

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

Quickly, before you read on. If you are not signed up for the Family of Rotary Day at the Zoo, we need to hear from you. Go to the web site (www.rotary7690.org) and click on the What's Rotary Doing? button in the upper left corner. All the information is there.

Now, go back to the home page of our web site and click on the Meet Us In The Mountains block in the center of the page.

That will take you to the web site where you will find all the information about our upcoming **District Conference** April 22-25 in beautiful Asheville, NC. Some clubs have yet to register anyone, while others have only a few registered and should have many more. Every club needs to be represented, and someone designated to carry the club banner in the opening ceremony. Those missing will be conspicuous by their absence, so please register now. The Rotary learning, celebration, fun and fellowship will be well worth it.

OK, now for other matters, April is Rotary Magazine month. Frankly, I'm not sure what that means to us as individuals. At a minimum however, it calls to mind the very fine Rotary magazine published monthly and received by each of us. News of Rotary around the world is reported along with other information of interest to all Rotarians in whatever avenue of service one might be engaged. As important, it offers OPPORTUNITY for you to share the success of your special project or activity with the rest of the Rotary world, by writing your story and submitting it for publication. Take your best project of the year, and in addition to reporting it on our Project registry (see the web site), write your story to share with others. Jean Davison could be called upon for help if needed. See the District Directory for Jean's contact info.

I mentioned District Conference, and I urge you to register now and plan to attend. We will have a grand time. Beyond that, I am reminded that District Conference marks the autumn of our Rotary year, and we increasingly turn our attention following District Conference to our plans for the coming year. Led by incoming District Governor Don Allred, we have much to which we can look forward, *and we need to, starting soon*. PETS is over, and planning for next year should be well underway. The key to success I have seen over and over again this last year has been planning, and if it isn't done between now and June, chances of a successful year are diminished greatly. I fear that many of our clubs will not meet the Presidential Citation criteria this year, not because they are incapable, but only because they did not plan well, and time and opportunity slipped away. I hope I am wrong, but if not, let this year be a lesson for us all in the years to come: Planning is paramount, and failing to plan is planning to fail.



District 7690 Welcomes Barbara Finley As President's Rep to the 2004 District Conference

Barbara has been the Executive Director of the Fordyce Chamber of Commerce since 1989. She is a member of the Arkansas Chamber of Commerce Executives and is a graduate of the Community Development Institute at the University of Central Arkansas.

She is a member of the Committee of 100 for the Ozark Folk Center in Arkansas, a group for the preservation of the Ozark folk culture and has served as its chair two terms. Barbara is one of the co-founders of the Dallas County Museum and serves on the Museum Board. She is a graduate of LeadAR, a Leadership Program of the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville, and as a result spent 16 days on an International Study Tour of both North and South Vietnam in 2001. Currently, she is the President of the Fordyce Scholarship Association, one of the largest private scholarship foundations in the state and is the Treasurer of the Fordyce Area United Way. She serves on the Board of Arkansas' South Tourism Region and was named the 2002 Tourism Person of the Year for Dallas County. She is the recipient of the Teamwork Arkansas Alton K. Bush Leadership Award for 1997, an award given annually to an Arkansan exhibiting outstanding leadership abilities. Barbara is a member of the Arkansas Women's Forum and the International Women's Forum.

She has been involved in the writing of grants that started the 911 Emergency Response System in Dallas County, and most recently, a grant to purchase and remodel a historic building in Fordyce to provide incubator office space for new business start-ups.

Barbara joined the Fordyce Rotary Club in 1991 as its first female member and served as its first female President. She is a Paul Harris Fellow and a Benefactor. In District 6170, she chaired the Ambassadorial Scholarship Committee for five years, has served as Assistant Governor and as District Governor.

She and husband Joe are the parents of four adult children, Brian, Allison, Jonathan and Tyler, and spouses Greg, Courtney and Kristi. They are proud grandparents of Alex, Grace and Caroline. A member of the First Baptist Church in Fordyce, she has taught youth and adult Sunday School, Youth Handbells, Children's Choir and currently sings in the Adult Choir.

2004 Rotary
International
Convention
Osaka, Japan
May 23-26,
2004

Most of you who are attending the 2004 RI Convention in Osaka have made your plans and are looking forward to an exciting trip.

However, if you find yourself at this date able to attend it is not too late, but you must

act promptly.

Rotary is very prominent in Japan and throughout Asia so this will certainly be a well-attended convention.

I will be pleased to assist you any way I can if you will contact me at 336-605-5771.

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RI Convention District Chair

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INTERACT/ ROTARACT

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Advisor Western Guilford Interact Club

The Interact Club participated in an all day work day at the Victory Junction Gang camp on March 6, beginning at 9:00 am and ending at 3:00 pm. The camp for chronically and terminally ill children was started by Kyle and Patti Petty in memory of their son Adam. It provides a variety of fun activities for children who cannot afford to go to camp. Arielle Dawkins, Kelli Anderson, Michael Hayes, Tom Polese, Ashley Strevia, Chastity Slaughter, Austin Claytor, Andera Glenn, Jaime Lester, and club sponsor Jennifer Wall were among the attendees, along with students from Northwest, Greensboro College, UNC-G, and Elon.

Plans were altered a little as the morning brought rain. Everyone was able to clean out the huge garage full of donated items and furniture. Trash bags were stuffed with blankets and teddy bears. Donated items were organized and shelved. Boxes were broken down and thrown away. Assembly lines were formed to facilitate the process.

After a much needed lunch break, the group was divided as some students remained in the garage to complete the tasks at hand, while others went to the camp to begin planting trees. Twenty-five Penoaks and Birches were planted in massive mounds of mud, which made the tasks more difficult. Some groups encountered large chunks of unbreakable clay and rocks while others found only mud. After a long day of hard work and dedication, standing back and admiring the beautiful trees made all of the work worthwhile. A tour of the facilities concluded the visit and left many students desiring to return for the Grand Opening in June. I was extremely impressed and in awe at the comradery and cooperation of our students. It was such a joy to see everyone working together with such positive attitudes. I am proud of those who participated, and look forward to returning to see the fruits of our labor pay off.

Rotary Against Drugs Speech Contest Held

Fifteen high school students spoke for 6 minutes on the subject: **What Must Be Done To Prevent Drug and Alcohol Abuse in the U.S.?** in the RAD (Rotary Against Drugs) speech contest held March 13th at the Koury Hospitality Career Center on the campus of GTCC.

The contest is sponsored by Rotary Clubs in District 7690. All students who participated had placed either first or second in their individual school contests throughout the district. Awareness to the growing problem of drug and alcohol abuse is the main purpose of the speech contest that is held annually by Rotary International. Clubs participating in this year's Rotary District 7690 RAD Contest include: High Point, Mount Airy, Surry Sunrise, Greensboro Airport, Summit, Randolph, Triad, and Guilford Rotary Clubs.

Local students competed for one of three places to advance to the Multi-district RAD Speech Contest in Chapel Hill March 21st. They were: Latimer Alexander- Wesleyan Christian Academy, Trava Carter-T.Wingate Andrews, Candace Icenhour and Sada Spangle-Westchester Academy. Area students participating include: Katie Parker-Mount Airy, Jessi Kemp-North Surry, Rana Patterson-Northeast, Stephanie Schumaker-Northwest, Jessica McLean-Eastern Randolph, Brittany Gladden-Asheboro, Lindsay Wood-Southwestern Randolph, Jennifer Hardin-Faith Christian, Brooke McIntosh-Eastern Randolph, Camden Jones-Randleman, and Josh Summers-Western Guilford.

The winners were: Treva Carter, sponsored by the High Point Rotary Club, 2nd place: Camden Jones, sponsored by the Randolph Rotary Club, 3rd place: Latimer Alexander, sponsored by the Triad Rotary Club. 1st alternate: Jessi Kemp, sponsored by Surry Sunrise, 2nd alternate: Candace Icenhour, sponsored by High Point Rotary.

Certificates of participation were awarded all speakers. The top three winners received cash awards and an autographed book written by Nido Qubein, noted motivational speaker from High Point with the opportunity to win additional cash awards in Chapel Hill.



AREA IX CLUB NEWS

CARTHAGE

Charlotte Vetter, President

The Carthage Club luncheons are the big news around town! They are currently being catered by the Culinary Arts Students from Pinkney Academy, the Moore Co Vocational Training High School Program. These kids are treating us to delicious lunches, at the same time learning the catering business in a “real world” application. If you’re in town, stop by for a treat! Our Scholarship Golf Tournament and Food Drive behind us, and despite several “snow days”, we held our annual Pancake Supper in February, a family event enjoyed by all. We recently selected our Rotary Youth Leadership Camp candidate, and are looking forward to seeing everyone at the Zoo in April. Our last big project for the year will be the Annual Fourth of July Parade which our Club sponsors each year.

PINEHURST

Sherwood Blackwood, President

This year the Pinehurst Club accepted the challenge and participated in Rotary International’s Pilot Program to change the Club’s internal committee structure. The committees have been changed to Public Relations, Administration, Service, Membership and International, and we added the Family of Rotary.

This new structure has been beneficial to our club. The Membership Committee dealt with dwindling membership by focusing on growing and nurturing our membership. Our club retained all, but one of our initial members and added eight new members, with three prospects under consideration.

Administration met our internal needs and kept me in line! Public Relations focused on promoting our club in the community and started a club scrap book. Service and International speak for themselves. These committees have continued our Little Hearts in Nicaragua Project, our Business and Ethics dinner and our scholarships to local Interact kids at Sandhills Community College. Family of Rotary planned four club outings this year that encourage members to bring their spouse and kids, all of which were enjoyed by members and their families. These events brought our Rotary members much closer as a unit and will go along way to membership retention.

This new structure has allowed our club to grow, in both members and successes. We look forward to a second year in this pilot and reporting back to Rotary International. Who knows, this may result in changes for all clubs in the years to come.

www.pinehurstrotaryclub.org

SANDHILLS

Sal Picard, President

The Sandhills Club focus this year has been on education and community support. The Club sponsored the formation of the first Rotaract Club in Area IX, at the Sandhills Community College. At the Rotaract Charter Night, DG Robert Newton, DGE Don Allred, DGN Phil Morris, and PDG Henry Brown and their wives were in attendance along the 18 Charter Members of the Rotaract Club.

The Club has participated in the Dictionary Project for the Moore County School System, purchasing and distributing 260 dictionaries to third grade class students at four different elementary schools in Moore County. The Club is sponsoring a Golf Marathon. The goal is to raise \$20,000 for six scholarships at the Sandhills Community College for Moore County High School students, two scholarships for SCC students going on to a four year program, and a contribution to the RI Annual Fund for Cultural, Ambassadorial and Peace Scholarships.

In support of Community Projects, the Club has been a sponsor of the Sandhills/Moore County Coalition for Human Care, donating funds and food to assist the Coalition in providing assistance to the citizens of Moore County, as well as providing a significant amount of food, clothing and other supplies to the Hispanic community of Robbins, NC. And recently, the Club made a donation to the Moore Free Care Clinic.

The Club has provided over \$3,000 support to Past President Robert Hayter and his wife, Jackie who are participating in the Kyle Petty Ride Across America to raise money for the Victory Junction Gang Camp for terminally ill children in Randleman, NC.

SOUTHERN PINES

Otto Lange, President

Southern Pines Club completed its Literacy project by giving out dictionaries to third graders in three schools in Moore County and next year want to reach all third graders in Moore County. Southern Pines also were able to get the Sandhills, Pinehurst and Carthage Clubs involved a great joint venture! Bell Ringing for Salvation Army rose over \$6,400 in just one week. The Adopt A Highway project in conjunction with their Interact Club at Pinecrest High School continues to be a highlight by taking the kids to Golden Corral for breakfast after the clean up. At Spring Fest the Club along with Interact will have a booth that highlights Rotary and it will be a fundraiser for Interact. The Club was active in bingo for the elderly and Thanksgiving meals for those in need. We provided speakers for the Junior Achievement program and our Charity Box provided monies for twelve charities in Moore County. We just finished our Shadow Day program in which over twenty-five students participated. The Club continues to be a partner in Little Hearts in Nicaragua and supports projects for an orphanage in Honduras.

Attendance for February, 2004

CLUBS	MEMBERS AS OF 6/30/03	CURRENT MEMBERS	MONTHLY% ATTENDANCE	MO. NET GAIN/LOSS	MONTHLY MEETINGS
Alamance	50	47	68%	0	4
*Alamance Bkft	27	25	87%	0	3
Archdale/Trinity	25	31	78%	0	4
*Asheboro	117	120	82%	+2	3
Burlington	37	29	67%	-1	3
Carthage	22	20	68%	0	3
*Clemmons	121	128	78%	+3	4
*Crescent	129	126	67%	0	4
East Greensboro	15	12	69%	0	4
Eden	57	57	73%	0	4
Elkin-Jonesville	44	44	76%	0	4
*Furnitureland	58	63	86%	+2	4
Gate City	52	53	85%	+3	4
Graham	43	39	77%	-2	3
*Greensboro	337	330	57%	0	4
Gboro Arpt	35	38	68%	-1	4
*Guilford	56	59	88%	0	4
High Point	194	182	78%	+1	4
Jamestown	33	30	87%	0	4
*Jonesboro	63	66	81%	0	3
*Kernersville	52	48	84%	0	4
King	25	27	67%	+1	4
Lexington	55	50	41%	0	4
*Liberty	21	21	75%	0	3
Madison/Mayodan	44	44	77%	0	4
Mocksville	66	62	73%	-4	4
Mount Airy	106	110	70%	0	4
Oak Hollow	20	21	30%	0	2
*Pinehurst	24	31	87%	0	4
*Randolph	73	77	88%	+2	4
Reidsville	87	83	75%	0	2
Reynolda	124	120	66%	+1	4
Sandhills	46	48	79%	0	4
Sanford	83	84	70%	0	3
San-Lee	28	28	92%	0	4
Siler City	70	70	72%	0	4
S.G. New Gen.	25	24	70%	+1	3
Southern Pines	77	81	74%	0	4
*Stoneville	17	16	78%	0	3
Stratford	144	143	62%	+5	4
*Summit	131	127	82%	-1	3
Surry Sunrise	53	44	74%	0	4
*Thomasville	84	85	61%	0	4
*Triad	48	44	71%	0	4
*Troy	29	33	73%	0	3
Walnut Cove	16	24	86%	0	4
Willow Creek	21	20	88%	0	3
Winston-Salem	256	260	54%	+4	5
*Yadkinville	21	21	77%	+1	2
Yanceyville	19	23	78%	0	4
DISTRICT	3374	3367	74%	+17	

*100% Paul Harris Fellow Club

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