

The Piedmont Rotarian

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"Lend A Hand"

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

DEAR FELLOW ROTARIANS & FRIENDS,



Robert Newton

My recent activity has included preparation for Gold club Award recognition, and other discussions about recognition, prizes, and awards. It's always fun to contemplate being recognized, especially by one's peers. Then my attention was turned to the month of February in our Rotary world, and I recalled February being World Understanding Month. Not a moment too soon I thought, as I began to contemplate our current state

of affairs, and to appreciate how precious World Understanding really is. What a prize it would be if only we better understood those in the world who are different from us. Those who have had the opportunity to travel to other countries, or to host visitors from other countries, will no doubt recall as I do the value that comes as you begin to learn and then understand others. Much of what one learns is rich and rewarding, while at the same time one occasionally also learns that with which we do not agree. But we understand. It is not required that we agree.

All of this calls to mind the opportunities Rotary offers to actually do something to cultivate World Understanding. Rotary Is What Rotary Does, and today would be a good time to start by identifying a worthy recipient of an Ambassadorial or Cultural scholarship, and encouraging that person to apply. These persons contribute greatly to our ability to understand our world, as do World Peace Scholars. Others participate in Youth Exchange, and do the same. It's a bit late for this year, but next fall you could make a point of sharing the Youth Exchange opportunity with your high school students, and helping interested ones apply. A Group Study Exchange team will soon leave for Mexico, and we will welcome a visiting team here in April-May. Take time to meet these team members (they will be at District Conference April 22-25 in Asheville), to befriend them, and share with them the world understanding we each bring to the other. (Several of us contemplated in a recent meeting how much more we could do with TWO GSE teams each year rather than just one.)

Then of course there are projects of every type and kind to be undertaken in cooperation with clubs in other countries, and with the support of matching grants. Our web site will soon join others that already provide information on project opportunities. And what better way to promote World Understanding than to work along side a Rotarian from another country, knowing you share Rotary in common, and at the same time sharing the diversity that you each represent to the other. The time to start is now, especially for projects that may be the subject of matching grants for

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MEET US IN THE MOUNTAINS

This year's District Conference is approaching quickly, and I hope that you are making plans to Meet Us In The Mountains April 22-25 at the Renaissance Asheville Hotel. District Conference is the high point of each Rotary year for fun, fellowship and celebrating our clubs' many accomplishments. However, there will be a new feature at this year's conference - leadership training.

Senior Rotary club leaders have a responsibility to identify rising stars in their clubs and nurture their growth as leaders and as Rotarians. This new leadership training is designed to prepare those stars for future Rotary club and district leadership. Participants will learn how to move toward and excel in positions of leadership. Attendees will also interact with future leaders in other Rotary clubs. Proper training and relationships with Rotarians in other clubs are key elements in successful club and district leadership.

The leadership training will be held during the afternoon of Thursday, April 22, so no additional stay at District Conference is required. In fact, participants can handle their conference and hotel check in before the crowd arrives. Conference attendees can sign up for leadership training on the back of the conference registration form. I hope you will take advantage of this new opportunity to invest in your club's future by encouraging members of your club to attend District Conference and the leadership training. Your dividends will be clear when you see a Rotarian extend his/her passion for Rotary and develop the skills to put that passion into action.

-Patrick Eakes, Chm 2004 District Conference

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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FEBRUARY IS WORLD UNDERSTANDING MONTH

For more information concerning World Understanding Month, go to Rotary International's web page at www.rotary.org

**SPRING OUTING
TO THE ZOO
MARK YOUR
CALENDAR
FOR APRIL 3 AND
MAKE PLANS TO
ATTEND THE FIRST
DISTRICT FAMILY
OF ROTARY EVENT AT
THE NC ZOO. LOOK
FOR INFORMATION AND
REGISTRATION FORMS
IN MARCH.**

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next year. Those applications should be ready to go by July 15, 2004.

World Understanding is indeed a prize worth seeking, and we should all be a part of doing what we say we are about: "...the advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service."

Bob Newton



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

Brochures for the 2004 District Conference have been mailed to each Rotarian in District 7690. This year's conference will be held at the Renaissance Hotel in Asheville on April 22-25. Asheville is beautiful in the spring, and the conference will again provide a superb program and great fellowship opportunities. A registration form can be downloaded from the conference web site. Early registration deadline is February 23 and the final deadline is March 22. If you have questions, call Margaret Padgett at the district office, 336-885-7690. Make plans now to be there.

Rotary Youth Leadership

The Rotary Youth Leadership Program at Guilford College will be held July 18-24, 2004. The program, sponsored by the Greensboro Rotary Club, in cooperation with the Center for Creative Leadership in Greensboro, is in its twenty-first year. The program provides 54 selected high school juniors and seniors throughout Rotary District 7690 an opportunity to develop effective and responsible leadership skills.

The program will again be held on the Guilford College Campus, utilizing the College's dormitory, cafeteria and recreational facilities. David Clem of the Greensboro Rotary Club is Program Director. Staff leadership advisors are outstanding college students from North Carolina who previously participated in the program. In addition to the professional staff of the Center for Creative Leadership, other program staff will be representatives of the business and professional community. Prominent state and local leaders will visit and speak with participants and assist in self-assessment of career potentials and goals.

Each participant is nominated by his/her high school principal, reviewed by the local Rotary Club Selection Committee with final selection made by the Program's Executive Committee. Program participants will not be restricted by race, sex, religion or national origin.

Participants are sponsored by local Rotary Clubs for the entire cost of the program, including room and board. For nomination, a student must have shown leadership capability and maintained a "B" average in school. Interested rising juniors or seniors should contact their high school principals or local Rotary Club for information on the Program.

Ambassadorial Scholarship Applications for 2005-2006

It is time for each club to identify possible candidates for the ambassadorial, cultural and World Peace scholarships for 2005-2006. This is a great opportunity for clubs to find an eligible candidate for these prestigious scholarships. More information and applications can be found at www.rotary.org. Applications for ambassadorial scholarships are due to Mike Conrad, Scholarships Chairman for the District, by March 12, 2004; and applications for cultural scholarships are due by March 26, 2004. If you have questions, please call Mike Conrad at 336-768-1027 or e-mail him at mconrad@jdrf.org

AREA VII CLUB NEWS

Area VII consists of four clubs, Lexington, Mocksville, Thomasville and Willow Creek. Lexington, Thomasville and Willow Creek are located in Davidson County and Mocksville is located in Davie County.

LEXINGTON: Tuesday 12:15pm

YMCA

Chris Allred, President/Sue Hodgin, Sec.

MOCKSVILLE: Tuesday 12:15pm

Rotary Hall

Kyle Swicegood, President

Lending a hand is exactly what our club's mission is this year. Whether it is our Fall Raffle which raised over \$26,000 to give scholarships to deserving students, assisting Big Brother/Big Sisters, our dictionary project, or our favorite project Operation Smile, the Rotary Club of Mocksville is lending a hand. Not just to the local community but world wide.

The board of directors of the Rotary Club of Mocksville have made 100% status of the Paul Harris Fellow designation our goal for 2004. We believe this will be accomplished by springtime. Already we have accepted President Majiyabes' challenge of having "family of Rotary" events. We enjoyed a fall BBQ at the Triple J Farm in Mocksville where we enjoyed good food, wonderful fellowship and bluegrass entertainment.

This spring we will be kicking off a Junior High Drug Abuse Essay contest. Working with our school system and the Dare project, we plan to establish an opportunity to hear members of our school, at the junior high level, perform in an essay contest. Also in the month of February, our club will participate in a cultural awareness month. During this month we will focus on Rotary's efforts to promote peace among people who are from different cultures. We are planning a meeting where we will be inviting co-workers, friends and acquaintances of other nations and cultures.

This year is not unlike each Rotary year for this club... service above self.

THOMASVILLE: Wednesday 12:05pm

Woman's Club

Robert Black, President

Thomasville Rotary Club continues to "Lend A Hand" in our local community and throughout the world. To date we have had our Annual Rotary Outing - over 100 members and guests attended on Sept. 13, 2003. We announced our local community project "Project Purple Gran" at this event. This project was completed

in October, 2003 where over several weekends Rotarians and other volunteers helped make needed improvements to the home and yard of Marge "Grandma" Hammonds who has raised over forty children in need of a loving family throughout the years. On October 2, 2003 we became the 440th Paul Harris Fellow Club in the world.

We have donated over \$3600 to Thomasville Communities in Schools, \$3,000 to Cooperative Community Ministry, \$150 each to both local Boy Scout Troops, \$500 to Thomasville Skateboard Park Project, \$500 to YMCA Teen Program, \$1,000 to DCCC Continuing Education Scholarship Fund and contributed \$1,000 to Thomasville Times Newspapers in Education Program. Upcoming events include Feb. 7th Valentine Sweetheart Banquet, and May 8th Champagne and Diamonds Fundraiser to benefit Thomasville Community in Schools. Last year's event raised over \$3600. We will also raise monies to donate nine (\$1000) Scholarships to incoming college freshmen from our three local high schools.

WILLOW CREEK: Thursday, 7:15am

Margaret Padgett, President

The Rotary Club of Willow Creek has now celebrated one anniversary. The club has had several accomplishments and plans in the works for several other projects. The club has chartered a new Interact Club at Ledford Senior High, established a Student of the Month program, sponsored a Shadow Day program with Westchester Academy and is currently working on a student scholarship program. In keeping with the theme of "Lend A Hand" the Willow Creek Club sponsored a 5k Fun Run to raise funds to assist the Cooperative Community Ministries of Davidson County with providing food to those in need. Funds from this project also assisted a needy family at Christmas and the Fairgrove Family Resources. For a meeting in December, the club met for lunch and invited spouses and family members to join them. David Griffin, Jr, vice-president of D.H. Griffin Wrecking Company was the guest speaker and Heather Hamby, Miss Forsyth County 2003, provided the entertainment. Mr. Griffin shared his experiences of the 9-11 tragedy as his wrecking company was in charge of cleaning up the disaster in New York. The club has held several events in which spouses and family members have been invited to participate. In the spring the club will co-sponsor a golf tournament as a fund raiser to provide funds for upcoming projects. Membership growth is the current emphasis of the club.

Attendance for December, 2003

CLUBS	MEMBERS AS OF 6/30/03	CURRENT MEMBERS	MONTHLY% ATTENDANCE	MO. NET GAIN/LOSS	MONTHLY MEETINGS
Alamance	50	47	52%	-2	3
*Alamance Bkft	27	26	76%	-1	2
Archdale/Trinity	25	29	78%	-2	3
*Asheboro	117	120	72%	0	3
Burlington	37	35	70%	0	3
Carthage	22	22	55%	+1	3
*Clemmons	121	126	82%	-1	3
*Crescent	129	132	66%	0	3
East Greensboro	15	12	53%	0	3
Eden	57	57	73%	-1	4
Elkin-Jonesville	44	44	76%	-1	4
*Furnitureland	58	61	74%	0	4
Gate City	52	51	86%	0	3
Graham	43	41	71%	0	2
*Greensboro	337	330	62%	-8	3
Gboro Arpt	35	38	83%	0	4
*Guilford	56	58	81%	+1	3
High Point	194	186	72%	-1	3
Jamestown	33	34	81%	-2	3
*Jonesboro	63	66	70%	0	3
*Kernersville	52	48	78%	-3	4
King	25	26	78%	+2	2
Lexington	55	50	52%	0	3
*Liberty	21	21	79%	0	3
Madison/Mayodan	44	44	69%	0	4
Mocksville	66	66	65%	0	4
Mount Airy	106	110	82%	+1	4
Oak Hollow	20	21	48%	-1	2
*Pinehurst	24	29	81%	-1	3
*Randolph	73	68	67%	0	3
Reidsville	87	78	78%	0	3
Reynolda	124	123	60%	0	3
Sandhills	46	47	73%	0	3
Sanford	83	80	58%	0	3
San-Lee	28	30	100%	0	5
Siler City	70	72	75%	0	4
S.G. New Gen.	25	23	70%	-1	3
Southern Pines	77	79	87%	0	3
*Stoneville	17	17	79%	0	2
Stratford	144	141	59%	0	2
*Summit	131	131	72%	+2	3
Surry Sunrise	53	46	68%	0	5
*Thomasville	84	87	88%	0	3
*Triad	48	44	67%	-3	3
*Troy	29	34	78%	0	3
Walnut Cove	16	31	60%	0	2
Willow Creek	21	19	81%	-1	3
Winston-Salem	256	258	55%	0	2
*Yadkinville	21	20	65%	0	4
Yanceyville	19	22	67%	0	3
DISTRICT	3374	3380	73%	-22	

*100% Paul Harris Fellow Club

Special Upcoming Events www.rotary7690.org/Reports/7690_Calendar.htm