

The Piedmont Rotarian

"Sow the Seeds of Love"

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HOW DOES YOUR GARDEN GROW?



Another banner year has concluded for the Rotarians of District 7690. Inspired by our District theme of "Make Terry Proud", a tribute to our fallen leader, DGE Terry Alexander, we collectively devoted ourselves to a variety of projects and activities throughout the year. These were recognized and celebrated at an

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outstanding District Conference in New Bern and rewarded as one-third of our clubs received the coveted Governor's Gold Club Award.

Special mention needs to be made here of the sensitive leadership of DG Stuart Fountain who responded to the call to take the helm after Terry's death and lead our clubs through the year under the RI theme that reminded us all that "Mankind is Our Business." Still fresh from his highly successful first term as District Governor only three years earlier, Stuart deftly guided the district with the experience and perspective of the quintessential Rotarian that he is. The result was another notch up for the bar of excellence made so well known to us by PDG Jack Green. So it is that a grateful district tips its hat once again to Stuart for a job well done, with best wishes to both Stuart and Carol for a long and happy - - and no further delayed!! --retirement.

With such a rich heritage, filled with accomplishments that regularly outstrip themselves year after year, we might well wonder how we can do better in the new Rotary year of 2002-03. The answer lies in our new theme for the year: "Sow the Seeds of Love." In the wake of the monstrous and tragic events of September 11, 2001, with its searing memories of senseless destruction and loss of human life, perhaps there has never been a time in history when the world has so desperately needed to "Sow the Seeds of Love." Rotary is uniquely positioned to be the Sower, as evidenced by the soon-to-be-concluded campaign to rid the world of polio in which Rotarians have played such a vital role in carrying the polio vaccine to children in every spot on the globe. The current Polio Eradication Campaign to



Bhichai Rattakul

President, Rotary International 2002-2003

Bhichai Rattakul was educated in Bangkok and Hong Kong and received an Honorary Doctorate in Political Science from the University of Ramkhamhaeng in Bangkok and Kensington University in California.

A member of Parliament for nine terms since 1969 and Leader of the Democrat Party, he has served his country as Foreign Minister, Deputy Prime Minister, Speaker of the House of Representatives and President of the Parliament. He has also led many Thai delegations to the United Nations.

Bicha Rattakul is Honorary Vice President of the Thai Scout Council. He has also served as Chairman of the Anti Corruption Commission, Anti Drugs Commission, National Audit Commission and the 13th Asian Games Organizing Committee.

He has been decorated with Special Class Honor from the King of Thailand and honors from the Emperor of Japan, Presidents of the Philippines, Korea, Austria, and Nicaragua. He was also awarded the highest International Olympic Award and the Asian Olympic Award by the International Olympics Committee.

Bhichai Rattakul joined the Rotary Club of Dhonburi in Bangkok as a charter member in 1958 has served Rotary International as District Governor, International Assembly Group Discussion Leader, committee member and chairman, trustee of the Rotary Foundation, director and chairman of the Executive Committee of Rotary International. He is the recipient of the Rotary Foundation's Distinguished Service Award and Citation for Meritorious Service for his support of its international humanitarian and educational programs. He will serve as president of Rotary International in 2002-2003.

**ROTARY
DISTRICT
OFFICE
NEW
TELEPHONE:**

The new telephone number for Margaret Padgett and the Rotary District Office is 336-885-7690.

The fax number 336-841-7690 is unchanged. Address and e-mail remains the same.

**Attention
All Club
Secretaries:**

Remember that your attendance figures are due to the District Office by the 10th of the following month.

You may fax it to 336-841-7690, mail to 114 Willoughby Park, High Point 27265 or e-mail it to rotary7690@northstate.net

(cont. from pg 1_How Does Your Garden Grow?) raise a final \$80 million seeks to sow the last seed in this field of endeavor, with the celebration of this event set for Rotary's centennial in 2005.

The international president of RI for 2002-03, Bhichai Rattakul of Thailand, is a remarkably compassionate person. His exhortation to "Sow the Seeds of Love" to 530 DGEs in Anaheim in January was warmly and enthusiastically received. The ways we can do this are virtually endless. We will be limited by only our imagination, ingenuity, and resourcefulness. As each club in District 7690 considers competing for the 2002-03 RI Presidential Citation, be aware of the subtle lure to extend your reach beyond your grasp as, working at the club level "from the bottom up", you decide how to set and meet your own goals. As I see it, the Presidential Citation is there for the taking, so I am expecting a strong response. Remember to get your club's goals to your AG by October 1.

Future columns from the DG will provide some help in judging how your garden is growing. There will be discussions of such topics as which seeds to plant, how to prepare the soil, how to keep weeds out and harvesting the crops. As you "Exercise the Power of One", our District theme for the new year, remember that good results are achieved when seeds are carefully planted ONE at a time. Happy planting!!



Sincere Sympathy

District 7690 would like to extend sympathy to the family of Gary Simmons of Graham. Gary was the incoming president for the Graham Rotary Club. He died suddenly on June 5th. Dexter Barbee, Jr., the current club president, has agreed to continue as club president for another year.

**Thanks to District
Leadership for 2001-02**

Many thanks are given to PDG Stuart Fountain and the leadership team for 2001-2002 for having a very successful year. In all areas, the district continues to be strong. All Rotarians in District 7690 should be proud of the accomplishments of this district!

JULY IS LITERACY MONTH

Each year in July the guard changes around the Rotary world as happy club presidents and grateful district governors turn over their responsibilities to anxious and eager successors in office. Plans crafted and laid by these leaders during the months before July begin to take shape and official visits by AGs and DGs begin. The next thing you know it's August or even September and once again July was Literacy Emphasis Month "in name only." Or was it?

Did you ever wonder why Rotary's emphasis on literacy was placed at this early point on the RI calendar when so many other urgent things are going on? Could it be because literacy, which is important as well as urgent, deserves to be emphasized from the very first day of each new Rotary year? And then throughout the entire remainder of the year? Doesn't illiteracy, a scourge to the progress and advancement of humankind, compel our first and enduring attention as our clubs, flush with new leadership, set about the business of Rotary which is "Service Above Self" in its many applications?

Our RI theme for the 2002-03 year, "Sow the Seeds of Love", together with our DG's district theme, "Exercise the Power of ONE," gives us the inspiration to do so much in this vital area of service. Look to the needs of the communities where your club members reside; talk with school teachers and principals about their students - - and the parents of their students; find out from local civic leaders, law enforcement people and other volunteer organizations where Rotary's vast individual resources can be most effectively applied. Then plan your work. Then work your plan. As you read this, July isn't over yet, nor is the rest of the year. There is much to do, so let's get cracking!! And by the way, this is great ONE on ONE stuff!!

Need some help? Want to bat around a couple of ideas? Call Doug Moore at 910-692-2264 or send him an e-mail (dgmoore44@nc.rr.com). Doug is our district chairman for Literacy this year. He needs your help too.

2002-2003 DISTRICT CALENDAR

July 2002

Literacy Month

A NEW BEGINNING

- 1 Semi-Annual Dues/Club Report to RI
- 10 June Attendance Report to District Exec. Secretary Margaret Padgett
(This is the same for each subsequent month)
- 1-31 Assistant Governors will visit each club in their area

August 2002

Membership and Extension Month

- TBA Membership and Extension Seminar
District Governor visits begin to clubs
- 15 Annual District Dues (\$30) to District Office
- 17 Social for District Scholars, High Point University
- 31 Applications due to GSE Chm. Jaci Betts for GSE team leaders and team members

September 2002

New Generations Month

- TBA Interviews for GSE team leader and team members
- TBA District Golf Tournament
- 10 Rotary Foundation Seminar, Winston-Salem for Areas 1,2,4,5 & 7
- 25 Rotary Foundation Seminar, Asheboro for Areas 3,6,8,9 & 10

October 2002

Vocational Service Month

Club Shadow Day Programs

- 1 First team meeting for GSE outbound team
- 1 Individual Club Goals for RI Pres. Citation due to DG
- 17-20 Rotary Insiture for Zones 33,34 Chattanooga, TN for PDG's, DG, DGN and DGE
- 26 Football fellowship, Carolina vs Wake in W-S
- 31 Deadline for reservations for RF Banquet on Nov. 7

November 2002

Rotary Foundation Month

- 7 Rotary Foundation Banquet, Pinehurst - Guest Speaker Past RI President Frank Devlyn

December 2002

Club Elections Month

- 15 Meeting to discuss itinerary for incoming GSE team
- 31 Send Report of Club Elections to RI and District Office

Report can be filed on RI web page:

www.Rotary.org

January 2003

Rotary Awareness Month

A NEW BEGINNING

- 1 Semi-Annual Report and dues to RI
- 3-4 Multi District Scholar Training in Burlington
- 15 District semi-annual dues to Rotary District Office
- 26 DGE Bob Newton attends International Assembly in Anaheim, CA
- 30 Final itinerary sent to Nigeria for GSE

February 2003

World Understanding Month

- TBA Early registration deadline for 2003 Dist. Conference

March 2003

New Generations Month

- TBA Final registration deadline for 2003 Dist. Conference
- 1 DG calls for nominations for 2005-2006 Dist. Governor
- 6-8 PETS Training, Greensboro, NC
- 18 Gold Club application due to District Governor Brown
- 20 Inbound GSE team arrives from Nigeria

April 2003

Rotarian Magazine Month

- 1 Presidential Citation for RI due to DG Henry Brown
- 15 Applications for amb. scholars due to John Womack, District Chairman
- 24-27 2003 District Conference, Sea Trail, Sunset Beach
- 28 GSE Inbound team returns to Nigeria
- 30 Nominations for DG must be received by Dist. Office

May 2003

- TBA Interviews for District Governor
- TBA District Assembly
- 1 Applications for cultural scholars due to John Womack, Amb. Chmn.
- 3 Outbound GSE team leaves for Nigeria
- 24 Interviews for ambassadorial scholars (Date tentative)

June 2003

- TBA DG Installation for 2003-2004
- 1 2005-2006 DG candidate announced
- 1-4 RI Convention, Brisbane, Qld., Australia
- 3 Outbound GSE team returns from Nigeria
- 21 Interviews for cultural scholars (date tentative)

July 2003

- 1 Last date to challenge DG candidate for 2005-2006

2002-2003 District Directory

Directories have been mailed to club presidents, club secretaries and the district leadership. The supply is limited; however, if you need more, you may call the District Office at 336-885-7690. The District Directory is a great resource of club information, district leadership, district committees and past district governors. Also information is included about the RI Presidential Citation and the district goals for 2002-2003. If your club is in need of a program, use the directory to find resource people that might be able to help you. For all Rotarians, the information that is in the directory may also be found on the district's web page at:

www.rotary7690.org

Attendance for May, 2002

CLUBS	6/30/01	MBR. /	MBRS. /	MTGS. /	ATTEND
Alamance	46	47	5	68%	
Alamance Bkft	29	31	4	92%	
Archdale/Trinity	30	32	5	76%	
Asheboro	122	119	5	77%	
Burlington	48	42	3	65%	
Carthage	16	21	5	68%	
Clemmons	102	121	5	79%	
Crescent	122	124	3	72%	
East Greensboro	25	29	4	78%	
Eden	61	57	3	90%	
Elkin-Jonesville	50	49	5	73%	
Furnitureland	67	72	3	72%	
Gate City	47	51	4	93%	
Graham	45	41	5	74%	
Greensboro	326	334	5	70%	
Gboro Arpt	36	35	4	70%	
Guilford	57	55	4	31%	
High Point	186	199	4	71%	
Jamestown	33	35	4	85%	
Jonesboro	62	62	4	85%	
Kernersville	49	49	5	76%	
King	21	23	5	74%	
Lexington	61	56	4	60%	
Liberty	25	21	5	94%	
Madison/Mayodan	44	43	4	75%	

CLUBS	6/30/01	MBR. /	MBRS. /	MTGS. /	ATTEND
Mocksville	60	70	3	85%	
Mount Airy	118	110	4	82%	
Oak Hollow	20	24	5	58%	
Pinehurst	39	33	4	65%	
Randolph	55	69	5	91%	
Reidsville	97	91	3	96%	
Reynolda	130	127	4	64%	
Sandhills	35	42	5	81%	
Sanford	105	94	4	68%	
San-Lee	32	31	3	89%	
Siler City	72	69	3	87%	
Southern Pines	86	83	5	85%	
Stoneville	16	16	5	80%	
Stratford	154	150	2	67%	
Summit	144	146	5	72%	
Surry Sunrise	0	46	4	78%	
Thomasville	78	88	5	73%	
Triad	52	48	4	71%	
Troy	31	30	5	74%	
Walnut Cove	18	19	4	72%	
Winston-Salem	258	258	4	56%	
Yadkinville	23	25	4	64%	
Yanceyville	26	22	4	71%	
DISTRICT	3359	3438		75%	

Special Upcoming Events...

- **Membership Seminar**
August (Date TBA)
- **District Golf Tournament**
September (Date TBA)
- **District Football Fellowship, Winston-Salem, NC**
October 26, 2002
- **2003 District Conference, Sea Trail, Sunset Beach**
April 24-27, 2003
- **2003 RI Convention, Brisbane, Australia**
June 1-4, 2003

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