

The Piedmont Rotarian

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"Sow the Seeds of Love"

Henry Brown, District Governor, 495 Crest Rd., Southern Pines, NC 28387

GIVING THANKS AND OTHER THINGS



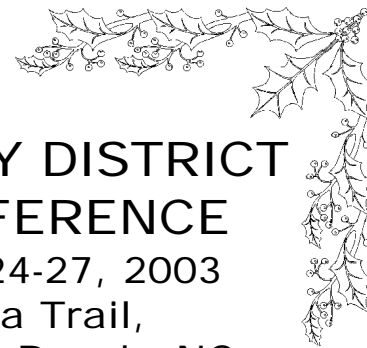
Henry Brown

That special season of the year is upon us once again when perhaps we are all a bit more aware of the abundance of our possessions and our considerable blessings. Yet at the same time we are sensitive to the needs of others not so fortunate as ourselves and we move in a variety of ways to meet these needs and lighten the burden of life's cares under which so many of our fellow men struggle day after day.

Rotarians do have much for which to be thankful. Just being invited to join a group such as Rotary is a privilege not extended to everyone. As social animals we want to feel accepted, we want to be a part of what's going on, we want to contribute to the common effort to help others, we want to feel like we make a difference. Rotary does this for us. Do we realize how important this is in our daily lives? Are we thankful for what Rotary means to us individually? Or do we tend to slight what Rotary membership really represents? Taken a step further, do we disregard what Rotary membership could mean to someone else? Think about it -- and be thankful.

So we give thanks that we are Rotarians, but what else can we give? I do not mean money here, nor do I mean time. Admittedly, these may be considered the essence of Rotary membership by many but what we should give continuously are the intangibles of life which cost nothing, which take no time and which yield profits that are incalculable. Encouragement comes to mind. Which one of us has not needed and received encouragement at a crucial point in our lives? You can never repay that person but there are so many others that need encouragement -- from you!! Give it now, while you can, when the moment is at hand.

Creative and imaginative solutions to the tasks we face: are not these the daily fare of the Rotarian? Our ranks, now surging toward 1 1/2 million worldwide, include some of the brightest and best, some of the most farsighted and educated minds in the civilized world. We must use this power for the good of others, use it willingly and freely, not just when prodded by a frantic club president, trying to get a new project off the ground. Think about it -- and give of yourself. (...continued on page 2)



ROTARY DISTRICT
CONFERENCE
April 24-27, 2003
Sea Trail,
Sunset Beach, NC

Between the November issue of the Piedmont ROTARIAN and the many of you that attended the annual Rotary Foundation Banquet, you have all been immersed in the concept of meeting club needs by selling seeds. The ball is in your court. We will all hope that the national economy will become more rosy in the next few months. Yet, it is up to us to convince our membership that attendance at the Conference is an energizing and rewarding experience. My wife says I should go to one quarterly! December is a month for renewal of family and spiritual values. January begins the push toward registration with the mailing of brochures by mid-month. We need them in hand by the first of March for discounts and firm room commitments to apply.

Happy Holidays!!

Bob Tate, *District Conference Chairman*

**MAKE PLANS NOW TO BE THERE!
DISTRICT CONFERENCE IS A
FUN TIME FOR ALL!**



**Merry
Christmas
and
Happy
New Year
to
all
Rotarians
in
District
7690**

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Finally, honor the Rotary organization and our international president, Bhichal Rattakul, by Sowing the Seeds of Love. Let this underlie all that you give and the harvest will be bountiful beyond measure.

Please let me offer another word of thanks for your reception of Missy and me as we made our official DG visits to your clubs. You created many happy moments for us and many cherished memories. Thank you also for your strong showing and support of the Rotary Foundation banquet at Pine Needles and your response to the doubled call this year for the annual fund and the polio eradication campaign. There will be many Seeds of Love Sown because of your generosity.

Enjoy this uplifting season. Seek out the fellowship of other Rotarians wherever you are. Nurture, sustain and encourage each other. Live by the Four-Way Test. Know how grateful I am to have the opportunity to serve this year as your District Governor.

ATTENTION ALL CLUB SECRETARIES

Each club is required to send to Rotary International a 2003-2004 Official Directory form to be used by Rotary International for information concerning officers for the Official Directory. You are to provide information about your upcoming club president and club secretary. There is also a section for updating the club's meeting location, time and day. This information is vital to Rotary International and the deadline for submission is December 31, 2002. If you have not received this form, please contact Gregory Franks at 847-866-3272 at Rotary International. Please also send a copy of the form to the Rotary District Office, 114 Willoughby Park, High Point 27265.



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ROTARY FOUNDATION BANQUET

The annual Rotary Foundation Banquet was held on November 7 in Southern Pines with PDG John Capps from Morehead City as the guest speaker. Approximately 250 Rotarians and guests attended the event. New Major Donors and Bequest Society members were recognized. The following clubs were recognized for their contributions to the Rotary Foundation for 2001-2002:

TOTAL GIVING

1. Mocksville \$44,350.00
2. Greensboro \$39,860.20
3. Guilford \$34,525.00

PER CAPITA

1. Mocksville \$727.05
2. Guilford \$605.70
3. Gate City \$427.05

PDG Ned Poyser, Polio Eradication Chairman, gave an update and recognized the Rotary Club of Clemmons and the Rotary Club of Thomasville for already reaching their goal to Polio Eradication for this year.

ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTHLY UPDATE

**To date the top clubs in
Per Capital Giving for
the current Rotary year:**

Mount Airy	\$144.75
Graham	\$79.49
East Greensboro	\$73.08

The Night Before Christmas

(with apologies to Clement C. Moore)

'Twas the night before Christmas when all through Rotary town
Not a creature was stirring, not even District Governor Henry Brown.
The stockings were hung by the chimney with care
In hopes that Bhichai Rattakul soon would be there.

Rotarians were nestled all snug in their beds
While visions of club service danced in their heads.
And Missy Brown in her kerchief and Henry in his cap
Had just settled down for a long winter's nap.

When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter
Henry looked in his Manual of Procedure to see what was the matter.
Away to the window he flew like a flash
Tore open the shutters and threw up the sash.

The moon on the breast of the new-fallen snow
Gave a luster to all of the new members below.
When, what to my wondering eyes should appear
But a big world with seven clubs shining bright and clear.

Now Crescent, now Guilford, now Summit and Gate City too
On Greensboro, on Airport, and East Greensboro who's brand new,
To the top of the pack, to the top of the town
To the best Rotary clubs and Presidents hands-down.

Crescent prances and dances through the starry night
Proud of his accomplishments and a future so bright,
Carl Treleven keeps goals and projects on track so well
As club members get organized to ring the Salvation Army bell.

Guilford pulls his weight as proud as he can be
With an average attendance % for September of 94.3.
A recent Shadows Day with Summit and Airport was a success, it's true
With much thanks to President Bill Paxton and the entire crew.

Everyone respects Summit for his leadership throughout the city
To not recognize Jerry Clark and his group would be a pity.
His "Gears & Spokes" fundraiser in April will be first class, no doubt
He has focus and drive that makes us want to boast and shout.

Gate City has energy and plenty of spirit to share
It led the Clean Sweep effort in Greensboro with such effort and flair,
President Chuck Downey and his group work with Brooks Global School
Tutoring students and putting up a new sign that looks really cool.

Greensboro is the grand-daddy of them all in the sky
If you do a make-up there you will clearly understand why
President Jim Rucker has an awesome group of members to lead
With many years of impressive projects and contributions indeed.

Airport circles the northwest with great speed and good will
It clears every hurdle and climbs every hill
Steve Fleming is doing a great job in leading with the Four-Way Test
As they work with Bell House and Kids Voting - they are the best.

East Greensboro can hardly hold back her excitement as the new kid on the sleigh
It's loaded with talent and gifts that they share each Wednesday.
President Andrena Coleman has a lot of energy and dedication, it's true
We all have high hopes and dreams for a club that's so brand new.

Best wishes for a safe and healthy season with snow and moderate rain
And we hope that everyone gives to the Polio Eradication campaign!

"Happy Holidays to all and to all a good night." Area 5 Club News, Mitzi Ellis, AG



Attendance for October, 2002

CLUBS	6/30/02	MBR / MBRS. /	ATTEND/NET GAIN/LOSS /MTGS.
Alamance	47	49	69% +3 5
Alamance Bkft	31	29	90% -1 4
Archdale/Trinity	32	32	82% +1 5
Asheboro	118	121	74% 0 4
Burlington	40	38	70% -1 4
Carthage	21	22	70% +1 5
Clemmons	120	118	80% +5 5
Crescent	124	127	79% 0 4
East Greensboro	20	17	64% -1 5
Eden	54	55	83% +2 5
Elkin-Jonesville	49	43	79% 0 5
Furnitureland	58	63	73% 0 3
Gate City	50	50	92% +1 5
Graham	40	40	73% 0 5
Greensboro	332	343	63% +6 5
Gboro Arpt	34	37	83% 0 5
Guilford	54	56	95% +1 5
High Point	200	201	71% +1 5
Jamestown	35	35	88% +1 5
Jonesboro	63	60	74% 0 5
Kernersville	46	46	79% 0 4
King	23	24	78% 0 5
Lexington	55	51	68% -1 5
Liberty	21	21	80% 0 5
Madison/Mayodan	44	44	77% 0 5

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Mocksville	72	71	65% +1 5
Mount Airy	101	107	86% +2 5
Oak Hollow	21	23	68% 0 3
Pinehurst	24	25	87% 0 5
Randolph	67	70	83% 0 5
Reidsville	91	84	69% 0 4
Reynolda	126	124	72% 0 4
Sandhills	42	41	73% 0 5
Sanford	91	87	68% -1 5
San-Lee	29	32	89% 0 4
Siler City	69	68	80% -1 4
Southern Pines	80	78	88% -3 4
Stoneville	15	14	91% 0 4
Stratford	148	148	69% -1 4
Summit	143	140	73% -1 4
Surry Sunrise	50	52	80% -2 5
Thomasville	87	85	69% -2 5
Triad	48	51	69% 0 4
Troy	30	31	71% 0 4
Walnut Cove	18	17	72% 0 5
Winston-Salem	256	258	55% -1 5
Yadkinville	23	24	71% -1 5
Yanceyville	22	22	76% 0 5
DISTRICT	3364	3374	76% +8

Special Upcoming Events...



- **PETS Training for Presidents-Elect, Greensboro, NC**
March 7-8, 2003
- **2003 District Conference, Sea Trail, Sunset Beach, NC**
April 24-27, 2003
District Assembly - TBA
May 20, 2003
- **2004 District Conference, Asheville, NC**
April 22-25, 2004

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