

## THE MONTHLY MESSAGE



Stuart B. Fountain

Recently I saw an article that described the preparation underway to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the "first flight" by the Wright Brothers at Kitty Hawk on December 17, 1903. It described that first flight as "twelve seconds that changed the world." That's an accurate statement when you consider the impact that event had on travel across the country, around the

world, and to the moon and stars. Unfortunately it has also led to terrorist attacks and attacks on terrorist training camps and hideouts. The devastating carnage by air power is beyond my comprehension.

It's striking that just fourteen months after that first flight another event took place that would have international significance. Of course, as a Rotarian, I'm referring to the founding of Rotary by Paul Harris and three good friends on February 23, 1905. Perhaps we could paraphrase and describe that first meeting as "four friends that changed the world."

That also is a true statement when you consider the impact of Rotarians across the country and around the world. With a membership now of almost one-million two-hundred-thousand, Rotarians in influential positions around the globe, winning the campaign to eliminate polio from being a scourge of the earth, with 500 GSE team exchanges around the world annually, 8,000 youth exchange students and 1500 Ambassadorial Scholars crisscrossing the globe annually, and with 70 graduate students studying at 7 Rotary "Peace" Centers for International Studies around the world, we are fighting international terrorism the Rotary Way, one friend at a time. When people see that there are people from other countries and other cultures who do care for other human beings, it lessens the impulse to take up arms against them. When our GSE team members, youth exchange students, and ambassadorial scholars live in the homes of people in other countries, they get beyond the cultural differences and become friends for life. And they will never pick up arms and shoot at those friends, or let anyone else shoot at those friends.

In this remarkable world of e-mail, it was absolutely remarkable how the wires lit up around the globe with messages of genuine  
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## Rotary District 7690 Welcomes PDG Eric Grubb As The President's Rep To District Conference

Eric has been a Rotarian since 1983, when he was invited to join the Rotary Club of Elkton, Maryland. Since then, he has served as Club President (1988-89). He has served on the District level as Governor's Area Representative (1989-90), GSE Incoming Team Chair (1991-97), Newsletter Editor (1993-94), Matching Grants Co-Chair (1998-99), Governor (1999-2000), and Permanent Fund Chair (2002-03). Eric has served as an International Convention Sergeant at Arms, Zones 31-32 Governor Mentor, Assistant Membership Coordinator for Zones 31-32, Chief Sergeant at Arms at the 2001 Zones 31-32 Institute, and has been slated to serve Zones 28, 30-32 as the Brisbane International Conventional Promotion Coordinator. He strongly believes in the Four Avenues of Service and is a multiple Paul Harris Fellow.

Eric is a life long resident of Cecil County, Maryland. Along with his wife and fellow Rotarian, Irene, and their daughter Kendal, he continues to make the Rising Sun area his home. After obtaining his degree from Shenandoah Conservatory of Music in Winchester, Virginia, Eric returned to Maryland and the family business. Grubb Contractors, Inc. In 1987, he became President of this multi-generational family-owned and operated business, which specializes in commercial building construction.

Both professionally and personally, Eric believes in service to his community. Aside from his activities through Rotary, he currently serves on the Business Advisory Council for the Men's Shelter of Cecil County, is a benefactor for the Freedom Hills Therapeutic Riding Academy, serves as President to the Board of Directors for the Boys & Girls Club of Cecil County, and is a Board Member for the Cecil Leadership Institute. He is very active in his church - he is a past Elder of the Session, Chair of the

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## 2002 Rotary District Conference

The 2002 Rotary District Conference will be held in New Bern on April 25-28, 2002.

If any Rotarian in District 7690 would like to attend, but has not registered, call Margaret Padgett at the District Office (336-869-4128).

Many thanks go out to the District Conference Committee,

Chairman Terry Ball and Co-Chairman Chuck Houska for the many hours of work and preparation that have gone into the planning and preparation of this conference

It looks like it will be a great one!

For all of Rotarians and guests that are registered and will attend --

**HAVE A GREAT TIME!**

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concern for the safety of their American friends after the September 11 terrorist attacks. There were messages from so many of the former GSE team members, youth exchange students and ambassadorial scholars who were concerned about the well being of "their families" here in the United States.

Sometimes the Rotary Foundation is criticized for constantly spending money for projects and people "over there" and not "looking after our own right here at home." Perhaps it will quiet that criticism if we view those dollars we contribute to the Rotary Foundation as an investment to fight the war on terrorism the Rotary Way - one friend at a time. And as we succeed in eliminating terrorism the way we are eliminating polio, we can say unequivocally that it really was a meeting of "four friends that changed the world."

Yours in Service Above Self,  
Stuart

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church's Capital Improvement Committee, is the Church Treasurer, and serves on the Board of Child Care and Playschool. Additionally, Eric enjoys singing in the church's Adult Choir and serving as Handbell Choir Director.

In his leisure time, he enjoys music of all kinds - he has performed with several local musical groups and attends local concerts whenever possible. He also enjoys reading, traveling, and other activities such as skiing, golf, and motorcycling. But, most of all, Eric prizes the time he can spend with his family.

Welcome Eric and Irene!

## Report From District Nominating Committee

--PDG KIM SETLIFF- CHAIRMAN

The Nominating Committee of Rotary District 7690 met on February 22 to review nominations for the Council on Legislation and Nominating Committee for Director of RI. Also the committee is recommending the following changes to the District's Manual of Procedure.

1. Revised schedule for electing a District Governor. The revised schedule is being used for the election of the 2004-2005 District Governor.

2. Revised Nominating Committee will consist of: Current Governor; Governor-Elect; Three Immediate Past District Governors

3. The Nominating Committee considered all of the candidates for Council on Legislation and is recommending to the clubs that PDG Carol Summerlin serve as the representative and PDG Marcus Crofts serve as the alternate. The other candidates for Council on Legislation are: PDG George Atherholt, PDG W.D. Lee, PDG Wade Phillips, and PDG Ned Poyser. A vote will be taken on all candidates at District Conference.

The Nominating Committee is also recommending PDG Everett B. Padgett, Jr. for the Nominating Committee for RI Director. This will be approved at District Conference. Nominations for the Council on Legislation, Nominating Committee and the revisions to the District's Manual of Procedure will be voted on at the upcoming District Conference. The voting will take place on Saturday, April 27 prior to the business session by the designated voting delegates. Nominations for the Council on Legislation and the Nominating Committee for RI Director were closed effective February 1, 2002.

If you have questions, you may call PDG Kim Setliff at 336-885-3322 or DG Stuart Fountain at 336-294-3619.

## Calling All Incoming Rotary Club Presidents

May 16 will be the District Assembly for Rotary District 7690. It will be held at Guilford Technical Community College, Jamestown Campus. All incoming club presidents should plan to attend as well as other incoming officers, board members and committee chairmen. This meeting is very important for the planning and preparation for your upcoming Rotary year. All clubs should have representation at this district meeting. Materials for registration will be mailed to you at a later date.

# AREA IX CLUB NEWS

## **SANDHILLS Charles McWilliams, President**

- We have inducted ten new members to our club that reflects a 28% increase.
- We organize and provide the man power for the annual Bike Ride (Tour de Moore) which is held over the Labor Day weekend. Just about every member of our club participates in the fund raiser. Raised about \$3,000.
- Sold Christmas trees. Each club member sells on average two to three trees. We pre-sell them and then pick up the trees from the North Carolina mountains. Deliver about half and distribute the other half from a central location. Raised about \$3,000.
- We ring the bell at Wal-Mart on a weekend just before Christmas. All club members join for this wonderful community effort. All monies go to the Salvation Army.
- Help organize and participate in the classroom for Junior Achievement. All fifth graders in Moore County will have the Junior Achievement experience. All Rotary clubs of Area 9 joined.
- Peanut Butter and Jelly every second Wednesday of the month. All collections go to the Sandhills Coalition. All club members help with this effort.
- Working on 100% blood donation to the American Red Cross from all members of our club. We help a blood drive in November. Great turn out.
- Forged ahead networking with the local Interact club. We have several youth attend our club meeting once per month. They also helped out with the Christmas tree sales and distribution.
- We have worked hard to increase membership attendance.

## **CARTHAGE Billy Graham, President**

- Added 5 new members to the club this year.
- In November had annual Golf Tournament raising over \$5,500.
- February had annual pancake supper raising a record \$2,000 plus. Both of these events are the main fundraisers for the Carthage club.
- To increase membership there are two days set aside each year for Hospitality day. This is where each member brings a prospective member as a guest. The meal is good and programs are usually more fun. Rotary Family Day - Each year there are two meetings held outdoors where there is a cookout for the Rotarians and their families. There is fun and games for the whole family.
- Projects done each year are: Recognition luncheon, where one person from the community (non-Rotarian) is recognized for their dedication and service above self to the community. The person is presented with a plaque from the Rotary club. At Christmas time there is a needy family project where names of families are given to the club and we go shopping, buying presents for these families. They are wrapped and delivered before Christmas and in addition to that, food baskets are delivered to needy families in the community. This year we participated in the new Carthage Town Park by giving a picnic shelter which when complete will be called the "Rotary Picnic Shelter." We also participate in the Youth Leadership Camp by sponsoring one student each year and we also sponsor the Union Pines Interact Club.

## **PINEHURST Arnold Schwartz, President**

- Each year we host The Ethics dinner. It was last night and went well. Dr. Fountain came and talked briefly about the Rotary Foundation and our guest speaker brought in the 4-Way Test in his talk. We awarded 4 scholarships to students from the Sandhills College and honored Dot Evans as our 4-Way Citizen of the Year. Dot is in charge of the Bargain Box which takes donated items, places a value on them and sells them. She has about 100 volunteers to help. This past year they have donated \$65,000. and awarded several scholarships. Since its inception over \$775,000. was donated. Dot was also made a Paul Harris Fellow.
- Our fund-raiser this year is not completely firmed up but we are in the process of bringing Ronan jTynan, one of three Irish tenors to Pinehurst, with a reception and concert. We have made arrangements with the Asheboro Club to host the GSE team from India on our meeting day in April.
- Membership is gaining and hopefully we will more than make up for the attrition rate. Our President-elect will attend the PETS Seminar and we are scheduling social events throughout the year. We are active in Red Cross Blood drawings and with the help of the Interact Club we have adopted two stretches of road for environmental clean up.
- We have also rewritten our club bylaws and constitution to better conform to the new items in the RI changes. We do have our own web site set up and our newsletter is on that with submissions from committee heads and officers. ([pinehurstrotaryclub.org](http://pinehurstrotaryclub.org))

## **SOUTHERN PINES Dan Pate, President**

- The Southern Pines Rotary Club began its 63rd year by adopting the theme "The Power of One" encouraging members to add one new member per month, participate in at least one project other than weekly meetings, and contribute at least \$100 to the Rotary Foundation. So far this year we have accomplished the following:
- Emphasized the RF by producing 3 Major Donors, 4 Bequest Society Members, 4 new Benefactors and multiple Paul Harris Fellows.
  - Sponsored a foreign exchange student to France for the year and hosted a French student for the year.
  - Formed a Rotary team in the Relay for Life - American Cancer Walk which raised \$2500.
  - Held a club raffle for a Paul Harris Fellowship in November.
  - Provided Thanksgiving meals for 50 needy families.
  - Hosted Senior Citizen Bingo for six weeks in the fall and spring.
  - Had 14 members involved in teaching Junior Achievement Classes in Moore County in the fall and spring; supported JA financially.
  - Held Highway Clean-Up days with Interact Club from Pinecrest H.S.
  - Manned a Salvation Army Kettle and raised a record amount.
  - Participated in blood drive following 9/11; one is planned for April.
  - Contributed to the international project "Little Hearts in Nicaragua" which benefits children with strep throat.
  - Organized a Membership Campaign with competing teams to increase membership.
  - Held annual "Shadow Day" introducing 24 high school students to careers with club members, and sharing lunch with them at a club meeting - two resulted in summer employment.
  - Continued for the 10th consecutive year, the Vokes Science Scholarship Program which judges 75-80 entries each year and awards multiple scholarships for students based on scientific research.

*Area IX Assistant Governor Robert Nunnaley is serving his first year as AG. It has been a very exciting year learning about Rotary at a different level. Every one of the four clubs in Area IX are different and unique. They have all made great accomplishments this year and have added tremendously to Rotary. Robert has been a Rotarian since 1992 and is a Paul Harris Fellow. His membership is in the Carthage Club. He is employed with Fry and Prickett Funeral Home in Carthage and is an active member of the Pittsboro Seventh-Day Adventist Church. He is married to Kerry and has two children, Venson, 10 and Amber, 9. Thank you to Billy, Arnie, Charlie and Dan for making my year so easy and fun. You guys have been great!*

*Thanks, Rob*

# Attendance for February, 2002

CLUBS	6/30/01	MBR.	/ MBRS.	/ MTGS.	/ ATTEND
Alamance	46	46	4	65%	
Alamance Bkft	29	31	4	83%	
Archdale/Trinity	30	30	4	72%	
Asheboro	122	119	4	83%	
Burlington	48	43	4	64%	
Carthage	16	21	4	83%	
Clemmons	102	111	4	74%	
Crescent	122	129	3	93%	
East Greensboro	25	29	4	75%	
Eden	61	57	4	76%	
Elkin-Jonesville	50	44	4	81%	
Furnitureland	67	72	4	75%	
Gate City	47	50	3	95%	
Graham	45	40	4	78%	
Greensboro	326	330	3	71%	
Gboro Arpt	36	35	4	82%	
Guilford	57	55	4	79%	
High Point	186	196	4	76%	
Jamestown	33	31	4	75%	
Jonesboro	62	58	4	67%	
Kernersville	49	49	4	81%	
King	21	25	4	72%	
Lexington	61	55	4	69%	
Liberty	25	23	4	90%	
Madison/Mayodan	44	41	4	73%	

CLUBS	6/30/01	MBR.	/ MBRS.	/ MTGS.	/ ATTEND
Mocksville	60	70	4	83%	
Mount Airy	118	110	4	84%	
Oak Hollow	20	19	4	74%	
Pinehurst	39	32	4	68%	
Randolph	55	69	4	88%	
Reidsville	97	91	3	82%	
Reynolda	130	126	4	68%	
Sandhills	35	41	4	78%	
Sanford	105	99	4	68%	
San-Lee	32	31	4	86%	
Siler City	72	66	4	75%	
Southern Pines	86	85	4	85%	
Stoneville	16	16	4	75%	
Stratford	154	153	4	68%	
Summit	144	142	4	76%	
Surry Sunrise	0	43	4	77%	
Thomasville	78	87	3	71%	
Triad	52	49	4	64%	
Troy	31	33	4	77%	
Walnut Cove	18	21	4	78%	
Winston-Salem	258	256	4	56%	
Yadkinville	23	25	4	60%	
Yanceyville	26	26	4	78%	
<b>DISTRICT</b>	<b>3359</b>	<b>3410</b>		<b>76%</b>	

## 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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