place for Zone 33 in greatest percentage of Bequest Society Members
- First place for Zone 33 in greatest increase in Bequest Society Members
- Second place for Zone 33 in greatest percentage of Benefactors
- Pioneer District for Rotary Centers for International Studies
- Best newsletter for Zone 33

Keep up the good work in Rotary District 7690!!

DIRECTORY UPDATES

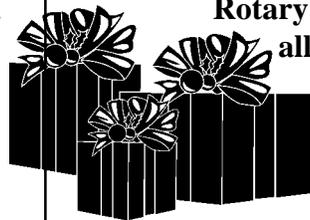
Alamance Breakfast
Randy Perkins, President
Prime Personnel Resources, Inc.
2640 Ramada Rd.
Burlington, NC 27215-5469

Jamestown
Club meets at 6:00pm, not 6:30pm

Yanceyville
Club meets at the Caswell Convention Ctr.

Rotary Foundation Banquet

Rotary District 7690 celebrated with over 400 strong at the recent Rotary Foundation Banquet on November 8. Past RI President, Herbert Brown, was the featured speaker. Three clubs, Asheboro, Clemmons and Randolph were recognized for achieving the 100% Paul Harris Fellow accomplishment. The three clubs that were tops in 2000-2001 in annual program fund giving are: 1. Asheboro, 2. Greensboro, 3. Clemmons. The three clubs that were tops in 200-2001 in per capita annual programs fund giving are: 1. Randolph, 2. Clemmons, 3. Kernersville. Congratulations to these clubs for their accomplishments in 2000-2001. Many thanks to **Sherri Simon** of the High Point Rotary Club for coordinating this event for the District.



Rotary District 7690 wishes
all Rotarians and their
families a very
Merry Christmas
and a Happy
New Year!

Report From Boys & Girls Homes of NC

On September 30, 2001, Boys and Girls Homes of NC dedicated the Leamon Rogers Memorial Chapel. The chapel will serve as a facility for gatherings such as music concerts, special services, meetings and weddings. The president and CEO of the Boys and Girls Homes, Maj. Gen. Stuart Sherman said, "The reason it was built is to allow us to provide a strong spiritual base for the children for whom we have a responsibility." The Boys and Girls Homes of NC have benefitted greatly from the generosity of Rotary clubs in North Carolina. Any club wishing more information on the Boys and Girls Homes of NC should contact Sanders Dallas at (336)878-7830.

AREA V CLUB NEWS

Area V consists of Crescent, East Greensboro, Gate City, Greensboro, Greensboro Airport, Guilford, and Summit. Because of the close proximity to one another, the Greensboro clubs often work together on projects of common interest. One example is a community wide blood drive each spring, in conjunction with area Rotaract clubs.

CRESCENT

Patrick Eakes, President

The Crescent club meets Thursdays at noon at the Greensboro Realtors Association Building. The Crescent club recently reached out to the persons affected by the September 11 tragedy, sending over \$7,000 to the Rotary district coordinating relief efforts in the New York area. Always an active supporter of the Foundation, the Crescent Club recently completed their annual fund raiser event, reaching for a goal of \$50,000. And for those of you who follow the district golf tournament, you will recognize the Crescent Club as this year's winner. Rumor has it they are determined to vigorously defend the title next year. Crescent Club Rotarians will be seen at Potter's House, or the community blood drive, just as they were at the polls recently helping with Kids Voting. Or you can catch a Crescent Club member ringing the bell for the Salvation Army this holiday season. Well rounded, active, and vibrant all describe the Crescent Club.

EAST GREENSBORO

Glen Hart, President

Chartered earlier this year, the East Greensboro Club has a solid core of membership of 26 and is actively recruiting additional members. As important, East Greensboro is quickly embracing all the opportunities for service in the Rotary world. Partnerships are quickly evolving with NC A&T University, where the East Greensboro Club will be helping with the International Education Week activities during November. Dudley High School and Bluford Elementary also offer opportunities for the East Greensboro Club, perhaps an Interact club or a lunch buddy program. Blood drive participation and bell ringing are also on the East Greensboro Club agenda in the coming weeks, as is a program on the Rotary Foundation. The East Greensboro club meets Wednesday mornings at 7:30 in the dining hall at Bennett College.

GATE CITY

Mike Conrad, President

Gate City Rotary Club began the year with publication of a comprehensive member handbook, reflecting club-wide planning and communication. Gate City recently moved from Starmount to the O'Henry Hotel, where they meet each Thursday morning at 7. And meet they do, leading Area V in attendance with numbers well above 90%. Gate City started the year down 2 in membership, but quickly rebounded with 6 new members and 3 more on the way in. Not unusual for a club that likes to be active and get things done. Gate City looks forward to 10-12 new Paul Harris Fellows this year, and is aiming for support of the Rotary Foundation at twice the \$100 per member standard. Two matching grants with clubs in India, in response to District Governor Fountain's request for support in the areas of population and development, illustrate the can do attitude of Gate City Rotarians, and involve the club in meaningful, international service. Brooks Global Elementary will have new signage, thanks to Gate City Rotary, and Salvation Army holiday bells will be ringing again this year. More social activity is planned this year, reflecting the fun and fellowship characteristic of the Gate City Rotarians.

GREENSBORO

Fred Reinecke, President

The Greensboro Club meets Wednesdays at noon at the Central YMCA, and has been meeting since being chartered 82 years ago. With a membership of about 330, the Greensboro Club is the largest of the Area V clubs, and it shows in the breadth and

depth of activity. Seventy-six members and guests rode two buses to the Foundation banquet in High Point as they have for several years, indicative of the strong support for the Rotary Foundation consistently provided by Greensboro Rotary. Already a 100% PHF club, the emphasis this year shifts to increasing the benefactors and Bequest Society members in the club. Service projects in the Republic of Moldova and in Africa continue the international service tradition of the club but community service will also be evident this year at the community blood drive and in front of Barnes and Nobles as Greensboro Rotarians volunteer, donate, and ring the holiday bells for the Salvation Army. A new fund raiser for next spring is in the works, and the club looks forward every year to the Rotary Youth Leadership Program.

GREENSBORO AIRPORT

Fred Miller, President

Another on-the-move club, Greensboro Airport has relocated its meetings from Guilford College to the Cardinal Country Club, where they now meet at 7am each Tuesday morning. On a personal note, I had the pleasure recently of pinning my son Cory as a new member, making him the first of fourth generation Rotarians in our family and the latest in the Greensboro Airport quest for membership growth. Community service projects will dominate the fall agenda. Just ask the staff and residents of Bell House, whose facilities and lives are brighter today as a result of Greensboro Airport Rotarians. Activity continues in international service as well; Greensboro Airport is an active partner with others working in the Republic of Moldova. Small but growing, the Greensboro Airport Club looks forward to recognizing three new Paul Harris Fellows in the near future.

GUILFORD

Warren "Dash" Romaine, President

The Guilford Rotary Club meets at Starmount Country Club on Tuesdays at 12:30, with plenty of fun and fellowship for members and guests alike. The super bowl 2002 for two is the object of a fund raising raffle currently underway, which will help Guilford meet an ambitious goal of Rotary Foundation support. Two international service projects are underway with clubs in India and Venezuela. Closer to home, character education in the Greensboro schools is a special interest of Guilford Rotarians. You'll see Guilford Rotarians out and about this fall as well, bell ringing and donating blood, and even more Guilford Rotarians as the year passes; the goal is 70 members by year's end. Guilford Rotary - taking Rotary's Global Quest seriously.

SUMMIT

Bob Hunt, President

The Summit Club meets Fridays noon at Starmount Country Club. Chartered in 1957, it is Greensboro's second oldest Rotary club. Outstanding programs have highlighted the year thus far, attracting members and guests alike. April 20, 2002 is the date for Summit's second bike ride fund raiser, which will help them continue their tradition of community and Foundation support. Already a 100% PHF club, Summit is now working to become a 100% Benefactor club. If past achievement is any indication, don't be against them, because they will get it done. In another response to DG Fountain's appeal for international service involvement in the areas of population and development, Summit Rotary has two matching grant projects underway.

Bob Newton, Area V AG and DGN, joined Rotary in 1987, following in the footsteps of dad Ernest and grandfather L.L. Following club service in a number of areas and district service as WCS chair, Bob was chosen to serve as president of the Rotary Club of Greensboro in 1998-99. DG Jack Green appointed Bob as AG of Area V in "00-'01, and Bob has since been nominated to serve as District Governor in "03-'04 following Henry Brown. Bob is the president of the Moses Cone- Wesley Long Community Health Foundation.

Attendance for October, 2001

CLUBS	6/30/01	MBR.	/ MBRS.	MTGS.	/ ATTEND
Alamance	46	47	4	66%	
Alamance Bkft	29	32	5	90%	
Archdale/Trinity	30	32	5	87%	
Asheboro	122	119	4	84%	
Burlington	48	42	5	69%	
Carthage	16	29	4	80%	
Clemmons	102	111	5	79%	
Crescent	122	129	5	86%	
East Greensboro	25	27	4	60%	
Eden	61	58	4	77%	
Elkin-Jonesville	50	47	5	73%	
Furnitureland	67	71	4	70%	
Gate City	47	47	4	96%	
Graham	45	40	4	82%	
Greensboro	326	324	5	67%	
Gboro Arpt	36	33	5	76%	
Guilford	57	60	5	73%	
High Point	186	189	4	76%	
Jamestown	33	32	5	70%	
Jonesboro	62	65	4	72%	
Kernersville	49	50	4	76%	
King	21	24	4	75%	
Lexington	61	57	5	67%	
Liberty	25	23	4	91%	
Madison/Mayodan	44	44	5	72%	

CLUBS	6/30/01	MBR.	/ MBRS.	MTGS.	/ ATTEND
Mocksville	60	60	4	81%	
Mount Airy	118	121	5	83%	
Oak Hollow	20	18	4	58%	
Pinehurst	39	36	5	66%	
Randolph	55	65	5	85%	
Reidsville	97	97	5	63%	
Reynolda	130	127	4	65%	
Sandhills	35	36	5	85%	
Sanford	105	106	5	65%	
San-Lee	32	32	3	89%	
Siler City	72	68	4	90%	
Southern Pines	86	86	4	82%	
Stoneville	16	16	4	81%	
Stratford	154	153	4	66%	
Summit	144	145	4	75%	
Thomasville	78	82	5	73%	
Triad	52	51	4	75%	
Troy	31	33	4	75%	
Walnut Cove	18	21	4	72%	
Winston-Salem	258	258	5	56%	
Yadkinville	23	26	5	65%	
Yanceyville	26	28	4	72%	
DISTRICT	3357	3397		76%	

Special Upcoming Events...

- 2002 District Conference, New Bern
April 25-28, 2002
- District Assembly, GTCC Jamestown Campus
May 16, 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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