

The Piedmont Rotarian

ROTARY DISTRICT 7690 • January 2004 • DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S NEWSLETTER

"Lend A Hand"

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

DEAR FELLOW ROTARIANS & FRIENDS,



Robert Newton

Well, here we are, at the beginning of a new calendar year and at the mid-point of our Rotary year. Donna and I wish each of you the best life has to offer in 2004.

January is Rotary Awareness Month, and my immediate thought was of Awareness of What? Two thoughts come to mind. First, awareness of Rotary itself: What Rotary Is.

Information about Rotary's mission, its Object, its Motto and its dedication to service and to world peace and understanding is information worth knowing. Surely those in our community should be aware of Rotary, and that awareness might well encourage others to join with us.

Second, What Rotary Does. After all, that's what Rotary is in our district this year. So we all have an opportunity to publicize what we do as Rotarians, and as Rotary Clubs. How you might ask? First heed the advice of our Rotarian newspaper publisher, and recognize the distinction between news and publicity. Then, write the stories of your work, supplement the written word with pictures, and offer this information continually and persistently to the media in your community.

But there's more. DGN Phil Morris has help to create a Project Registration capability on our web site, where you can document your projects for others to see, learn from, and perhaps duplicate, and where you can find new ideas for your own club. So contribute your projects by signing on and registering your projects for the benefit of others and overall Rotary Awareness.

Create an exhibit. Exhibit materials and facilities can be obtained at low cost from office supply/school supply houses. More elaborate "trade show" exhibit paraphernalia is available from the same sources, or others in our district. The exhibit can then showcase the latest projects and activities of the club, and can be refreshed from time to time as new projects come on line, and new activities and events occur. The exhibit can be used at club meetings to create awareness among your own membership, and then take out into the community and set up in public spaces and places to inform the public. Moving the exhibit monthly from place to place eventually increases the awareness of What Rotary Does, and in turn What Rotary Is. **Then bring your exhibit to District Conference**, and share with the rest of our Rotary Family the good work

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MORE FOUNDATION GRANT MONEY AVAILABLE NOW

At the beginning of this Rotary year all clubs were advised of two possibilities for leveraging club funds for local and international projects with District funds. The two possibilities were:

- A) MATCHING GRANTS with a maximum of \$1800 per club available for international projects.
- B) DISTRICT SIMPLIFIED GRANTS with a schedule of funds available on a sliding scale based on a three year per capita average per club of contributions to the Rotary Foundation.

A deadline was set of December 1 for applications for these available funds. Now in December we find that the District still has funds available and can relax the restrictions on the funds to encourage participation by additional clubs. As of **December 1** the new availability of funds is as follows:

- 1) MATCHING GRANTS - a maximum of \$5400 per club for international projects.
- 2) DISTRICT SIMPLIFIED GRANTS - The previous schedule of funds has been multiplied by three. Therefore the revised schedule now becomes
 - a) clubs with less than \$50 per capita average contribution to the Rotary Foundation for the last three years have available - \$1200.
 - b) clubs with \$50-100 per capita average - \$2400
 - c) clubs with \$100-200 per capita average - \$3000
 - d) clubs with \$200-300 per capita average - \$3900
 - e) clubs with over \$300 per capita average - \$4500

These funds may be used for local or international projects. Each club must make a matching contribution equal to at least one-third of the available funds indicated for the club.

Applications for these funds are available from Bill Stone, District Grants Committee Chairman. All completed applications are to be returned to Chairman Bill Stone at 316 Dogwood Drive, Eden, NC 27288. (336) 623-9486
E-mail: wstone3@triad.rr.com

2005 RI CONVENTION

Anyone interested in attending the 2005 RI Convention in Chicago, should contact Margaret Padgett, District Executive Secretary at 336-885-7690.

If interest is strong, a charter trip from the district may be possible.

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100th BEQUEST SOCIETY MEMBER

Rotary District 7690 congratulates our incoming District Governor, Don Allred, for becoming the 100th member of the Bequest Society in District 7690. District Governor-Elect Don Allred will take office in 2204-2005 as Rotary celebrates its 100th year.

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being done by your club, and your members.

Elsewhere in this issue is news about changes in our matching grants program that will increase the financial support available to your club for projects. Please read carefully... it's not too late to use these resources along with your own to make a difference in your community or in another somewhere in the world. Also check your e-mail for more information about the Project Registration process, and competition for Best Project recognition at District Conference 2004.

Bob Newton



Meet Us In the Mountains
Rotary District 7690 Annual Conference
April 22-25, 2004 Asheville, NC

Dear Friends of Boys and Girls Homes:

Greetings! Last week at our campus Thanksgiving dinner, our chaplain asked the children to name some of the things they were thankful for. Many of them named their cottage teaching parents, an indication to me that the children appreciate having a place to live where they feel safe and loved and where their basic needs for food, clothing and shelter are met. As the children were making their listings, I was thinking of how we are able to make these things available. It is only through the unique relationships we enjoy with friends such as you that we are able to provide for the children's needs!

As we observe the holidays and reflect on the blessings we enjoy, please know that among ours here at Boys and Girls Homes is the friendship of kind and generous folks such as you. It is a real treasure to us! Happy Thanksgiving to you and yours. Thank you for being a friend to Boys and Girls Homes and the children we serve!

Larry W. Hewitt
Vice President for Communications

Outgoing Rotary Group Study Exchange Team for 2003-2004

District 7690 - District 4110 in Mexico

Neal T. Holladay *Team Leader* Sponsored by Thomasville Club
Sarah D. Coulter *Team Member (7th grade teacher)* Sponsored by Asheboro Club
Todd E. Saunders *Team Member (Police Officer)* Sponsored by Alamance Breakfast
Catrina A. Thompson *Team Member (Police Officer)* Sponsored by Reynolda
Susan Totten *Team Member (Nutrition Specialist)* Sponsored by Graham Club
Karen M. Combs *Alternate Team Member (Parent Educator)*
Sponsored by Kernersville Club
Jacquelyn C. Betts (Jaci) *GSE Chairperson for Outbound Team*



AREA VI CLUB NEWS

ARCHDALE: Wednesday, 12:00pm

Ben Keller, President

Archdale-Trinity continues to do good things in the neighborhood. The plans are being finalized to build a covered picnic shelter in Creekside Park, one of the local gathering places for this area. The park is used for many functions that the existing shelters are continuously booked. We hope to build a good process to build these shelters and make it a yearly project.

The family theme this year has been in the foreground of the planning this year. It started with the President transition dinner being moved to a family picnic and volleyball game at the park (Creekside) with almost everyone bringing their family. The Youth Turkey Day Golf Tournament was a great success at the local Holly Ridge golf course. A fun family event was enjoyed by all. The plans are building for the 2004 year with a major Chili Cookoff at the local park (Creekside again) next summer. Additionally, the plans for the 2nd annual Midnight Golf Outing will make it a bigger success. Last year it filled up quickly with teams and the local community sponsors strongly donated items and money. All the money raised goes to support cancer research.

FURNITURELAND: Monday, 12:00pm

Coy Williard, President

www.furniturelandrotary.org

The members of the Furnitureland Rotary have been very busy this year. We are getting ready for our annual auction on February 26. A significant portion of the auction proceeds will fund Mobile Meals of High Point. Other community service projects include Save-The-Sudz project benefiting the Open Door Ministries, ringing the bell for the Salvation Army, and providing significant assistance to "Santa's Friends" insuring a Merry Christmas for over 300 children.

We also continue to recognize the Student of the Month at Fairview Elementary School and Trinity High School. Furnitureland Rotary continues 100% participation in the Paul Harris Fellowship campaign.

We have seen significant membership growth as a result of careful, methodical planning by the membership committee.

HIGH POINT: Thursday, 12:00pm

Bill Kester, President

www.highpointrotary.org

The High Point Rotary Club has started fast in this Rotary year with many civic and club activities. The club raised over \$40,000 with our annual auction held in November at the High Point Country Club. A week prior to the auction the High Point club hosted the District Foundation Banquet where we enjoyed the talk of Rotary World Peace Scholar Darren Moss. Our club

also participated in Can-struction back in September where we raised several hundred pounds of can and boxed foods for the local food bank. The High Point Rotary Club has actively sponsored Students of the Month from local high schools to recognize outstanding achievement. We hosted 65 underprivileged children from 17 local elementary schools at our annual Christmas luncheon. FOX8's Van Denton, Loony Lanny and Santa Claus entertained the children.

JAMESTOWN: Tuesday, 6:00pm

Vic Gilliland, President

We have completed a number of events this past 6 months. The Jamestown Horse Show, our 42nd, was a major event presented by the Jamestown Rotarians on October 4, 2003. The event was an outstanding success. We then held our golf outing on October 7th. The most striking event put on by the Jamestown Rotary Club was the annual Jamestown Christmas Parade. On December 7, eighty-seven activities or organizations walked, marched, or rode down Main Street of Jamestown to the arrival of Santa Claus.

OAK HOLLOW: Tuesday, 6:00pm

Vinru Satchit, President

www.oakhollowrotary.org

The members of the Oak Hollow Rotary Club decided to change our meeting time from a morning club to an evening club with meetings held at Nobles Restaurant in High Point. A number of projects have been undertaken which include volunteer for the Oak Hollow Arts Festival, volunteer for Taste of the Town benefiting Hospice, Day in the Park helping the High Point Area Arts Council with a fundraiser, Construction helping the local food bank, Kids Voting and Operation Christmas Cheer. We are also having one social a month where the family and guests are invited. Membership has also been a focus this year.

TRIAD: Tuesday, 12:05pm

Larry Dunlap, President

We have been busy putting the finishing touches on the club's major fundraiser, the Harley Davidson Sportster raffle. About 4,000 tickets are sold for the drawing taking place at Cox Harley Davidson in Asheboro. Other Rotary clubs in the area also participated by purchasing tickets. We held our annual Christmas party involving spouses. Heavy hors d'oeuvres and a play at the Broach Theatre in Greensboro were enjoyed by all.

The annual Senior's Tour de Tanglewood was also held with 25 seniors making the trip to see the Christmas lights at Tanglewood. We also held our annual Alton O. Smith Angel Project for Prison Ministries where we delivered gifts to 62 children whose parents are incarcerated. We also continue to be a 100% Paul Harris Club.

Attendance for November, 2003

CLUBS	MEMBERS AS OF 6/30/03	CURRENT MEMBERS	MONTHLY% ATTENDANCE	MO. NET GAIN/LOSS	MONTHLY MEETINGS
Alamance	50	50	57%	0	4
Alamance Bkft	27	27	88%	+1	4
Archdale/Trinity	25	31	82%	0	3
Asheboro	117	121	75%	+3	3
Burlington	37	35	69%	-1	3
Carthage	22	22	63%	0	3
Clemmons	121	127	74%	-4	4
Crescent	129	132	72%	+3	3
East Greensboro	15	13	49%	0	3
Eden	57	58	52%	0	4
Elkin-Jonesville	44	45	78%	0	4
Furnitureland	58	61	73%	+2	4
Gate City	52	51	92%	-1	3
Graham	43	41	73%	0	3
Greensboro	337	337	59%	-1	3
Gboro Arpt	35	38	86%	0	4
Guilford	56	57	86%	+1	4
High Point	194	187	70%	-2	4
Jamestown	33	34	64%	0	4
Jonesboro	63	66	76%	0	3
Kernersville	52	51	77%	0	3
King	25	24	74%	+1	3
Lexington	55	50	55%	0	4
Liberty	21	21	70%	0	3
Madison/Mayodan	44	43	71%	0	4
Mocksville	66	66	69%	+2	4
Mount Airy	106	109	82%	+2	4
Oak Hollow	20	22	49%	+1	3
Pinehurst	24	29	80%	-1	4
Randolph	73	68	81%	-4	3
Reidsville	87	85	66%	0	3
Reynolda	124	123	69%	+2	3
Sandhills	46	47	82%	+1	4
Sanford	83	80	58%	0	4
San-Lee	28	30	91%	+1	4
Siler City	70	72	79%	0	3
S.G. New Gen.	25	24	70%	-2	3
Southern Pines	77	79	83%	0	4
Stoneville	17	17	75%	0	3
Stratford	144	141	61%	0	3
Summit	131	129	70%	0	3
Surry Sunrise	53	49	74%	0	4
Thomasville	84	87	88%	0	3
Triad	48	47	80%	+1	3
Troy	29	34	70%	+1	3
Walnut Cove	16	31	97%	+1	4
Willow Creek	21	20	82%	+1	3
Winston-Salem	256	258	47%	+2	4
Yadkinville	21	29	65%	0	4
Yanceyville	19	22	77%	0	4
DISTRICT	3374	3420	73%	+10	

Special Upcoming Events

http://www.rotary7690.org/7690web/7690_Calendar.htm