

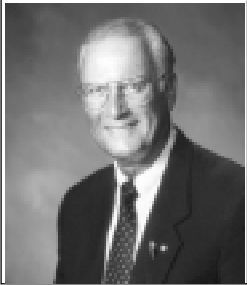
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"Mankind is Our Business"

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

THE MONTHLY MESSAGE



Stuart B. Fountain

I'll join the chorus and wish you a Happy New Year 2002 along with everyone else. There is always a sense of new beginnings, new opportunities, and new excitement about the possibilities for the new year as we display the new calendar. When you think about it, 2001 wasn't that happy year we anticipated a year ago. The terrorist attacks, the recession, and, in our

Rotary District, the loss of our District Governor Elect, Terry Alexander all combined to make 2001 a less than joyful year.

But now we have a new fresh start and the possibilities do look exciting. Economic activity is picking up. The situation is improving in Afghanistan and our clubs are doing wonderful projects. Terry Ball and her fine committee have developed a superb District Conference for us to enjoy April 25-28. We were unable to assemble an outbound GSE team in late 2001, but in 2002 we will be receiving a fine inbound team from India.

During 2001 we were making plans to do some wonderful projects and achieve some lofty goals for the current Rotary year. There is an old North Carolina expression about planning to do something. It's expressed as "jus' fixin' to" do something. Now is the time to conclude the "jus' fixin' to" phase and to actively complete the projects. We are only sixty days away from concluding the competition for the Governor's Gold Club Awards to the top fifteen clubs in the District. The deadline for submitting the application is March 15. January and February become very active months to follow through on these goals.

I'm grateful that fourteen or fifteen of the Population and Development international projects have been submitted by our clubs for matching grants from the Rotary International Foundation. There are still projects available if clubs still need a simple, inexpensive, easy international project for \$500 from the club. We can't solve this overwhelming problem in 2002, but we have to start the process.

The promise and exciting possibilities of the New Year do make us smile. Let's maximize the opportunities it brings.

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

GETTING YOUR SIGHTS SET ON AVOIDABLE BLINDNESS

Last Rotary year, President Frank Develyn got a task force going entitled "Avoidable Blindness." Its mission was to "create a worldwide awareness of the magnitude of blindness and to encourage districts and clubs to take action by supporting programs to prevent blindness or restore sight." His passion in this area was a result of his vocation. Rotary International President Rick King has continued this task force.

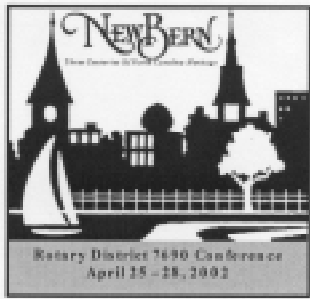
In a survey a few months ago a group of people were asked to list the disability that they would most dread. Over two-thirds of the respondents listed "blindness" as the disability they would most dread. Many of the causes of blindness can be prevented if treated in time. And sight can be restored for many who are suffering needlessly from blindness.

I remember hearing a story of a small village of people that lived near a large river in Africa. A black fly carried a bacteria that would cause the eye to itch. Constant scratching of the eye would cause scar tissue to form on the cornea causing eventual loss of vision. This would cause the villagers to move away from the river into the dry area when crops would not grow. A vision problem was causing starvation. The saddest part of this is that fact that an inexpensive antibiotic cream could have prevented the problem and saved their eyesight. It would have allowed the villagers to stay in the fertile area near the river.

Some years ago Helen Keller said, "Although the world is full of suffering, it is also full of the overcoming of it." There are many projects available in the area of avoidable blindness that need your attention. And many of them can be done with a small amount of money. The Oak Hollow Club under the direction of Lorie Garland has recently done a vision screening in conjunction with Prevent Blindness of North Carolina. Lorie, who is serving as our district chairman would be glad to speak with any clubs that need assistance in this area. Her office number is 336-886-7677 or her home number is 336-887-1668.

Get your club to appoint an avoidable blindness chairman to facilitate your efforts in this area. There are so many groups with which clubs can partner in dealing with blindness issues. We are relying on your clubs to show that "Mankind Is Our Business."

PDG Everett Padgett, *Zone 33 Coordinator, Avoidable Blindness*



New Bern Notes

Pepsi-Cola was invented behind the soda fountain of a pharmacy in New Bern by Caleb Bradham. Brad's drink became Pepsi-Cola in 1898. Due to World War I, sugar prices skyrocketed and with price controls, his company's financial success was short lived.

You can see the original soda fountain in downtown New Bern. Two trolleys will be available to all attendees Friday and Saturday afternoons to visit the quaint downtown area filled with antique stores, art shops, restaurants and much more.

Save \$ and register by February 16.

Download registration forms at www.rotary7690.org

HAPPY NEW YEAR!



DISTRICT 7690 WINS ZONE AWARDS!

As presented at the Foundation Banquet, District 7690 was the recipient of numerous awards at the Zone Institute Meeting in Portsmouth, Virginia, October 11-14th. I am truly indebted to the Foundation Chairman, Arnold King and each of our Foundation Area Representatives and special thanks to Everett Padgett and Carol Summerlin, but most of all District 7690 can be very proud of its members who raised the Rotary bar of excellence one more notch during the 2000-2001 year. We have truly made a significant impact in the Rotary world. I could not be more proud of our district. The following are the awards that you won in Zone 33:

- 1st Place Best Per Capita Annual Giving
- 1st Place Greatest Percentage of Paul Harris Fellows
- 1st Place Greatest Percentage of Bequest Society Members
- 1st Place Greatest Increase of Bequest Society Members
- 1st Place Best Newsletter in Zone 33

- 2nd Place Greatest Percentage of Benefactors 2000-2001
- 2nd Place Greatest Increase in Major Donors

World's Best District 7690 lead the world in Charter Bequest Society Members, thank you Everett Padgett. We were also presented with a certificate showing that we are a pioneer district in the Rotary Centers for International Study.

Congratulations District 7690.

PDG Jack Green

DIRECTORY UPDATES

Triad

Don Nichols, Secretary
138 Wyndham Ave., High Point 27265

Randolph

Susan Milner, Secretary

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Greensboro Airport

New Meeting Location:

Cardinal Country Club, Greensboro

No Club Secretary

Currently Lexington and Yanceyville Rotary Clubs are without a club secretary

New District Chairman, Avoidable

Blindness

Chairman, Lorie Garland (Oak Hollow)

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CORRECTION TO DECEMBER

NEWSLETTER

Crescent Rotary Club meets on Mondays at 12:30 pm. It was incorrect in the Area 5 article.

Ambassadorial Scholarship

Applications

As soon as the 2003-2004 Ambassadorial Scholarship applications are received, they will be sent to each club. Clubs should begin looking for prospective scholarship applicants.

RI Convention 2002

The 93rd RI Convention will be held June 23-26, 2002 in Barcelona, Spain and if you have not already, you should make your reservations now.

You will have an opportunity to meet and talk with Rotarians from over 160 countries, hear outstanding speakers and learn of work being done through Rotary Clubs such as ours, from all over the world. You will be greatly inspired by what you hear and see.

Registration forms for the convention were in the September Rotarian and Hotel Reservation forms were in the October Rotarian magazine, including rates, maps, etc. You will find Pre-Convention and Post-Convention tours advertised in all current *The Rotarian* magazines.

RI Conventions are always exciting and very special to all who attend at the Barcelona Convention will surely rank among the best. Please call or drop me a note if I can be of any help with your plans. Contact me at:
Bob Rankin, P.O. Box 1727, High Point 27261
Phone: 336-882-6139 Fax: 336-812-8959

AREA VI CLUB NEWS

Area 6 consists of the clubs of the greater High Point area. The common thread of partnering with each other is obvious as you read of some of their efforts and a few of their accomplishments. Terry would be proud of Area 6 clubs!

ARCHDALE-TRINITY Walter Stanley, President

- Major goal: sponsoring a cabin at Kyle and Patti Petty's Victory Junction Camp. Several Rotary clubs have provided significant assistance.
- The club's golf professional led in the organization of a Junior Turkey Day Golf Tournament that was well received. Plans to augment this event next year to include a parent/child tourney as well as the individual event.
- Sponsored Trinity High School Special Olympics
- Assisted with two blood drives
- Sponsored Shadow Day at Trinity High School
- A goal for next year is to relieve Crescent Rotary Club of the District Golf Trophy.

FURNITURELAND Lu Ann Dove, President

- Project "Share the Suds" provided over 6 cubic feet of toiletries to High Point's Open Door Shelter. More will follow.
- Furnitureland will support Oak Hollow Rotary Club's project to construct a natural pond in District 3210, India.
- Furnitureland's representative on the GSE team to Philippines joins Rotaract, and challenges Furnitureland to help supply book stock to Rizal Hig School Library. This Manilla high school has over 25,000 students, and a library collection of 10,000 old books. Furnitureland accepts the challenge.
- TRF drive returns over \$200 per member.
- Discussions are underway to establish a new interact club in a local high school.
- Last year Furnitureland successfully changed the venue of its annual auction. The auction committee continues to "think outside the box" and will introduce new and creative features to the event. You won't want to miss it!
- Partnered with Rose Furniture in the Santa's Elves program providing Christmas gifts to 350 children.
- The club's traditional 12th Day of Christmas party will continue.

HIGH POINT Robert Hoskins, Jr., President

- 11 new members to date, makes exceeding the global quest challenge probable.
- Partnering with other Area 6 clubs and the Rotary Club of Trivandrum South to build a natural pond in India's District 3210.
- Partnering with Raichur Rotary Club in District 3160 to help 100 young ladies from impoverished areas stay in school by supplying their clothing and books. Students will be counseled on the importance of education, learning an income generating trade, to improve life and the life of her family.
- Partnering with Gulbarga North Rotary Club (District 3160) to subsidize another 100 girls and to help them understand the importance of planning their family and future based upon those things they've learned while attending school.
- Joined with Furnitureland, Oak Hollow and the Triad in the "Share the Suds" program, encouraging all club members to collect hotel toiletries as they travel for donation to local community shelters.
- Continuing to develop plans for the "World Peace City" initiative.
- Ringing the bell for Salvation Army in stiff competition with local Kiwanis Club.

JAMESTOWN Michael Pittman, President

- Held another successful annual Jamestown Horseshow, their 40th show, which will help sustain the club's donations throughout the year.
- Created a high profile in the community by conducting their third annual Jamestown Christmas parade. Participating were Congressman Howard Coble and Miss North Carolina. There were over 85 entries in the parade.
- Successfully concluded their last year's international project.
- Contributed to Rotaract's Youth Exchange Welcome program at GTCC.
- Will lead the area in placing a "World Peace Plaque" in the center of town.
- The only matching grant money in the district for local project provided local school with additional book budget.

OAK HOLLOW Charlene Green, President

- Established a beautification and environmental project at Rosetta Baldwin School. Weekly speakers receive a certificate indicating that a contribution has been made in their name to benefit the school.
- Supporting a "Reading in Schools" at Oak Hill Elementary School, a community project which benefits children as well as club members.
- Member Vinny Satchel is providing leadership in the construction of a natural pond in District 3210, India. Vinny's father is a Rotarian in District 3210, and is helping coordinate this project.
- Successful car wash nets the club over \$500.
- Supported "Prevent Blindness of North Carolina" by donating \$500 to help detect eye problems in 2-5 year old disadvantaged children from area day cares.

TRIAD Jerri White, President

- Concluding their major fundraiser, raffling a Harley Davidson with proceeds going to charities in High Point area. Drawing will be held on January 18, 2002.
- Hosted annual "Shadow Day" introducing 21 students to careers of club members, and sharing lunch with them at a club meeting.
- Recognized students of the month, as part of their scholarship program.
- Partnered with the Red Cross in a blood drive.
- Getting ready for the Alton Smith Angel Tree Project providing gifts to children of incarcerated parents.
- Plans trip for senior adults to Festival of Lights at Tanglewood, as well as Senior Day at the Park.
- Collecting toiletries for distribution to various agencies in the community.
- Supporting the construction of a natural pond in a village in India.
- Helping in the establishment of a school and medical clinic in Kenya.

Area 6 Assistant District Governor Phil Morris apologizes for overly aggressively and unevenly editing the list of accomplishments of Area 6 Rotary Clubs. Phil is a member of the Rotary Club of Furnitureland. When not assistant governing, he is involved in various District Communication committees.

Attendance for November, 2001

CLUBS	6/30/01	MBR.	/ MBRS.	/ MTGS.	/ ATTEND
Alamance	46	47	4	67%	
Alamance Bkft	29	32	4	90%	
Archdale/Trinity	30	32	5	87%	
Asheboro	122	119	4	86%	
Burlington	48	43	4	71%	
Carthage	16	21	4	83%	
Clemmons	102	112	4	76%	
Crescent	122	129	4	80%	
East Greensboro	25	27	4	60%	
Eden	61	60	4	71%	
Elkin-Jonesville	50	48	4	67%	
Furnitureland	67	71	4	70%	
Gate City	47	49	4	97%	
Graham	45	41	4	89%	
Greensboro	326	324	4	67%	
Gboro Arpt	36	35	4	87%	
Guilford	57	53	4	81%	
High Point	186	189	5	69%	
Jamestown	33	31	4	69%	
Jonesboro	62	65	4	73%	
Kernersville	49	50	4	76%	
King	21	24	4	82%	
Lexington	61	59	4	63%	
Liberty	25	24	4	86%	
Madison/Mayodan	44	44	4	70%	

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Mocksville	60	58	4	84%	
Mount Airy	118	122	4	78%	
Oak Hollow	20	18	5	62%	
Pinehurst	39	38	4	57%	
Randolph	55	67	3	93%	
Reidsville	97	97	4	60%	
Reynolda	130	127	4	68%	
Sandhills	35	36	4	84%	
Sanford	105	107	4	70%	
San-Lee	32	32	4	79%	
Siler City	72	69	4	72%	
Southern Pines	86	84	4	86%	
Stoneville	16	16	4	65%	
Stratford	154	153	3	70%	
Summit	144	142	4	74%	
Thomasville	78	83	4	73%	
Triad	52	51	4	84%	
Troy	31	33	4	74%	
Walnut Cove	18	20	4	81%	
Winston-Salem	258	257	4	60%	
Yadkinville	23	26	4	62%	
Yanceyville	26	28	4	79%	
DISTRICT	3359	3393		75%	

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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