

The Piedmont Rotarian

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"Mankind is Our Business"

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THE MONTHLY MESSAGE



Stuart B. Fountain

On February 23rd we will celebrate the 97th anniversary of the founding of Rotary International by Paul Harris, Sylvester Schicle, Gus Loehr and Hiram Shorey in 1905. They met in Gus Loehr's office at 127 North Dearborn Street in downtown Chicago near "The Loop" of the elevated railroad commuter line. They were four acquaintances who wanted to develop deeper

friendships, but at the same time have a purpose for joining together. The community was good to them and the concept of giving back a service to the community, of improving their community, evolved very early in their discussions. Interestingly, they came from a diversity of backgrounds. They were a product of the American "melting pot." They were of German, Swedish and Irish descent and represented Protestant, Catholic and Jewish faiths.

As we reflect on that beginning of the world's first service club organization and their cross cultural background, and as we think about the diversity in our local communities today, it reinforces the need for an organization like Rotary to bring together people of diverse backgrounds. We hear a lot of discussion about possible racial "profiling" today. If we can bring individuals of diverse backgrounds together through Rotary and get beyond the acquaintance stage into the true friendship stage, the prospect of "profiling" diminishes greatly. Our only requirement for membership in Rotary is people of good will. Their cultural background becomes secondary.

The concept of community service quickly expanded as well to include world community service as a mechanism for world peace and understanding. And today Rotary stands on the threshold of achieving success with its greatest world community service project, the eradication of polio from the face of the earth. This twenty-year project was begun back in 1985 with completion of the project in 2005, the 100th anniversary of the founding of Rotary.

We are now down to thirty-six months and counting as we relentlessly pursue our goal. The seventeen-year record is unbelievable in itself. Rotary has committed over \$438 million for global polio eradication. Through partnering with the World Health Organization, the United Nations Children's

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New Bern Notes

Enjoy ...our state's history in quaint and picturesque New Bern April 25-28. Enjoy ...sharing and learning about Rotary's accomplishments over the past year.

Enjoy... good food and fellowship for one to three days at your leisure.

Registration forms for the District Conference have been mailed to all members enticing those who register by February 16 with a discount and better lodging selections. Please encourage club members to make this a family vacation. We have plenty of *activities* for all- sailing, golfing, canoeing, kayaking, bicycling, and touring historical sites. For the first time, we are offering children's evening activities supervised by the New Bern Interact Club members on Friday and Saturday nights. Don't forget to wear your favorite bow tie to Saturday's Gala to honor Terry Alexander. We'll have a few extra in case you need one to wear. Several clubs will be represented in force in their unique bow ties. We will be "wined and dined" by the music of Timepiece band. Sunday morning program will include the Cherry Point Marine Color Guard.

Tryon Palace characters will greet you at our welcome reception. **Door prizes** will be awarded throughout the weekend. **Gift bags** will be given out at registration on Thursday. Clemmons club is donating surprise items for the gift bags. A Gate City Rotary member got his company to donate 50 items to go in the gift bags. They also got Ruth Chris Steakhouse to donate a door prize of dinner for 2 including a bottle of wine. We need each club to donate 50 items for the gift bags or a door prize worth \$50. Call Chuck Houska (336/767-7178) with your donations representing your community or club members.

Friday *programs* will be centered on International Service Programs and Saturday-Community Service Programs. Three outside speakers will inspire you along with representatives from our own District programs. If your club has a strong international or community service program, it should be displayed the appropriate day. Sharing is growth experience for all. Contact Mitchell Hunt (336/378-1824) for displays and nominations for **International Service Award and Community Service Award**. Al Madden (336/294-6020) also needs your **club pictures** to display for Saturday's opening presentation as soon as possible.

Your involvement will make this a special weekend for all.
"Make Terry Proud"- Let's reach his and DG Stuart's goal of 400!

For more information: www.rotary7690.org

**EARLY
REGISTRATION
DEADLINE FOR
2002 ROTARY
DISTRICT
CONFERENCE:
FEBRUARY 16,
2002**

**To All Rotarians:
Have you visited the
district's web page?
Much valuable
information can be
obtained from this
source. You can
learn about upcoming
events such as the 2002
District Conference.
It provides links to other
important web sites.
Please advertise this
to your club members
so that they can also
use this valuable tool.**

**REMEMBER ROTARY
IN YOUR WILL.**

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Fund, the U.S. Center for Disease Control, and the overseas development agencies of donor nations, nearly 2 billion children have received the oral polio vaccine. In 1985 over 125 countries had cases of polio inflicting their children. Now it's only 20 countries. The number of annual polio cases has declined by over 99%. All the partnering organizations agree that we are on track to reach our goal in 2005 of not having a single new case of polio anywhere in the world.

As we "Race to the Finish" line in this noble global quest, I'm pleased to report to you that District 7690 has contributed an additional \$25,000 of our Foundation District Designated Funds for Humanity to the Rotary International Polio Plus Fund. In spite of the tremendous amount of funding utilized to achieve the 99% reduction in annual cases of polio, the remaining 1% is the most expensive 1% of the entire campaign due to the difficult locations needing inoculation days.

We are pleased and proud to make this additional contribution of your Foundation dollars to help us achieve this worthy goal by 2005.

Happy Birthday Rotary,

Yours in Service Above Self,
Stuart

**ATTENTION ALL INCOMING
ROTARY CLUB
PRESIDENTS:**

The upcoming PETS Training for all incoming club presidents is scheduled for March 22-23, 2002 in Greensboro. All incoming club presidents are required to attend this training meeting. If you have not registered, please contact PDG Steve Denning at 919-467-0567. Registration for this event *cannot* be handled by the Rotary District Office.

**MEMBERSHIP AND
ATTENDANCE REPORTS**

To All Club Secretaries:

You can now complete your attendance and membership information needed each month by the Rotary District Office on the district's web page: www.rotary7690.com

DIRECTORY UPDATES

Beginning February 20, the Rotary Club of Kernersville will meet on Wednesday mornings at 7:00 am at Dudley Products.

**ROTARY YOUTH
LEADERSHIP
PROGRAM**

The Rotary Youth Leadership Program at Guilford College will be held July, 2002. The program, sponsored by the Greensboro Rotary Club, in cooperation with the Center for Creative Leadership in Greensboro, is in its twentieth year. The program provides 54 selected high school juniors and seniors throughout District 7690 an opportunity to develop effective and responsible leadership skills.

The program will again be held on the Guilford College Campus, utilizing the college's dormitory, cafeteria and recreational facilities. Charles Saunders of the Greensboro Rotary Club is Program Director. Staff leadership advisors are outstanding college students from North Carolina who previously participated in the program. In addition to the professional staff of the Center for Creative Leadership, other program staff will be representatives of the business and professional community. Prominent state and local leaders will visit and speak with participants and assist in self-assessment of career potentials and goals.

Each participant is nominated by his/her high school principal, reviewed by the local Rotary Club Selection Committee with final selection made by the Program's Executive Committee. Program participants will not be restricted by race, sex, religion or national origin.

Participants are sponsored by local Rotary Clubs for the entire cost of the program, including room and board. For nomination a student must have shown leadership capability and maintained a "B" average in school. Interested rising juniors or seniors should contact their high school principals or their local Rotary Club for information on the Program.

AREA VII CLUB NEWS

Area 7 consists of the clubs of Thomasville, Mocksville and Lexington and their respective Presidents want to share the following report of the progress of their clubs and what they are looking forward to for the remainder of their Rotary year.

THOMASVILLE **Vickie Holder, President**

The start of the New Year, 2002 finds the Thomasville Rotary Club poised to continue with a strong showing for the Rotary year 2001-2002. Our club is energized, committed, focused, active and fun. At this half way point in our Rotary Club year a look back to what has been achieved and a look forward to what is yet to be accomplished provides the following highlights.

Club Service

- February 16 we will be honoring our Rotary Sweethearts and enjoying a special social evening together. We have a dinner dance planned in the theme of the Hollywood of the 1950's, the Bogey and Bacall era.

Community Service

- Plans are being finalized for a super, fantastic Golf Tournament in early summer.
- A date of June 5 has been set and plans are being executed to make our Scholarship Fund-raising Raffle a major success. This allows us to fund ten one thousand dollar scholarships each year.
- Another project of delivering phone books is set for March. This project will provide funds to allow our club to complete various service projects important to our community. We are especially looking at service projects tied to the 2002 Sesquicentennial - - 150 year celebration for the city of Thomasville.

International Service

- Rotary Foundation Committee - our club has made enormous strides toward having each member contribute \$100 annually to the Foundation. Our Foundation Committee Chair did a program for a club meeting outlining our club goal and asking each member to participate. A letter in follow-up to this club program was sent to each member making it easy to choose a level of participation. The early results are very positive.
- World Community Committee - We will be participating in a World Community Project in Nicaragua. The first trip to Nicaragua will be January 2002 and then again in April 2002. It is hoped that we will have a participant from our club join the April trip.

Vocational Service

- Career Development (Shadow Day) Committee - We have a strong Shadow Day Program put together. There are more than a dozen Rotarians sponsoring students from our area high schools and community colleges.

Membership Service

- Membership Service - All agreed we are achieving positive results with our membership development plan. Since July 2001 we have brought in nine new members. There are two new members to be inducted in January 2002 making eleven new members for this seven months. Over the remaining five months we expect at least another 8 new members. This is a particularly proud accomplishment for our club.
- Attendance Committee - Again, we are making positive advances in improving our attendance record. We are averaging around 73% attendance. This is up from a 60% average in 2000.

The Thomasville Rotary Club is a great place to be a member!

MOCKSVILLE **Carl Boon, President**

- Major projects for Mocksville are Membership and Attendance. Our attendance through November has been 75% to 80% range. November attendance was 84%. We should have 5 to 7 new members by mid-February.

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- Our Fall Reverse Raffle held on October 25th was highly successful. We raised over \$20,000 for our Scholarship Program for the Davie School System.
- We held a very successful and well-attended Veterans Day Program honoring our veterans. One of our veterans was a Pearl Harbor survivor.
- The Mocksville Club is partnering with the Burlington Club on an international project.
- Our club sponsored a successful blood drive in November at the local YMCA.
- The Mocksville Club was recognized at the District Foundation Dinner for the highest average per member contribution to the Rotary Foundation in our District with an average donation of \$250 per member.
- The Mocksville Club has increased the number of Paul Harris Fellows by inducting eighteen new PHF as of December 31, 2001.
- The Club is gearing up for its Operation Smile fund raising campaign to be held in February with the anticipated goal of over \$12,000.

LEXINGTON **Gaston Penry, President**

- Lexington Rotary Club celebrated its 80th birthday in October 2001. Club members Ralph Bailey, Hubert Philpott and Bob Oates shared some history of the club. We learned that Edith Vanderbilt of Asheville visited our club in the 1920's and Andy Taylor did a program in the early 1950's while he was still a student at UNC-CH.
- Our club held its Shadow Day in October chaired by Ashley Hinson. Several members participated and brought their "shadows" to our club meeting.
- Our Pancake Dinner fundraisers were held at Lexington Senior High School and West Davidson High School. This funds our scholarship program where three \$2000 scholarships are given to graduating seniors at Lexington Senior High, Central Davidson High School, and West Davidson High School.
- During the next few months our club will sponsor the annual Mental Health Association and the Community in Schools Banquets. The club will also be co-sponsoring the Small Business Leaders Recognition Banquet.
- One of the club's highlights is the annual Scholarship Banquet held in May of each year. During this time, students in grades eight through twelve from our city school system with top academic achievement are recognized for their performance. These students are very honored to be Rotary Scholars.
- Also in May, the Lexington Rotary Club presents the Charles England Award. This award named after Coach England who was a very respected and honored coach in the Lexington School System. The award goes to the school in the local 2A Conference that has the best overall athletic performance for the school year.
- In June, the club will have its annual golf tournament where the proceeds are given the Project Potential Scholarship Program where students are awarded scholarships if they maintain certain academic levels for grades 8 - 12.

Area VII Assistant District Governor Bill McMurray is very proud of the three clubs who are on their way to a great Rotary year. Bill is serving his third year as ADG for Area VII. He has been a member of the Lexington Club for over 20 years and is a Paul Harris Fellow. He has served as club president as well as other offices and committees with the Lexington Club. Bill is employed with the Bank of North Carolina as a Senior Vice President in Lexington. Bill is married to Ann and has two grown daughters and no grandchildren...yet.

Attendance for December, 2001

CLUBS	6/30/01	MBR.	/ MBRS.	/ MTGS.	/ ATTEND
Alamance	46	46	3	69%	
Alamance Bkft	29	32	3	93%	
Archdale/Trinity	30	32	5	80%	
Asheboro	122	119	3	82%	
Burlington	48	43	3	73%	
Carthage	16	20	3	77%	
Clemmons	102	111	3	82%	
Crescent	122	126	3	97%	
East Greensboro	25	25	3	65%	
Eden	61	60	3	71%	
Elkin-Jonesville	50	45	3	72%	
Furnitureland	67	71	3	77%	
Gate City	47	49	3	95%	
Graham	45	41	2	82%	
Greensboro	326	328	3	74%	
Gboro Arpt	36	34	3	87%	
Guilford	57	53	2	78%	
High Point	186	197	3	75%	
Jamestown	33	31	3	75%	
Jonesboro	62	67	4	67%	
Kernersville	49	49	4	72%	
King	21	24	4	65%	
Lexington	61	58	3	66%	
Liberty	25	24	2	95%	
Madison/Mayodan	44	41	3	68%	

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Mocksville	60	58	2	97%	
Mount Airy	118	122	3	84%	
Oak Hollow	20	19	3	61%	
Pinehurst	39	32	3	64%	
Randolph	55	67	3	78%	
Reidsville	97	97	3	66%	
Reynolda	130	128	3	56%	
Sandhills	35	36	3	75%	
Sanford	105	106	3	70%	
San-Lee	32	31	3	91%	
Siler City	72	65	3	79%	
Southern Pines	86	84	3	91%	
Stoneville	16	16	4	78%	
Stratford	154	152	2	75%	
Summit	144	142	3	78%	
Thomasville	78	84	3	71%	
Triad	52	51	3	82%	
Troy	31	32	2	81%	
Walnut Cove	18	20	2	72%	
Winston-Salem	258	257	3	63%	
Yadkinville	23	26	3	65%	
Yanceyville	26	27	2	74%	
DISTRICT	3359	3369		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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