

# The Piedmont Rotarian

ROTARY DISTRICT 7690 • April 2003 • DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S NEWSLETTER

*"Sow the Seeds of Love"*

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

## ***HARVEST TIME'S A-COMIN'!!***



Henry Brown

Hard to believe, but it's so! All the signs are there as Rotarians from Reidsville to Carthage finalize their plans for attending our spring rite, otherwise known as the district conference, this year at Sea Trail at Sunset Beach. Conference Chairman Bob Tate's dedicated nucleus of planners has been hard at work over recent weeks to check final details, confirm mouth-watering

menus, assure comfortable sleeping quarters, coordinate the placement and needs of the speakers and presenters at the Friday and Saturday morning plenary sessions - - and do all it can to accommodate the rush of kayakers and canoeists that Dick Thomas has once again drawn to his always popular extracurricular afternoon event. In addition to having two outstanding (Rotarian) speakers on the agenda, we are privileged to welcome PDG Elliot Lowenstein and his wife, Pat, to our conference as representatives of our beloved RI president, Bhichai Rattakul. Several in this year's crop of club presidents-elect had the opportunity to hear one of our conference speakers, PDG Jim Stump, at PETS last month and they were pleased with what they saw and heard. (Jim was a late substitution at PETS for PDG John T. Capps who was stricken with a heart attack while on Rotary duty --what else would John T. be doing? --in South Carolina. Latest word, as this column goes to press, is that John T. is out of the hospital and on the mend.)

PDG Elliot has been described as "energetic, out-going and one who meets people well," and Pat, a true Southern-style charmer, complements him brilliantly. The Lowensteins are from Coral Gables and look forward to a beautiful spring weekend in North Carolina. Be prepared to extend a cordial District 7690 welcome to our president's rep at Sea Trail!! The crops we will be harvesting from all the Seeds of Love that we have been Sowing include fresh reports on international service projects on-going and in the making, community service activities which will include a moving presentation from our district's candidate for the RI Significant Achievement Award; and the literacy project that all of the conference attendees have been invited to participate in by bringing two new books appropriate for Grades K-5 to Sea Trail. These books will be Rotary's gift to school children in the Brunswick County area of our host district, #7730. Don't miss out on the harvest of this crop! (continued on page 2)

## **DISTRICT 7690 WELCOMES ELLIOT I. LOWENSTEIN PRESIDENT'S REP TO 2003 DISTRICT CONFERENCE**

Elliot I. Lowenstein, a Certified Public Accountant, graduated from Boston University as a member of the Honor Society of the School of Business Administration. His first 19 years in the accounting profession, he practiced with two firms with emphasis on international accounting, real estate, leisure time industry, health care, and related tax planning.

Elliot's Rotary career began in 1972 in the Rotary Club of South Miami, where he served as secretary and as a multiple year board member. Eight years later, Elliot became a charter member of the Rotary Club of Miami Sundown, a club in which he became president as well as held a number of other offices. Currently, Elliot is a member of the Rotary Club of Miami West.

In District 6990, Elliot has served, either as chair or as a member of numerous committees to include Group Study Exchange Coordinator, Youth Exchange, Finance and Procedures, Rotaract, District Secretary, Assistant Governor as well as District Governor (RI Year 2000/01). Elliot is also a Foundation Alumni having volunteered and participated in multiple matching grants including a \$300,000 3H grant in Trinidad and Tobago for the assistance and training of persons with disabilities. One of Elliot's current responsibilities in District 6990 is the Chairmanship of the Polio Eradication Committee.

In November 2000, Elliot chaired the Host Committee for the RI North American Presidential Conference in Miami, Florida. Elliot has served as Zone 34 Coordinator for the Family Values Task Force and as a two year Trustee for the Rotary GridIron Classic Committee. He is presently Zone 34 Coordinator for the Avoidable Blindness Tasks Force and also serves as a United States Representative for New Models for Rotary Clubs Pilot Program (a three year commitment).

## DIRECTORY UPDATES

**CARTHAGE ROTARY CLUB**  
Now meets at Mac's Breakfast  
Anytime on Hwy. 15/501 in  
Carthage, Thursday 12 noon

**LEXINGTON ROTARY CLUB**  
PRESIDENT, Christopher  
Allred, 637 Wildflower Trail,  
Lexington 27295

**ROTARY FOUNDATION AREA  
REP, Sam Sillaman**  
Home phone: 919-499-2364

**ROTARY INTERNATIONAL  
CONFERENCE CHAIRMAN,  
Bob Rankin**  
5364 MaKernie Lane, Colfax  
27235 Phone: 336-605-5771

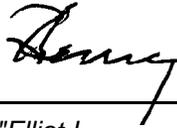
### CALLING ALL INCOMING ROTARY CLUB PRESIDENTS AND OFFICERS

*May 15 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.*

### GOLF FELLOWSHIP

**Interested in a great golfing outing? Rotarians can participate in a wonderful place to play golf and enjoy the sights and sounds of the Monterey Peninsula on May 13-17. For more information, go to the website: [www.rotarygolf.com](http://www.rotarygolf.com)**

(...continued from pg. 1 "Harvest Time..")  
Well, get on back to packing your bags and checking your route down to Sunset Beach. Consider a route that will take you through the Boys & Girls Homes at Lake Waccamaw to visit the Rotary cottage there. You can Sow The Seeds of Love there for sure - and probably get some right back, as well! Travel safely. See you at Sea Trail!!



(...continued from pg. 1 "Elliot I. Lowenstein")

Elliot's community involvement is not limited to Rotary. He has been an active fundraiser on behalf of the Alzheimer's Association, Optimists, Easter Seal Society and Leukemia Society. His leadership has been demonstrated as a member of the Sylvester Cancer Advisory Board, as President and current executive board member of the Transplant Foundations of South Florida. Elliot has also served as a multi-year member of the Board of Directors of the Coral Gables Chamber of Commerce, as well as Chairman of the Budget & Audit Board for the City of Coral Gables.

Elliot and his partner, Pat (currently President of the Rotary Club of Miami West), are both Paul Harris Fellows, Level III Bequest Society members and are avid humanitarian community workers. They live in Pinecrest, Florida and have three children, Mindy, Kurt and Shannon. On four occasions, the Lowenstein family has served as host for Rotary Youth Exchange students from Finland, Brazil, Bolivia, Peru and GSE Team from New Zealand.

## ROTARY LITERACY PROJECT FOR 2003 CONFERENCE

The date for our District Conference is quickly approaching and I'm sure most of your club members have heard some rumblings concerning the literacy project we are planning. For those of you who haven't heard, we are requesting that all Rotarians that plan on attending the conference (and even those not attending) purchase one or two books for elementary school level children grades K-5. Total cost per member should not exceed \$10. If you are not attending, I'm sure one of the members from your club that is attending would be happy to carry your books to the conference!

Books can be purchased at your local retailers such as Walden Books, Borders Books or Wal-Mart. Just ask for books that are designated for elementary children grades K-5.

The books are being donated to children, schools and/or other literacy programs in our host district 7730. I have been in contact with several of the members and they have expressed their appreciation for what we are providing and they have begun the process of identifying the various organizations that will most benefit from our literacy project.

Brunswick County is one of the fastest growing counties in North Carolina. The pace of growth places strains on many of the resources of the county, one of them being enough books for elementary school children. Please help us demonstrate Rotary's commitment to the fight against illiteracy.

Questions can be directed to Doug Moore, District Literacy Chairman. (910-246-0303)

## 2003 Rotary District Conference

The 2003 Rotary District Conference will be held in Sea Trail on April 24-27. If any Rotarian in District 7690 would like to attend, but has not registered, call Margaret Padgett at the District Office (336-885-7690). Many thanks go out to the District Conference Committee, Chairman Bob Tate 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 the Rotarians and guests that are registered and will attend --HAVE A GREAT TIME!!

Reminders for Conference:

1. Each club should bring a door prize (can always be cash \$25-50).
2. Each Rotarian coming to conference should bring two books for K-5 elementary grade children for a literacy project.
3. Plan to stop by Boys & Girls Homes of NC at Lake Waccamaw on your way Thursday.
4. Each club should send three of their little club banners from visiting Rotarians or foreign make-ups to add to a display of these at Sea Trail. Be sure and take them home after the conference.

# AREA IX CLUB NEWS

Area 9 consists of Carthage, Pinehurst, Sandhills, Southern Pines

## Rotary Club of Carthage

*President, Nelson Patterson*

President Nelson Patterson spent many hours creating a Rotary handbook to inform and educate each club member about Rotary, and the club now has a monthly newsletter.

The club has become more active in the elementary and middle schools and have accomplished the following:

1. Under the direction of AG Robert Nunnaley, a group of 6th-8th graders have formed a Rota-Runners Club at New Century Middle School which is an Interact-type club.

2. The club sponsors a "Student of the Month" program at Carthage Elementary.

3. The club sponsors a "Student of the Month" program at High Falls Elementary School.

The club is making a strong effort to increase membership by hosting a cookout that brought in two new members. The club sponsored a successful golf tournament that raised enough money for the scholarship program for high school seniors at Union Pines High School. Through a matching grant with Rotary International, the club has placed benches throughout the park. The benches have the Rotary emblem. The club also assisted twelve needy families in the area. The club will hold its annual pancake supper in March.

## Rotary Club of Pinehurst

*President, Dave Berger*

The club began the year with a visit to the Durham Bulls ball park for fellowship and a baseball game. At Christmas the club celebrated with an "Old Fashioned Christmas Celebration" with dinner, caroling and grab bags for all. In October the club hosted the annual Holly Arts Street Festival where members sold chances to a raffle and awarded more than 20 prizes. This raised more than \$1,200 for Polio Eradication. The club has sponsored several blood drives with the Red Cross. The club also sponsors a regular Saturday "Road Kill" clean up program with area Rotaract students.

The club's initial effort to support the repair of children's hearts in Nicaragua in an effort with the Duke University Medical Staff has blossomed now to include 7 clubs in the district. Many children are now being given a chance at living much longer, and the parents are learning how to better care for their children.

---

*It has been my pleasure to work with such great Rotarians and friends over the past two years. Serving as Assistant Governor under PDGx2 Stuart Fountain and Governor Henry Brown has also been very rewarding, as I have seen what Rotary does in a whole new way. I encourage anyone who is interested in learning more about Rotary to step up and become more involved. I have gone as far as I can for now and will continue serving Rotary in as many ways as my time will afford me. I wish Karl Ecker the best of luck as he pursues the position of AG for Area IX. Expect to see many more things coming out of Area IX -- Robert Nunnaley*

## Rotary Club of Southern Pines

*President, Robin Howard*

The club continues to have a very active year. Our Rotarians have participated and supported the following projects:

1. Thanksgiving meals to over 10 families in the Moore County area.

2. Sponsored Shadow Day at the high school in the fall and spring.

3. Coordinate and sponsor Junior Achievement.

4. Sponsored and coordinated a student to participate in the Speech contest (against drugs) for the district.

5. Bingo for the elderly.

6. Participate in Relay for Life.

7. Designate Charity Box each month to a specific need in the community.

8. Rotary Youth Leadership.

9. Send a participant to Wisconsin Camp.

10. Blood Drive fall and spring.

11. Partner with an orphanage in Honduras - donated monies to allow them to put in a well.

12. Salvation Army every December.

13. We are establishing a program to provide dictionaries to children in elementary school...also trying to coordinate with the district. We have very dedicated Rotarians who are committed to service above self.

## Rotary Club of Sandhills

*President, Karl Ecker*

The Sandhills Club is having a successful year. We continue to have outstanding speakers at our weekly breakfast meeting with emphasis on the monthly Rotary themes. Club sponsorship or support of Tour de Moore Bike Ride, Christmas Tree sales, and Salvation Army bell ringing has raised over \$9,000 for community and Rotary projects. The club has sponsored a Shadow Day. The club collects food from its members for the Sandhills Coalition once a month. Internationally, the club participates in Saving Hearts Project and has initiated a project to obtain computers for a youth organization in India. As to support of the Foundation, each member has pledged \$100 to and the club has designated \$1,000 for, the Polio Eradication Campaign, aggregating over \$5,000. Each member has also pledged \$100 a year to be a Paul Harris Fellow sustaining member. Also this year four members have become benefactors of RI. This year the club responded to the needs of residents in North Moore County, particularly in Robbins, by conducting a clothing drive and providing over 1,500 pounds of food. The club has also instituted a Spring Golf Marathon to raise funds for Moore County Red Cross.

# Attendance for February, 2003

CLUBS	6/30/02	MBR.	/	MBRS.	/	ATTEND/NET	GAIN/LOSS	/	MTGS.
Alamance	47	47		78%	0	4			
Alamance Bkft	31	28		90%	0	3			
Archdale/Trinity	32	32		82%	0	4			
Asheboro	118	120		88%	0	4			
Burlington	40	37		66%	+1	2			
Carthage	21	23		69%	0	4			
Clemmons	120	122		85%	+3	4			
Crescent	124	131		100%	+2	3			
East Greensboro	20	15		94%	0	4			
Eden	54	56		74%	0	3			
Elkin-Jonesville	49	50		74%	+2	4			
Furnitureland	58	65		81%	0	3			
Gate City	50	53		86%	0	3			
Graham	40	41		80%	+1	3			
Greensboro	332	346		60%	+4	4			
Gboro Arpt	34	39		77%	0	3			
Guilford	54	55		91%	0	4			
High Point	200	196		73%	-1	4			
Jamestown	35	37		83%	+1	4			
Jonesboro	63	60		75%	0	4			
Kernersville	46	56		74%	0	4			
King	23	24		78%	+1	4			
Lexington	55	50		65%	0	3			
Liberty	21	21		70%	0	4			
Madison/Mayodan	44	45		67%	0	3			
Mocksville	72	70		67%	-1	4			
Mount Airy	101	103		75%	+2	4			
Oak Hollow	21	23		89%	0	2			
Pinehurst	24	25		78%	+2	4			
Randolph	67	74		88%	+2	4			
Reidsville	91	82		83%	+1	4			
Reynolda	126	124		64%	0	4			
Sandhills	42	43		73%	+1	4			
Sanford	91	88		60%	+1	4			
San-Lee	29	30		98%	-1	3			
Siler City	69	68		80%	0	3			
Southern Pines	80	81		83%	0	4			
Stoneville	15	14		85%	0	3			
Stratford	148	142		58%	-3	4			
Summit	143	135		75%	0	3			
Surry Sunrise	50	55		85%	-1	3			
Thomasville	87	84		72%	+1	3			
Triad	48	49		63%	0	4			
Troy	30	31		71%	0	4			
Walnut Cove	18	16		60%	0	3			
Willow Creek	0	20		90%	0	4			
Winston-Salem	256	261		56%	+5	4			
Yadkinville	23	21		73%	0	3			
Yanceyville	22	20		68%	0	3			
<b>DISTRICT</b>	<b>3364</b>	<b>3408</b>		<b>76%</b>	<b>+23</b>				

## Special Upcoming Events...

- **2003 District Conference, Sea Trail, Sunset Beach, NC**  
*April 24-27, 2003*
- 2004 District Conference, Asheville, NC**  
*April 22-25, 2004*
- District Assembly**  
*May 15, 2003*

Artwork by Shelley Graphics 2003

**Rotary District 7690 Office**  
114 Willoughby Park Dr.  
High Point, NC 27265

[www.Rotary7690.org](http://www.Rotary7690.org)  
[www.Rotary.org](http://www.Rotary.org)