

# The Piedmont Rotarian

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

*"Lend A Hand"*

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

## DEAR FELLOW ROTARIANS & FRIENDS,



Robert Newton

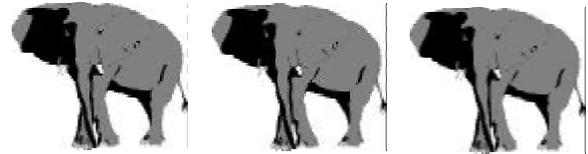
Dear Rotary Friends and Friends of Rotary, I called yesterday to check on the theme for March, because I couldn't remember one. Turns out there isn't one. The good news: my memory isn't as bad as it is often reputed to be. The bad news (for me at least): there is not an "automatic" topic for my column. Perhaps that is just as well, since in March we begin in earnest the process of transition to a new year, and it is an opportune time to

reflect on where we have come from, and where we are going. Where indeed have we come from? I wish I knew. It's not that it is a mystery, although we could always use more publicity about what Rotary does. Rather, it is more a matter of keeping up with all that is actually going on. I try hard to read newsletters as they come in, and note the good work going on in club after club. My problem is that sometimes I get behind, and am forced to skip reading all that would be of interest to me. But now is the time to collect our thoughts about accomplishments for the year, and to document them in the form of the Presidential Citation and Gold Club Award reports. In addition, clubs will want to post their service projects on the web site in order to share this information with others, and as the way to enter projects in our competition for the best in the District this year. Special thanks to Phil Morris for his ongoing commitment to our district communications agenda, and in particular the web site and all that it offers us. Don't forget the deadlines. The As OF date for Presidential Citation and Gold Club is **March 31**, and the reports need to be to me by **April 10**. March (not April) is the month to resolve any questions you might have, so let me hear from you!!

DISTRICT CONFERENCE will be the event at which we celebrate all that has been accomplished. Registration materials have been mailed to everyone, and are also on the web site. Asheville, NC; April 22-25. MEET US IN THE MOUNTAINS.

And then there is the coming year. We welcome Don and Pat back home from International Assembly, and look forward to plans for the coming year. Don't forget our DISTRICT ASSEMBLY, scheduled for May 13, 2004 on the campus of Guilford Tech. Incoming officers in particular should have this important meeting on the calendar. Then on June 17, 2004 plan to join together at the Pinewood CC in Asheboro for the installation of Don Allred as our Centennial District Governor, along with First Lady Pat and Don's leadership team.

*Sincerely,* Bob Newton



## FAMILY OF ROTARY DAY AT THE NC ZOO

Join in the fun of the first District 7690 Family of Rotary Day at the NC Zoo April 3rd from 9:00 to 5:00. Bring the whole family and enjoy a wonderful time at the zoo. Registration begins at 8:30 am at the North America Entrance where you will pick up your tickets for the zoo and for a picnic lunch at the Oak Hill Picnic Area near the Africa Entrance. All participants must pre-register so your tickets will be ready for you at the registration table.

Once you have your tickets, enjoy seeing the Rocky Exhibit featuring polar bears, seals, sea lions, sea birds, and Arctic foxes and the Cypress Swamp with alligators, cougars, turtles and water fowl. Don't miss the zoo's newest simulated ride "Days of Thunder" on exclusive loan to celebrate the opening of the Petty's Victory Junction Gang Camp for severely ill children. Then it is on to Streamside, Black Bear, Prairie, Red Wolf, Grizzly Bear, and the Sonora Desert.

When you reach Africa, be sure to stop for a picnic lunch between 11:30-1:00 and visit with DG Bob Newton and fellow Rotarians and their families. Then it's on to Africa with the new Kitera Forest featuring the zoo's troop of chimpanzees as well as elephants, rhinos, gorillas, giraffes, zebras, a variety of antelope, monkeys, lions, and the beautiful Aviary filled with tropical birds.

**SEND IN YOUR REGISTRATION TODAY.**  
**Prices are \$12 for adults and \$10 for children.**  
**Price includes a picnic lunch.**  
**SEE YOU AT THE ZOO.**

## CALL FOR DISTRICT GOVERNOR CANDIDATES

Any club wishing to submit a candidate for District Governor for 2006-2007 Rotary year must submit his or her name with complete qualifications NO LATER than April 30, 2004.

Forms will be mailed to club presidents. The chairman of the Nominating Committee is PDG Jack Green. The completed forms should be mailed to the Rotary District Office, 114 Willoughby Park, High Point, 27265 and must be received by April 30, 2004.

## GOLD CLUB AWARD

The forms for this award can be found at [www.rotary7690.org](http://www.rotary7690.org) and click the link to "Forms and Reports" in the lower left corner of the web page. The form should be mailed to District Governor Bob Newton, 1 Gwyn Lane, Greensboro, NC 27403

## 2003-2004 Presidential Citation Certification

The form for this award can also be found at the same web site above. The completed citation should also be mailed to District Governor Bob Newton. Deadline for submission of this form is April 10, 2004.

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

This year's District Conference in Asheville is just around the corner, and now is the time to make your reservations for an exciting opportunity for fun and fellowship with other Rotarians from District 7690.

Club members who have attended District Conferences in the past are asked to encourage newer members of your clubs to attend.

It is at Conference that new members see a broader picture of what Rotary is all about in their community, district, and the world.

At this year's conference, these members also have an opportunity to enhance their leadership skills with the addition of the leadership training session on Thursday, April 22nd.

Please remember that the deadline for registration is March 22, so make every effort to have your club well represented.

**Meet us in the Mountains.**

## Rotary Is What Rotary Does

*Building Friendships and Bridging Oceans-  
From the Rotary Club of The Sandhills*

Around last Thanksgiving, Pres Sal received a phone call from a Rotarian in Bangor, Northern Ireland named Jim Mitchell. Jim was assisting a friend, Carol, attempting to find her father, Albert, a former native of Moore County. Carol's mother left for Ireland in 1947 taking Carol with her, never to return. Armed with a few clues of information, the local phonebook, and some dedicated phone-calling effort, Pres Sal was able to locate the brother AND sister of Carol's father in Southern Pines. Overcoming reluctance to get involved in a family affair, Pres Sal briefly contacted them. All misgivings of possibly meddling disappeared when Albert himself contacted Pres Sal from his home in South Carolina and remarked, "I have been praying for 55 years for this call. You cannot know how much I have wanted to find my daughter." With a few more phone calls and e-mails, Albert and Carol had each other's phone numbers in hand and were reunited two days before Christmas. By Christmas, Albert and Carol had both called Pres Sal for his efforts to bridge the 55 year separation.

*But the story doesn't end here.*

Nearly two months after receiving the first phone call from a fellow Rotarian in Northern Ireland, Carol along with Albert and his wife Doris came to Moore County to share their reunion with Pres Sal and Marlene.

*But the story doesn't end here.*

Since that first phone call, Pres Sal and Rotarian Jim have struck up quite a friendship. In fact, their friendship holds promise as being the foundation for an informal friendship between the Sandhills Rotary Club and the Bangor Club of Northern Ireland, bridging a gap as wide as an ocean with Rotary friendships. Last year, PDG Henry Brown had a message for us - the Power of One. This year RI Pres Majiyagbe has asked us to Lend A Hand. One more ocean bridged by One Lending A Hand. *And the story continues to be written.*

## Osaka - 2004 Rotary International Convention

You need to send your requests for registration and room reservations immediately if you plan to attend the 2004 R.I. Annual Convention in Osaka. A very large attendance is expected and every indication of an outstanding and exciting convention will be held May 23-26, 2004 in a beautiful Japanese setting. There is no better way to get a fuller appreciation of what Rotary means to the world than through attending an International Convention.

In every Rotarian magazine, there are several reputable tour groups offering pre-convention and/or post-convention tours as well as special airfare for the convention dates only. If I can assist you or your club in any way regarding the Osaka Convention please contact me. - **Bob Rankin, RI Conv. Dist. Chair (336) 605-5771**

## GOLD CLUB REPORTING

At long last, here is the form for your use in reporting the achievement and accomplishments of your club in our Gold Club Award competition. The form is a bit longer than the original, which showed only the point values. The form asks you for some detail to support the point claimed/awarded, and will minimize the followup required following submission of the form. Thus, we can set the deadline for submission as late as possible, this year the report is due to me by April 10, and the AS OF date of the report is March 31.

Please note two changes in point value. Benefactors were 1 point each, but will in fact be scored at 5 points each. Bequest Society members were 5 points each, but will be scored at 10 points each, plus 5 points for each \$1000 pledged toward the Bequest Society total of \$10,000 that has not been previously recognized. Example: A Rotarian that became a benefactor in a prior year with a \$1000 pledge, who now steps up to the Bequest Society level would qualify for 10 points as a Bequest Society member, PLUS 5 points for each of the additional 9 \$1000 pledges required to get from Benefactor to Bequest Society. Similarly, clubs seeking to become 100% Benefactor clubs will have their efforts more generously rewarded with 5 points for each new Benefactor instead of just 1.

Questions have been raised about the time frame within which activities qualify for Gold Club points. With regard to projects, I have suggested you include any project completed during the year, or any that are substantially underway and are expected to be completed by the end of June. Obviously you should not claim credit this year for a project that was also claimed last year, unless it is a recurring project that is repeated year after year. With regard to fund raising and/or Foundation contributions, I will consider either or both in terms of what has already been done as of March 30, AND what you are committed to do by the end of the year. This is a slippery slope, since what you intend to do and what actually gets done could be two different things. On the other hand, many clubs don't do their fund raising until the last quarter of the year. There is no easy answer - what I have suggested above is my effort to give each club as much opportunity as possible to do its best, and to be recognized accordingly.

**I urge you to review this reporting form with the leadership of your club soon, within the next 6 weeks at the latest.**

Contact me immediately if you have any questions. Do not wait to resolve concerns or questions - if you wait until you submit the form in early April, it may be too late. Reviewing the form with the President-Elect is a good way for that person to observe the strengths of and opportunities for the club, and take these into account as he or she plans for next year.

- DG Bob Newton

## POLIO ERADICATION UPDATE

JANUARY 31, 2004

The numbers we see here are per RI. Our District Goal is \$360,000. Individually, our clubs have pledged \$323,746. RI has received from District 7690 \$325,128. This indicates an outstanding effort on the part of most of our clubs. We have exceeded our pledge by \$1,382; however, there is \$62,980 pledged by 20 clubs that, as yet, is unpaid. We know that some clubs intend to spread their balance of payments over the remainder of this and next Rotary year, and that is okay. We can look forward to these payments taking our district over our goal.

Please remember that the \$111 million announced by RI is the total pledged. Pledges must be honored in order to have the necessary funds to eliminate polio in our time. TIME MAGAZINE noted in the "Numbers" column of their January 26 issue:

350,000 cases of polio worldwide in 1988

667 cases of polio worldwide in 2003

250 million children must be vaccinated three times this year before the disease can be eradicated in the six countries where it still occurs.

While wide spread participation is the way to bring the totals up, the really hard work was done by the 22 clubs who have met or exceeded our District Goal of \$100 per member. This is why, in totals, we look as good as we do. These big guns were:

Pinehurst	\$362.	Clemmons	\$118.
Troy	\$243.	Mocksville	\$113.
Thomasville	\$202.	Randolph	\$108.
High Point	\$171.	Jamestown	\$106.
Jonesboro	\$166.	Guilford	\$102.
So. Pines	\$165.	Reynold	\$101.
Stratford	\$135.	Liberty	\$100.
Sanford	\$134.	Yadkinville	\$100.
Gate City	\$133.		
Graham	\$131.		
Furnitureland	\$129.		
Sandhills	\$126.		
Summit	\$121.		
Surry Sunrise	\$120.		

-Ned Poyser, PDG  
Chm. Polio Eradication



# Attendance for January, 2004

CLUBS	MEMBERS AS OF 6/30/03	CURRENT MEMBERS	MONTHLY% ATTENDANCE	MO. NET GAIN/LOSS	MONTHLY MEETINGS
Alamance	50	46	59%	-1	4
*Alamance Bkft	27	25	88%	0	3
Archdale/Trinity	25	27	77%	0	4
*Asheboro	117	118	80%	+1	4
Burlington	37	30	77%	-5	3
Carthage	22	21	62%	-1	4
*Clemmons	121	125	67%	-1	4
*Crescent	129	126	72%	0	2
East Greensboro	15	12	62%	0	4
Eden	57	57	73%	0	3
Elkin-Jonesville	44	44	77%	0	3
*Furnitureland	58	61	74%	0	3
Gate City	52	51	82%	0	3
Graham	43	41	71%	0	3
*Greensboro	337	330	60%	-9	4
Gboro Arpt	35	39	83%	+1	3
*Guilford	56	59	89%	+1	4
High Point	194	181	74%	-5	4
Jamestown	33	30	87%	-2	2
*Jonesboro	63	65	84%	-1	4
*Kernersville	52	47	84%	-1	3
King	25	26	83%	0	3
Lexington	55	50	59%	0	3
*Liberty	21	21	69%	0	4
Madison/Mayodan	44	44	83%	0	4
Mocksville	66	65	74%	-1	4
Mount Airy	106	110	81%	0	4
Oak Hollow	20	21	57%	0	3
*Pinehurst	24	31	85%	+2	3
*Randolph	73	75	89%	+7	4
Reidsville	87	83	63%	+5	3
Reynolda	124	119	73%	-4	4
Sandhills	46	48	78%	0	3
Sanford	83	80	64%	0	3
San-Lee	28	30	98%	0	3
Siler City	70	70	77%	-1	2
S.G. New Gen.	25	23	70%	0	4
Southern Pines	77	80	80%	+1	5
*Stoneville	17	16	88%	-1	4
Stratford	144	138	73%	-2	3
*Summit	131	128	70%	-4	4
Surry Sunrise	53	44	75%	+6	3
*Thomasville	84	79	83%	-2	4
*Triad	48	44	66%	0	3
*Troy	29	33	71%	-1	4
Walnut Cove	16	24	86%	+1	4
Willow Creek	21	20	88%	0	3
Winston-Salem	256	256	47%	-2	4
*Yadkinville	21	20	65%	0	3
Yanceyville	19	23	74%	0	3
<b>DISTRICT</b>	<b>3374</b>	<b>3336</b>	<b>75%</b>	<b>-11</b>	

\*100% Paul Harris Fellow Club

**Special Upcoming Events** [www.rotary7690.org/7690web/7690\\_Calendar.htm](http://www.rotary7690.org/7690web/7690_Calendar.htm)