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

THE MONTHLY MESSAGE



Stuart B. Fountain

Rotary Fellowship-A Spice of Life

Recently I was attending a concert with my wife. During intermission I stood up and looked around the auditorium to see if I saw any friends in the audience. I did see a past president of a Rotary club and we started chatting. In a few moments two more Rotarians came by and I introduced them to the first

one. Then a club president walked by and I introduced him to the others. By coincidence there were now five of us chatting together and we represented five different clubs. Naturally the common bond and common subject of the conversation was Rotary. We began sharing different experiences at different clubs we had visited around the world.

It was fun hearing their experiences, including participating in cocktail hour prior to a European club meeting. As the intermission ended, we all shook hands and took our seats. As the music resumed I mused about that brief encounter. Three of the four Rotarians had never met each other previously but there was an immediate bonding among them. They also shared stories of being welcomed into Rotary fellowship around the world when attending other clubs.

It's a manifestation of that elusive benefit of Rotary membership called fellowship. It's a common bond with others that adds an extra dimension to life and brings spice to life. It's a non-monetary element of life that brings quality to life to go along with the quantity of life Rotarians are privileged to enjoy. It is of inestimable value and easily shared.

Having been heavily involved in Rotary for several years I can say without question or hesitation that the value of the friendships I've made through Rotary fellowship far exceeds the value of the time required for my participation.

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**CALLING ALL CLUBS
PRESIDENTS-ELECT
CLUB SECRETARIES
AND
DIRECTORS AND
COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN**

**PLAN TO ATTEND THE
DISTRICT ASSEMBLY
MAY 16, 2002
GTCC, JAMESTOWN CAMPUS**

**FOR A DAY OF ROTARY INFORMATION
AND PLANNING FOR THE UPCOMING
ROTARY YEAR**

**(Each club has received registration materials. If
you have questions, please call the Rotary District
Office at 336-869-4128)**

IMPORTANT REMINDER

The RI Presidential Citation must be mailed to DG Stuart Fountain NO LATER than May 24, 2002.

The form can be downloaded from the RI web page. DG Stuart's address is 1602 Benjamin Pkwy., Greensboro 27408.

DIRECTORY UPDATES

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Rotary fellowship is an intangible benefit of membership. We are all urged to cherish it and to share it by offering it to prospective members. If they only knew what they were missing they would be active members and not prospective members. We just need to tell them about the fun of Rotary fellowship, a spice of life.

*Yours in Service Above Self,
Stuart*



Congratulations to PDG Everett Padgett who was presented the RI "Service Above Self" Award at PETS in March by the incoming RI Director David Roper. A maximum of 150 Rotarians worldwide are recognized with this award each year, and it is the highest award presented to a Rotarian.

2002 RI Convention

--Bob Rankin, RI Convention District Chair

By the time you read this, anyone planning to attend the 93rd annual RI Convention in Barcelona has already made most of his or her plans. That is great - however, if any of you suddenly find you can attend, let me assure you of a few things and urge you to go.

1. You may register on site in Barcelona, no problem.
2. Housing is still available and we have their assurance they can take care of late registrants.
3. You will be pleased and amazed to hear about the important role Rotary plays in local as well as in world events. The Plenary Sessions are great.
4. Mikhail Gorbachev is confirmed as a featured speaker. Other speakers are Prime Minister Tony Blair, The King of Spain, and Nelson Mandela.

RI has a new website dedicated to the Barcelona Convention. It is:

www.ri.convention.bcn2002.org

A good crowd from this District has registered. If I can assist you in any way call me at (336) 332-6139 or fax (336) 812-8959.

ROTARY LAUNCHES NEW TRADITIONS

Recently, the RI Board of Directors announced that June will be Fellowships Month. In observance of this month and in conjunction with the inauguration of Henry Brown as the District Governor for 2002-03, the four Moore County clubs (Area IX) are acting as hosts for this June 12 inaugural event. We expect this district-wide event will become one of District 7690's newer traditions.

Details will be available to all club presidents at the District Conference and the District Assembly. Planning is underway to encourage all Rotarians in the district to join us for this new friendship and fellowship event. At press time we can tell you the following:

The Inauguration dinner will take place June 12, 2002 at The Members Club, Pinehurst Country Club. Doors and cash bar open at 5:30/ Dinner served at 6:30. Seated beef filet dinner is \$30 each. There will be several optional choices of entertainment/recreation available on both the 12th and 13th, such as: Arrangements are being negotiated for Bed and Breakfast overnight stays.

Golf at several locations will be available. A local fundraiser (not connected with Rotary) will have special rates for any Rotarian who may want to play in that event. Foursomes are encouraged.

The shops and art galleries of Southern Pines and Pinehurst will welcome all Rotarians with their original charms.

Watch the district website www.Rotary7690.org for details as well as announcing details to your clubs as they become available. Please help DGE Henry Brown and DGN Bob Newton launch this new tradition as we say farewell to DG Stuart Fountain and begin to "Sow the Seeds of Love."

The Clemmons club, representing Terry Alexander and the Greensboro club representing our current governor, Stuart Fountain, will be major participants in the dinner meeting. This event is a fellowship event and every Rotarian and their families are invited and will be warmly welcomed.

President-elect Bhichai Rattakul has reminded us of the many ways Rotary can "Sow the Seeds of Love." Certainly the opportunity to share good food, fun and fellowship is a perfect place to begin the sowing. -PDG Ray Taylor

AREA X CLUB NEWS

Area X Assistant Governor Jerry L. Harris. All clubs doing great job. Getting fellow Rotarians involved is the key to success. Attendance is amust!! Area X appears to be in a growing stage with some new and energized Rotarians. My hat goes off to Bruce, Larry, Russ & Woody. You guys have done a terrific job. Special thanks to Bruce for high attendance record. Jerry is an Auctioneer & Real Estate Broker. Past President of the Siler City Club- Jerry & wife Diane live in Silk Hope. They have 4 children and 6 grandchildren.

JONESBORO

Russ Knight, President

The Jonesboro club is as vibrant as ever and continues to take on a number of core projects each year. This year we are taking on some new projects.

We have just completed a new classification list and plan to break the club into teams with a goal of bringing in new members. Each team will have the responsibility of bringing in at least one new member.

Another new idea this year is to set up a booth at the semi-annual Small Business Exposition to get some much needed publicity. We hope that this will give the public the opportunity to ask questions about Rotary and how to join.

The third idea is to set aside a day to invite non-Rotarians to our weekly lunch meeting to educate them about the good work that Rotary does and hopefully recruit new members. We should feel obligated to pass this opportunity on to others.

Core projects: Weekly raffle to support Operation Smile - One ticket for \$1 or three tickets for \$2. Half of the proceeds go to Operation Smile and half goes to the winning ticket holder. We have been able to support a number of operations in this manner. Sanford/Lee Hunger Walk - We have in the past sponsored Crop Walk with the majority of the proceeds leaving our community. With this in mind we decided to start the first annual Sanford/Lee Hunger Walk. We will be able to keep all funding in our community, allowing us to donate more funds to needy charities.

Golf Marathon - Players get pledges and play up to 100 holes of golf. Last year was our first attempt and a good time was had by all with a considerable amount of money being raised.

Annual Raffle - This is our largest fundraiser with a grand prize of \$10,000 and 9 consolation prizes valued at \$100-\$200. We will sell no more than 400 tickets at a cost of \$50 each and offer to charities in our community approximately \$9,000.

SANFORD

Larry B. McRae, President

The Rotary Club of Sanford has been busily involved with various projects and activities on local, district and international. An emphasis on becoming a Paul Harris Fellow or signing on as a sustaining Paul Harris Fellow, making the benefactor commitment or with just a little more effort become a benefactor to the Rotary Foundation has produced pleasing results.

Participated in the Bermuda Run "Make Terry Proud" District Golf Tournament (the Sanford team won).

Locally maintain the Rotary tennis courts at O.T. Sloan Park, bringing NC Symphony to Sanford, assist local charities, and participated in the Rotary Blood Drive.

Club offers each year over four thousand dollars in scholarships and citizenship awards in the public school.

Involved in a joint international project with the Jonesboro, San-Lee, and Siler City clubs.

Held our fall outing for Rotarians and their spouses, as well as the Rotary Sweetheart Banquet where we presented awards to Rotarian of the Year, Program of the Year, Past Rotarian of the Year and Past Program of the Year.

Enrolled five new members through 3/31/02, and others to be enrolled. Have a club history through 1987 and in process of getting this brought up-to-date.

Participated with Jonesboro and San-Lee helping the Interact Club. In process of trying to sponsor a student to Youth

Leadership Camp.

Our 4-Way Test and Employee of the Year awards coming up. Do 50/50 raffle each week, with the club's half used for a drawing at year end, for a Paul Harris Fellow.

Take one meeting yearly to tour a local industry (toured Moen in Sanford this year). A lively delegation will attend District Conference in New Bern, and bring a nice gift to donate.

SAN-LEE

Bruce Morgan, President

San-Lee Rotary is looking forward to continued fun, fellowship and progress in 2002. Our membership is now 31 and our attendance averages 86% or better. We meet each Monday at 7:00 am.

During this year we plan to continue our community service projects which this year include contributions of more than \$5,500 to the local YMCA, the Boys and Girls Home of Lake Waccamaw, NC, Christmas families, our \$500 yearly college scholarship and many others.

The club membership also gave support to our highway cleanup project and the local Rotary blood drive. Our Rotary International Project was a combined effort of the San-Lee, Jonesboro, Sanford and Siler City Rotary Clubs. This combined project provided contributions of \$8,130 to provide water storage cisterns for the Jaipur Pink City area in India. Our yearly raffle was a great success and provided funding for these projects.

To provide fellowship for club members and their spouses and to serve as an additional membership recruitment effort our club held quarterly fellowship events during the past year. These events included our "sock hop," our St. Patrick's Day party, our "Beaufort Bog," attended by our Central Carolina Community College Rotaract Club, and our Christmas special with entertainment by the Lee County Orchestra and at which we presented one of our members with an honorary Paul Harris membership.

San-Lee Rotary will continue to prove that Rotary exemplifies "Service Above Self." Please visit our club website www.san-lee-rotary.org.

SILER CITY

Woody Hathaway, President

Halfway through the Rotary year 2001-02 finds the Siler City club growing with 8 new members who are energized and active and bringing the same energy to the rest of the membership.

We have improved our attendance, taking it from 60/70 to 80/90%. We are proud of our accomplishments this year and look forward to continuing our commitment to our community and our world.

Club Service: 100% of our members participate in our fundraisers, which probably explains why we have been able to sustain the Rotary Bazaar for 52 years.

Community Service in October we held the 52nd Rotary Bazaar raising funds for Chatham Hospital. We raised over \$38,000 this year taking our contribution to the hospital to over \$1,725,000.

Vocational service: In February we held our Shadow Day in conjunction with our high schools for career development. More than 10 members sponsored students from our local high schools. Also in May we will hold our Cash Raffle raising money for our College Scholarships program and money to benefit worthy causes in our local community. We give 6 scholarships to college bound seniors from our local high schools.

World Community Service: We gave \$2,000 along with contributions from the San-Lee, Jonesboro and Sanford Clubs to build clean water cisterns in India.

Membership: We held our annual Lobster/Prime Rib Festival in November for our club membership and their significant others. We invited all the sponsors who have contributed to the Special Gift Fund of the Rotary Bazaar. We use this event as a recruiting tool to attract new people to Rotary.

Attendance for March, 2002

CLUBS	6/30/01	MBR.	MBRS. /	MTGS. /	ATTEND
Alamance	46	45	4	65%	
Alamance Bkft	29	31	4	90%	
Archdale/Trinity	30	30	4	73%	
Asheboro	122	119	4	80%	
Burlington	48	42	4	65%	
Carthage	16	21	4	74%	
Clemmons	102	111	4	69%	
Crescent	122	127	4	78%	
East Greensboro	25	30	4	80%	
Eden	61	57	4	71%	
Elkin-Jonesville	50	46	4	73%	
Furnitureland	67	72	4	77%	
Gate City	47	50	3	95%	
Graham	45	41	4	84%	
Greensboro	326	332	4	60%	
Gboro Arpt	36	35	4	81%	
Guilford	57	56	4	86%	
High Point	186	196	4	76%	
Jamestown	33	31	4	76%	
Jonesboro	62	61	4	80%	
Kernersville	49	49	4	81%	
King	21	26	4	84%	
Lexington	61	56	4	74%	
Liberty	25	21	4	92%	
Madison/Mayodan	44	41	4	77%	

CLUBS	6/30/01	MBR.	MBRS. /	MTGS. /	ATTEND
Mocksville	60	70	4	85%	
Mount Airy	118	111	4	81%	
Oak Hollow	20	24	4	60%	
Pinehurst	39	33	4	73%	
Randolph	55	69	4	78%	
Reidsville	97	93	4	71%	
Reynolda	130	127	4	67%	
Sandhills	35	41	4	80%	
Sanford	105	101	4	62%	
San-Lee	32	31	3	96%	
Siler City	72	67	4	87%	
Southern Pines	86	83	5	88%	
Stoneville	16	16	4	80%	
Stratford	154	150	4	61%	
Summit	144	144	4	78%	
Surry Sunrise	0	45	4	81%	
Thomasville	78	87	4	70%	
Triad	52	48	4	68%	
Troy	31	33	3	75%	
Walnut Cove	18	19	3	72%	
Winston-Salem	258	256	4	58%	
Yadkinville	23	25	4	63%	
Yanceyville	26	24	4	65%	
DISTRICT	3359	3423		76%	

Special Upcoming Events...

- 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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