

# The Piedmont Rotarian

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*"Lend A Hand"*

Robert Newton, District Governor, 1 Gwyn Lane, Greensboro, NC 27403

## "NEW GENERATIONS" MONTH



Robert Newton

September is the month when we turn our attention to the New Generation, the youth of our communities. Rotary has much to offer our youth, and they have much to offer Rotarians. NOW is the ideal time to give attention to our youth as they return to schools for the coming year, and to offer them the many opportunities available through Rotary NOW is equally ideal timing to involve your Rotary club in youth

activities. Believe me when I say it will energize your club as perhaps nothing else can.

INTERACT is Rotary for tomorrow's Rotarians today. Aimed at youth in high school, Interact clubs provide our youth with the opportunity to participate in fun and meaningful service projects while developing leadership skills and making new friends. Every Rotary club should be involved with at least one Interact club. We have 27 who are, which means the opportunity awaits 23 others. There is no better single thing a club can do than to invest in the future of Rotary and our communities by active involvement with our youth through INTERACT.

YOUTH EXCHANGE is another opportunity, and one in which the youth of our district are almost never involved. Shame on us for letting this opportunity pass us by. We often receive inbound youth from other countries. Invariably the experience is a positive one. But what of our own youth? Think of a year's time between graduation from high school and the start of a college or other career. This is an ideal time for young people to visit other parts of the world, to live and learn in another culture, with another language, and among new friends and family. We need to share this opportunity more widely than we have. Interact may be the place to start.

The ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP PROGRAM occurs each July for a week on the campus of Guilford College. Here, youth sponsored by each club in the district come together for leadership development, fun, and fellowship under the auspices of the Greensboro Rotary Club and the Center for Creative Leadership. DRUG ABUSE PREVENTION is the topic addressed by youth throughout the district who participate in the multi-district speech contest held in the spring each year. Youth learn about one of the most significant issues facing them and their communities, and at the same time develop valuable presentation and speaking skills in an environment of friendly competition.

WORLD AFFAIRS SEMINARS are held each summer, and we usually send two young people selected from candidates nominated by Rotary clubs throughout the district. (cont. on pg.2)

## INTERACT - Rotary For Tomorrow's Rotarians Today

INTERACT is the core activity Rotary has to offer youth.

It is not unreasonable to expect every club in our district to be involved with at least one high school, and the sponsorship of an INTERACT club within that school. Some clubs may be able to do more. We have 27 INTERACT clubs in the District, which means there is an opportunity for at least 23 new INTERACT clubs.

If your club is one of the 27 already involved, actively support your INTERACT club by appointing a Rotary club representative to the INTERACT club, attending at least one meeting per quarter, providing knowledge of community needs, including the INTERACT members in your service projects or fund raising activities, inviting INTERACT officers to present a program at your Rotary meeting, encouraging INTERACTORS to participate in our Rotary programs such as RYLA, Youth Exchange, the Drug Abuse Prevention Speech Contest, Shadow Day, and the like.

If your club is not yet involved with a school and sponsoring an INTERACT Club, find a school not already being served by another club, or perhaps partner with another club already involved. Your Assistant Governor can help establish and coordinate the relationships between clubs and schools in your area. Then get an Interact Handbook from the District INTERACT chair, and much additional information from the Rotary web site. Next, visit the school and talk with the principal, explaining what INTERACT is and what it offers. (You might also consider the principal as a potential Rotarian if he or she is not already a member) Next is probably the assignment of a faculty member or counselor to be the liaison with the Rotary club, and after that comes organization of the INTERACT club itself. Anne Murr, herself a school principal, is the District Chair for INTERACT, and is available to advise and help.

-Anne Murr 336-605-3300 [murr@guilford.k12.nc.us](mailto:murr@guilford.k12.nc.us)  
<http://www.rotary.org/programs/interact/index.html>

## Great Opportunity for Fellowship

October 11 is the football fellowship game at Wake Forest. The game is Wake Forest vs Georgia Tech. Registration materials have been sent to each club president. Package price is \$24 per person which includes the game ticket, food and beverage. Contact Wake Forest University at 336-758-5009 to order tickets.

## GOLF & PICNIC OUTING

Sept. 4, 2003  
Golf at noon & family outing after school  
Family supper at 6 pm:  
Dinner included for golfers  
Spouses \$11  
Children \$5

### Directory Change:

*Rotary Club of Oak Hollow*  
*New Location:*  
*Noble's Restaurant*  
*New Day & Time:*  
*Tuesday 6:00 pm*

(...cont. from pg. 1 "New Generations")

ROTARACT is a Rotary sponsored service club for young men and women ages 18-30. The program is part of a global effort to bring peace and international understanding to the world. Clubs are usually based at colleges and universities, but may be community based as well, as is the case in our district with the Rotaract Club in Kernersville.

In Australia where we visited last June during the RI convention, youth is the "Fifth Avenue of Service." Call it what you will, Youth offer us the opportunity for involvement and engagement with those who will be our Rotary club members in the years to come. Now is the ideal time to act, and to remember that Rotary Is What Rotary Does. Lend A Hand of Rotary fellowship and opportunity to the youth of your community. The contact person for each youth program listed above is in our Website District Directory, [www.rotary7690.org](http://www.rotary7690.org) Password: 07DIRECTORY.

## POLIO ERADICATION

### PDG Ned Poyser, Chairman

Our District Goal is \$360,000. Individually, our clubs have pledged \$323,746. RI has received from District 7690 \$296,278. This indicates an outstanding effort on the part of everyone. Some of our clubs have spread their pledges out over the next two years. No doubt, when RI catches up, District 7690 will proudly be very near its District Goal with more pledges yet to come. We must remember that the \$88 million announced at Rotary International Convention was the total pledged. Pledges must be honored in order to have the necessary funds to eliminate polio in our time. While wide spread participation is the way to bring up the totals, the really hard work was done by those clubs that have exceeded our District Goal of \$100 per member. By RI's numbers, there are eighteen of these outstanding efforts and these will later be joined by Reynolda and possibly some others. These big guns were:

Pinehurst	\$362.
Troy	\$243.
Thomasville	\$186.
High Point	\$168.
Jonesboro	\$152.
Southern Pines	\$152.
Stratford	\$135.
Sanford	\$134.
Graham	\$131.
Furnitureland	\$127.
Summit	\$121.
Surry Sunrise	\$120.
Clemmons	\$118.
Mocksville	\$113.
Randolph	\$108.
Gate City	\$107.
Jamestown	\$106.
Guilford	\$102.

## DISTRICT GOVERNOR VISITS FOR SEPTEMBER 2003

9/2 Lexington	9/23 Sanford
9/16 Triad	9/30 Yanceyville
9/23 Winston-Salem	

## Rotary Youth Leadership Camp

### David Clem, RYLP Director

The 21st class of the RYLP was one of the best in recent memory. Fifty-one students from across our district attended the program at Guilford College last week. The participants were interested, engaged, thoughtful, and had a thirst and hunger for new ideas and perspectives. Thanks to all of you for doing such a great job in screening your applicants. Thanks to you we worked with an outstanding group of young people.

We have asked each participant to write a letter thanking their sponsoring Rotary, and to attend a Rotary meeting to give a short overview of the program and how it impacted them. Hopefully, you will hear from them, but if you don't, please invite them to attend a meeting and give a report to your Rotary. We also challenged the participants to take the skills that they learned and use them in their high schools and communities. Please be sure to pass on thanks to your contacts at the high schools. They did a great job recommending outstanding students. On behalf of the Greensboro Rotary, I would like to thank you for your support of the program. For 21 years this Rotary District has invested in over 1000 students through this program. This week reconfirmed the positive impact this program has on these young men and women. It is a great way to invest in young people, and a great way to make a difference in our schools and communities.

## Rotary Foundation Seminars

Our annual Foundation seminars will be held in two locations for the convenience of all attendees. The first will be at the Village Inn and Conference Center in Clemmons Sept. 18. Those representing clubs in Areas 1,2,4,5,7 will find Clemmons more convenient. The second will be at the AVS Center in Asheboro one week later Sept. 25. Those from clubs in Areas 3,6,8,9,10 will find Asheboro convenient. If because of scheduling conflicts one date is better than the other, members are encouraged to attend at either location. Registration begins at 3:00 pm and the program is from 3:30-5:30. A light meal will be served at 5:30. A registration fee of \$10 is necessary to partially offset the costs. Registration forms have been sent to each club or contact Margaret Padgett at 336-885-7690. Deadline for registration is 6 days prior to the event.

# AREA CLUB NEWS

AREA II consists of four clubs in the northern part of Rotary District 7690. The clubs are: Eden, Madison-Mayodan, Reidsville and Stoneville. Julia Tuggle, past president of the Stoneville Rotary Club, is serving as the Assistant Governor of Area II.

## EDEN

### **Tuesday 12:15 pm Michael Zumpf, President**

The Rotary Club of Eden is dedicated to celebrating the accomplishments of our individual members in their personal and professional lives as well as planning new activities to increase involvement of families of Rotarians in our various projects and endeavors.

Service projects for the year include a fall and spring family night Bar-B-Que for spouses, children and friends, a Sweet-heart Dinner for spouses and awards banquet to honor those Rotarians who have performed exemplary service in our club and community and to especially recognize the Rotarian of the year.

Under the leadership of Mr. Randy Cash, our Community Service Committee has planned a blood drive to be conducted through the American Red Cross. A fund drive in the late fall is also planned, and as an ongoing project, bell ringing for the Salvation Army's Christmas Kettle.

Vocational Service Committee has planned participation in the Group Study Exchange program, Interact Club and the annual Shadow Day with Moorehead High School as well as special programs during Vocational Service Month.

The International Service Committee has committed our Club's continued support of Polio Plus and 100% club participation in the Annual Programs Fund.

Aside from our annual Golf Tournament, a new fund raiser this year will be an auction.

## MADISON-MAYODAN

### **Tuesday 12 noon Cathy Smith, President**

Some of the club's successful projects include scholarships to students at Rockingham Community College, sponsoring the Interact Club and Shadow Day at McMichael High School, and the continued sponsorship to Camp Carefree, United Way of Rockingham county, Best Friends, Special Olympics, and Salvation Army are just a few.

August is the month for the Annual Golf Tournament. This is one our largest sources of funds each year and allows us to provide those needed funds for our community. This has proven to be a challenge for the participants and a successful fund raiser. This tournament is held at the Deep Springs Country Club. September is the month for the Mayodan Homecoming. This is held in the streets of Mayodan and the club will be represented. An antique rug has been donated. This rug has a significant appraised value and a raffle will be held in order to raise funds from this gift. October is the month for Shadow Day. This is a program in which students from McMichael High School are hosted in various business and professional settings by individual Rotarians each year. This program is a joint effort with the McMichael Interact Club and has been very successful in the past. This success is due to the wide variety of Rotarians participating and the diligent efforts of Mrs. Janice Tate, Interact Advisor. After spending a morning in shadow settings from education to computers and

from medical field to the golf course (yes we do have students wh anticipate golf careers). The students join the entire club for a luncheon meeting, focusing on their experiences that day. November and December are months designated for support to the various charities in which we sponosr and contribute to their Christmas party. The club provides baskets for the needy at Thanksgiving and Christmas. And for the past several years, the club provided Christmas gifts to a specific family in need with several children in the home.

## REIDSVILLE

### **Monday 12 noon Tim Wray, President**

Reidsville Rotary Club has enjoyed a great year under the leadership of past president Tony Santoro. Recent accomplishments include the raising of more than \$10,000 in our annual "Dream Vacation." This money is used to award one merit based four-year scholarship each year to one student from Rockingham County High School and one student from Reidsville High School. In July Rotarians from our club along with spouses and children hosted a hot dog and hamburger cookout at Camp Carefree in Stokesdale. Since 1986, Camp Carefree has provided a free, one week camping experience for youngsters from North Carolina and neighboring states with specific health problems and disabilities and Reidsville Rotary is proud to support this worthy cause!

We are currently working on our annual "Have A Honda" where we will raffle off a new Honda car. The proceeds from this project will enable us to distribute money to both local community and international projects. We recently enjoyed a visit from District Governor Bob Newton and Assistant District Governor Julia Tuggle. Bob and Julia met with the officers to review our plans and gave us great advice and insights to the upcoming year.

## STONEVILLE

### **Thursday 6:00 pm Charles Davis, President**

The Stoneville Club under the leadership of Barbara Belton had a great 2002-2003 with the following accomplishments: Added 3 new members to bring us to 17 members/21% gain. Maintained attendance in excess of 80% for the year. Became a 100% Paul Harris Fellow club during the year. Celebrated two fifty year members, Sims Crowell and Garland Rakestraw.

5 members attended the District Assembly at GTCC and 5 members attended District Conference at Sea Trail.

Sponsored our first annual Stoneville Fall Festival which was our major fund raiser for the year and completed our Polio Eradication goal.

Supported both financially and with man hours, Camp Carefree, Boy Scouts, co-sponsored Rockingham Community College Holiday Basketball Tournament, participated in RCC Foundation Fund Drive, Polio Eradication programs, Interact Club at McMichael High School, and Relay for Life.

We are currently planning for our major fund raiser, the Stoneville Fall Festival, which will be held Sept. 27.



# Attendance for July, 2003

CLUBS	6/30/03	MBR. /	MBRS. /	ATTEND/NET	GAIN/LOSS	/MTGS.	CLUBS	6/30/03	MBR. /	MBRS. /	ATTEND/NET	GAIN/LOSS	/MTGS.
Alamance	50	51	70%	+1	4		Mocksville	66	66	63%	0	4	
Alamance Bkft	27	27	81%	0	3		Mount Airy	106	106	80%	0	5	
Archdale/Trinity	25	27	80%	0	4		Oak Hollow	20	21	74%	0	2	
Asheboro	117	117	74%	0	3		Pinehurst	24	24	80%	0	4	
Burlington	37	36	61%	-1	3		Randolph	73	72	78%	-1	4	
Carthage	22	23	61%	+1	5		Reidsville	87	89	62%	0	4	
Clemmons	121	126	78%	+5	5		Reynolda	124	120	68%	-4	3	
Crescent	129	131	69%	+2	4		Sandhills	46	46	72%	0	5	
East Greensboro	15	15	64%	0	4		Sanford	83	82	60%	-1	5	
Eden	57	58	65%	0	4		San-Lee	28	28	93%	0	4	
Elkin-Jonesville	45	44	77%	-1	5		Siler City	70	71	75%	+1	4	
Furnitureland	58	58	78%	0	4		S.G. New Gen.	25	26	70%	+1	5	
Gate City	52	52	83%	0	4		Southern Pines	77	77	81%	0	3	
Graham	43	41	77%	-2	3		Stoneville	17	17	76%	0	5	
Greensboro	337	336	59%	0	5		Stratford	144	143	61%	-1	4	
Gboro Arpt	35	35	71%	0	4		Summit	131	131	72%	0	3	
Guilford	56	56	86%	0	5		Surry Sunrise	53	51	63%	-2	5	
High Point	194	194	64%	0	4		Thomasville	84	82	63%	0	4	
Jamestown	33	34	75%	+1	4		Triad	48	48	66%	0	4	
Jonesboro	63	64	80%	+1	4		Troy	29	30	76%	+1	5	
Kernersville	52	53	70%	0	5		Walnut Cove	16	16	73%	0	4	
King	25	25	80%	0	5		Willow Creek	21	22	76%	+1	5	
Lexington	55	49	62%	0	4		Winston-Salem	256	256	49%	0	5	
Liberty	21	21	64%	0	4		Yadkinville	21	18	81%	0	5	
Madison/Mayodan	44	43	72%	+1	4		Yanceyville	19	20	90%	+1	4	
							<b>DISTRICT</b>	<b>3375</b>	<b>3379</b>	<b>72%</b>	<b>+4</b>		

## Special Upcoming Events...

**Any Rotarian interested in attending the 2005 RI Convention in Chicago, contact Margaret Padgett at 336-883-4128.**

*If interest is strong, a charter trip from RD 7690 may be possible.*

**Rotary Foundation Seminar - Clemmons, NC**

*September 18, 2003*

**Rotary Foundation Seminar - Asheboro, NC**

*September 25, 2003*

**District Football Fellowship - Winston-Salem, NC**

*October 11, 2003*

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