

The Piedmont Rotarian

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

"Sow the Seeds of Love"

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

CROPS GALORE!!



Henry Brown

As DGE Bob Newton now knows, this is my next-to-last column for the district newsletter. It is being written before our district conference at Sea Trail but it will not be published and read until after the conference. In my last column for the June newsletter I'm sure I will have something to say about the conference but for now let me share with you some of my feelings and

impressions about this event. First of all, my thanks go out to the district as a whole for your good support of the conference. In addition to Conference Chairman Bob Tate, Conference Treasurer Sal Picard, AG Phil Morris and others closest to the planning of the conference going back for over two years, there are the many presenters whom you will see and hear during the plenary sessions at Sea Trail. I speak here of mainly the chairmen of the district committees, the Rotarians who have helped to guide the programs, projects, activities and other involvements of clubs across the district. These folks have worked hard since I first contacted them about chairing their committees, many of them before January 2002 when Missy and I went to Anaheim for training at the International Assembly.

When I asked these Rotarians to head up a district committee, I asked them to staff their committees with others from across the district and to avoid the much easier method of calling on just their close friends in their home clubs or communities. I am grateful that this request has been honored so well because I think our district will be the richer for it. At the conference you will be hearing from Rotarians who will be new to you but there will also be others whom you will recognize as old friends.

We will be treated to messages from three outstanding speakers - Rotarians, like yourselves, who have been inspired this year to Sow the Seeds of Love. You will meet our delightful GSE team from District 9120 in Nigeria, youth exchange students from distant lands, ambassadorial scholars who will soon represent us in other distant lands, and exciting young people who are just beginning to learn about Rotary and Service Above Self.

Now, as you read this, how much of it did you experience at Sea Trail? How much did you miss? More important, how much have you talked about it back home among your club mates who were not there this time? (...continued on page 2)

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

**PLAN TO ATTEND THE
DISTRICT ASSEMBLY
May 15, 2003
GTCC Campus**

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

Registration 8:15 am

Breakout Sessions 9 am - 10:30 am

Plenary Session 10:45 - 12:15 pm

Lunch & Roundtable Discussions 12:15 pm

COST \$15 PER PERSON

(Each club has received registration materials. If you have questions, please call the Rotary District Office at 336-885-7690.)

NOTICE

Rotary
Foundation
contributions
should be made
no later than
JUNE 15, 2003 in
order to get club
credit for
2002-2003.
Remember,
the district goal
is \$100
per Rotarian
to the annual
fund and
\$100
per Rotarian
to the Polio
Eradication Fund.

(...continued from pg. 1 "Crops Galore..")
Even more important, are you already making plans to go back next year to experience again the "Magic of Rotary" that abounded at this district conference?
Above all, I hope you had fun at Sea Trail!! I sure did!! And I can predict that with total confidence as I write this column two weeks before the event!! Thanks to you all for adding so richly to my treasure chest of Rotary memories!!



NEED A MAKE-UP? TRY E-CLUB

A new way to make up a missed Rotary club meeting is to visit the "e-club" online. If your club approves this type of make-up, it is very simple to do. Go to www.rotaryclubone.org and in the upper right-hand corner click on "First Time - Read Instructions." Simply follow these instructions, print a make-up card and take it to your club secretary. It is that simple. Many clubs approve this type of make-up, but only allow a certain number within a year. Making up missed meetings at other Rotary clubs is still the preferred method for make-ups.

ROTARY DISTRICT REACHES 50

The Rotary Club of Southern Guilford New Generation became the 50th club in Rotary District 7690 on April 10, 2003. The charter president is Michael Jones and the charter secretary is Claire Maddrey. The club has 24 charter members and meets on Thursday evenings at Alexander Devereux's, 2800 High Point Road, Greensboro from 6:00 - 7:00 pm.

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SOUTHLAND BREAKFAST

Anyone planning to attend the Rotary International Conference in Brisbane, Australia that would like a ticket to the Southland Breakfast, contact District Governor Elect, Bob Newton at 336-832-9555.

CONGRATULATIONS TO JONESBORO ROTARY CLUB

The Jonesboro Rotary Club has become the 13th club in District 7690 to achieve the status of 100% Paul Harris Fellow Club. This is quite an achievement. The club is Number 370 in the world. Congratulations on this accomplishment.

MAJOR GIFTS

We are in the fourth quarter of our Rotary year and it is time to think about our gifts to the Rotary Foundation. That is especially true in the area of major gifts. There are two recognitions available for large gifts. You are able to be recognized as a "Major Donor" with a one-time or cumulative gift of \$10,000 or more. Major Donors usually earmark their gifts to the Annual Fund. Paul Harris Fellow recognition is available for gifts to the Annual Fund.

You may prefer to commit to a future gift of \$10,000 or more by joining the Bequest Society. This gift commitment goes to the Permanent Fund. Our district leads the Rotary world in the number of Bequest Society members. We have been leading the world since the inception of the Bequest Society Charter Membership program. Additional information on how you can get involved in either of these programs is available by calling District 7690 Major Gifts Chairman Everett Padgett at 336-869-4128 or the District Office at 336-885-7690. Your gift will make a real difference in the lives of others around the world.

AREA X CLUB NEWS

Area 10 consists of Jonesboro, Sanford, San-Lee, and Siler City.

Rotary Club of Jonesboro

President, PDG Cliff Peake

1. Started the year with 60 members with the goal of 5% increase. Will be met even though the club lost 6 members.
2. Harvest train for Boys & Girls Home was again successful; annual "white elephant" auction benefitted the Boys & Girls Home in excess of \$1000.
3. Annual raffle will again benefit 19 area non-profit causes.
4. Annual support of "Operation Smile" will be \$1500.
5. Members individually paid at least \$100 into the "Eradicate Polio" Campaign with this year's total exceeding \$10,000.
6. Jonesboro will also support the Rotary Foundation with \$100 per member being raised.
7. Spearheaded Foundation program for the four clubs in Area 10 cooperating with District 3250 (India) for their program, "Project Literacy Express."
8. Achieved goal of being 100% Paul Harris Fellow Club.
9. Sponsored annual "Sanford/Lee County Hunger Walk" to provide funds for three agencies who provide for those in need.

Rotary Club of Sanford

President, Paul Horton

The Rotary Club of Sanford is having a successful year. The district golf trophy is companion to the Rotary bell during the weekly meetings. Support of numerous community projects have been made: The Run for Life, North Carolina Symphony, and Haven. The concerted effort of Sam Sillaman has lead the club achieving the Polio Plus goal. Great strides have been made toward becoming a 100% Paul Harris club. Hugh Carr, International projects chairman, reports the club is co-sponsoring a Literacy Education Annual to be used to reach and educate third world women in ways to achieve a better lifestyle. The annual fund raiser is now in progress. The club had excellent programs during the year. Our annual Rotary Sweetheart Banquet, in February, recognized the Rotarian of the Year, Program of the Year along with other club awards. Five new members have been inducted this year. Half of the proceeds of the 50/50 weekly raffle is applied to the Polio Plus project. A goodly group of members will attend the district conference.

All of the credit for a successful year goes out to Cliff Peake, Raymond Womble, Paul Horton, Jennifer Andrews and all of their support teams. Thanks for all the hard work and great projects. Each of you have shown support for our Governor, Henry Brown and Service Above Self. Thanks for a job well done!!

ADG Jerry Harris, Siler City Club

Rotary Club of San Lee

President, Ray Womble

The club continues to have a very active year. We continue to have outstanding speakers at our weekly breakfast meetings. We have participated and supported the following projects:

1. Annual fund raiser-raffle raised \$6000.
2. Adopted several families for Christmas and gave them gifts of food.
3. New Year's Day lunch for over 100 needy families, prepared and served by our club and families.
4. Raised money and donated to Boys & Girls Homes of NC, Inc.
5. Club has pledged and donated \$100 per member for Polio Eradication.
6. Members sold American flags to businesses in Sanford to be displayed in front of their business.
7. Club is committed in conjunction with other clubs in our area to international service project.
8. Honor Employee of the Year Four-Way Test Award.

The club looks for a very good fourth quarter and a successful year.

Rotary Club of Siler City

President, Jennifer S. Andrews

The club kick started its year with a hugely successful Rotary Bazaar raising over \$43,000 to benefit Chatham Hospital. The club marked its 75th anniversary in January with a celebration Prime Rib and Lobster Dinner at the Siler City Country Club. The board bestowed five members with honorary Paul Harris Fellows awards for past and present service at the 75th anniversary ceremony.

The club has pledged to give \$7,000 over three years to the Polio Plus campaign and the Board of Directors has approved \$7,000 in annual giving this year to the foundation. Our club matches \$500 for each member who wishes to become a Paul Harris Fellow. Our international project was fully approved by the Foundation and Project Literacy Express will be on the ground serving in India beginning in August. Many thanks to the Jonesboro, Sanford and San-Lee clubs for the joint effort.

Our annual scholarship raffle will be held May 3rd and we anticipate another successful event that traditionally nets the club around \$13,000 to grant scholarships to two area high schools and to give to projects and agencies in our community. The Board has committed \$6,500 to the Siler City Mural Society for placement of a downtown mural recognizing Rotary and Chatham Hospital. The Chatham News, Chatham's countywide newspaper, will publish a special edition in June honoring the Siler City Rotary Club's 75 years of service to our community.

Attendance for March, 2003

CLUBS	6/30/02	MBR.	/	MBRS.	/	ATTEND/NET	GAIN/LOSS	/	MTGS.
Alamance	47	47		70%	0	4			
Alamance Bkft	31	29		93%	0	5			
Archdale/Trinity	32	32		78%	0	4			
Asheboro	118	120		78%	0	4			
Burlington	40	37		71%	0	5			
Carthage	21	24		71%	+1	4			
Clemmons	120	120		72%	+3	4			
Crescent	124	129		71%	0	5			
East Greensboro	20	17		65%	+1	4			
Eden	54	57		74%	0	4			
Elkin-Jonesville	49	49		66%	-1	4			
Furnitureland	58	65		79%	0	4			
Gate City	50	54		85%	+1	4			
Graham	40	42		83%	+1	3			
Greensboro	332	343		61%	-3	4			
Gboro Arpt	34	39		77%	0	4			
Guilford	54	55		100%	0	4			
High Point	200	196		73%	+2	4			
Jamestown	35	37		78%	0	4			
Jonesboro	63	62		80%	0	4			
Kernersville	46	58		77%	0	4			
King	23	24		81%	0	4			
Lexington	55	50		64%	0	4			
Liberty	21	21		70%	0	4			
Madison/Mayodan	44	44		71%	0	4			
Mocksville	72	71		66%	+1	4			
Mount Airy	101	106		79%	+3	4			
Oak Hollow	21	23		59%	0	4			
Pinehurst	24	27		83%	+2	4			
Randolph	67	74		89%	0	4			
Reidsville	91	82		76%	0	5			
Reynolda	126	123		70%	-1	4			
Sandhills	42	43		78%	0	3			
Sanford	91	87		69%	0	4			
San-Lee	29	30		98%	0	4			
Siler City	69	70		75%	0	5			
Southern Pines	80	81		85%	0	4			
Stoneville	15	14		88%	0	4			
Stratford	148	152		62%	0	4			
Summit	143	134		76%	-1	4			
Surry Sunrise	50	53		88%	-2	4			
Thomasville	87	84		74%	0	4			
Triad	48	50		64%	+1	4			
Troy	30	30		70%	-1	4			
Walnut Cove	18	16		62%	0	4			
Willow Creek	0	20		90%	0	4			
Winston-Salem	256	261		51%	0	4			
Yadkinville	23	21		72%	0	4			
Yanceyville	22	20		78%	0	4			
DISTRICT	3364	3428		75%	+7				

Special Upcoming Events...

2004 District Conference, Asheville, NC

April 22-25, 2004

District Assembly, GTCC Jamestown Campus

May 16, 2003

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