

# The Piedmont Rotarian

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

*"Lend A Hand"*

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

## **DEAR FELLOW ROTARIANS & FRIENDS,**



Robert Newton

Ten months down - two to go in this Rotary year. People increasingly stop me and ask if it's downhill from here. I respond that there is light at the end of the tunnel, but I can't see it yet. There are still many opportunities for service in this year, never mind what we have already done, or what we can accomplish next year as we Celebrate Rotary.

I have recently completed my review of the Presidential Citation and Gold Club forms submitted by our clubs. Twenty-eight clubs reported - twenty-two did not. I suppose for the most part the 28 that did report are our more active clubs, but then I received a very good report from the Southern Guilford New Generations club, barely a year old, while others in the district with much more experience and longevity were silent. Go figure.

The reports indicate a wide variety of activities, punctuated by home runs of one sort or another: Reynolda's Cook Elementary School Centennial Project, Jonesboro's attendance at the Zoo outing, several more clubs reaching 100% PHF status, and at least one each reaching 100% Sustaining PHF and Benefactor status. These coupled with the wide variety of other projects and activities reported confirms in my mind the multitude of service opportunities that need only hearts open to the opportunity itself, willing hands, and maybe a few bucks. So despite all the good work that has been done, and that we celebrate this year as our District Conference comes and goes, there is far more that still remains for us to embrace, if only we will.

Many of you have read The Tipping Point. Many of us have experienced a tipping point; something that made real for us the value and great personal satisfaction that comes with service to others. I've had several: the orphanage in Calarusi, Moldova; a ten year old named Rita on the streets of Guanajuato, Mexico; a neighborhood leader named Marie in Eastside Park, Greensboro NC. In a recent conversation during our reception of the inbound GSE team, mention was made of an interest in compiling these stories, and sharing them with others as a way of encouraging ongoing and expanded participation in the work of Rotary by Rotarians. I thought it was a great idea - a written version of our motto for the year: Rotary Is What Rotary Does. Any volunteers? As we look ahead, please note the date for our District Assembly - Thursday, May 13, at GTCC. DGE Don Allred has a great new format for our meeting that will allow club

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**Calling All Clubs  
Presidents-Elect, Club Secretaries  
and  
Directors and Committee Chairmen  
Plan To Attend The  
DISTRICT ASSEMBLY  
May 13, 2004  
GTCC, Jamestown Campus  
Applied Technology Center  
For a Day of Rotary Information And  
Planning For The Upcoming Rotary Year**

**Registration 8:15 am  
Plenary Session 9:00 - 9:30 am  
Breakout Sessions 9:35-12:55 am**

**Each district area will receive  
information on:  
Club Administration  
Services  
Youth  
Membership  
Rotary Foundation**

**Lunch 1:00 pm**

**Cost \$25 per person  
(includes lunch)**

Each president-elect has received  
registration materials.

If you have questions, please  
call the Rotary District Office at  
336-885-7690.

## Contributions to the Rotary Foundation

Contributions  
should be made

**NO LATER  
than June 15,  
2004**

in order to  
get proper  
credit for  
2003-2004  
Rotary year.  
Remember,  
the district  
goal is \$100  
per Rotarian  
to the  
annual fund.

Please make  
your  
donations  
on time.

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representatives to stay together as a team but still have the benefit of working with others, and participating in discussion sessions on a wide variety of timely topics. Not to be missed if you are part of the leadership team for your club in the coming year. Doors will open at 8. The program starts at 9.

I hope you were at District Conference, and enjoyed the programs, the fellowship, and the fun. Many thanks to Patrick Eakes and his great crew: Weezie, John, Mitzi, Dave, Phil and many others whose service made this event possible and successful for us all.

### Congratulations to Gate City and Mount Airy Clubs

The Rotary Club of Gate City and the Rotary Club of Mount Airy are to be congratulated for achieving the status of 100% Paul Harris Fellow Club. Gate City is the 469th club to gain this recognition, and Mount Airy is the 476th club. Rotary District 7690 now has 20 clubs that have achieved this high accomplishment.

### A New Goal Achieved

All of the members of the Rotary Club of Crescent have committed to the Rotary Benefactor program. Though this 100% member participation is not currently recognized by Rotary International, this is a great accomplishment for any club. Crescent is a 100% Paul Harris Fellow Club, and now has the distinction of a 100% Rotary Benefactor club. Congratulations to the members of the Crescent Rotary Club.

## Letter of Appreciation

Distinguished Rotarians:

Over the past two months I have spent a substantial amount of time contemplating the January orientation as well as Rotary International. I would like to take a moment to express my thoughts.

First and foremost, I am overwhelmed and thankful for your generosity. Each of you has given a substantial amount of your time in service of others, whether it was in Burlington at our Scholarship orientation or as a service volunteer in impoverished areas of our world. This gift does not go unnoticed or unappreciated.

Aside from your time, you have each demonstrated your generosity financially. The sheer number of scholarships awarded reveals that Rotarians believe in this program and as a result dig deep when it is time to make contributions to the Rotary Foundation.

So, in closing I would like to take a moment to thank you for the opportunity you have given me to be an ambassador for Rotary as well as for our nation. I promise that I will try to take this opportunity and use it as a means to better our world while representing Rotary International.

Sincerely,  
Leigh Anne T. Shore  
Rotary Scholar, District 7690  
Sponsored by the Yadkinville  
Rotary club



# AREA VIII CLUB NEWS

Area 8 consists of four clubs, Asheboro, Liberty, Randolph and Troy.  
The assistant governor for Area 8 is Charles Allen. Charles is past president of the Rotary Club of Randolph.

## ASHEBORO

Mike Freeland, President

The Rotary Club of Asheboro has had another good year. In membership there has been a net growth of 9 members. The projects have included the following: \$6,000 for scholarships; \$1,700 for youth camp; \$1,000 for Habitat for Humanity; \$1,000 to Randolph County Community College; \$1,000 to the Randolph County Hospital Foundation; \$1,500 to United Way; and \$1,000 to the International Project Brazil Clinic. As a fund raiser the club co-hosted a golf tournament with the Rotary Club of Randolph. The club also hosted the first district-wide family of Rotary Day at the North Carolina Zoo.

## LIBERTY

Carolyn Vickery, President

This Liberty Rotary Club had several things happening in the 2004-05 Rotary year and I have listed them below.

- \*We sent one person to youth leadership
- \*We have two \$500 scholarships to Eastern Randolph Seniors
- \*We had a Health Clinic in the fall
- \*We gave dictionaries to every 3rd grader at Liberty School
- \*Doctors Ed and Chip Butler did an International Dental Clinic in the fall of 2004
- \*Raffle in March

## RANDOLPH

Sandra Allen, President

Welcome to Randolph Rotary, "WHERE THE FUTURE'S SO BRIGHT YOU GOTTA WEAR SHADES." We started our year anticipating a bright future and we have a great time accomplishing that. We have had many "firsts" this year. A woman President; family of Rotary committee; hosting ambassadorial scholar Gisele Elias from Trinidad, Tobago; conducting a community drug summit; and a very successful Drug Awareness Speech Contest. One of our finalists in the speech contest placed 3rd in the finals in Chapel Hill. We have been very successful this year in media coverage. Several of our events have been featured on local TV stations as well as in newspapers. In October we held a golf tournament with the Asheboro Rotary to fund our Rotaract Club at Randolph Community College and in February we held our annual raffle to fund local projects. Our club continues to be 100% PHF as well as 100% sustaining to the Foundation. We invite anyone to come visit and see why "you gotta wear shades."

## TROY

Sam Johnson, President

During June and July of 2003 the Troy Rotary Club held 2 Family of Rotary Picnics inviting all Rotarians and their families to attend. Both events were very well attended with approximately 60 people at each event. On October 22 & 23, 2003 the 160 member Kiev Symphony Orchestra and Chorus from Kiev, Ukraine performed at West Montgomery High School. Many Rotarian families hosted performers providing room, board and entertainment. November 2003, the Troy Rotary Club held its annual golf tournament with great participation raising \$6,000. In December 2003, 33 children were provided Christmas by Troy Rotarians through the Montgomery County Social Services. During the coming months, Troy Rotary Club provides scholarships to a senior at East and West Montgomery High School. A scholarship is also provided to a student attending Montgomery Community College through the Montgomery Community College Foundation. Troy Rotary Club has also inducted 7 new members during the 2003-2004 year.

# Attendance for March, 2004

CLUBS	MEMBERS AS OF 6/30/03	CURRENT MEMBERS	MONTHLY% ATTENDANCE	MO. NET GAIN/LOSS	MONTHLY MEETINGS
Alamance	50	46	56%	-1	5
*Alamance Bkft	27	26	89%	+1	5
Archdale/Trinity	25	29	87%	0	4
*Asheboro	117	119	77%	0	4
Burlington	37	30	75%	+1	5
Carthage	22	20	70%	0	4
*Clemmons	121	128	78%	0	4
*Crescent	129	122	70%	-2	5
East Greensboro	15	12	60%	0	5
Eden	57	51	69%	-2	4
Elkin-Jonesville	44	44	77%	0	5
*Furnitureland	58	63	79%	-1	5
*Gate City	52	54	92%	0	4
Graham	43	38	81%	+1	4
*Greensboro	337	327	56%	0	5
Gboro Arpt	35	38	78%	0	5
*Guilford	56	58	91%	-1	5
High Point	194	185	79%	+3	4
Jamestown	33	30	74%	0	5
*Jonesboro	63	66	82%	0	4
*Kernersville	52	47	82%	0	5
King	25	27	67%	0	4
Lexington	55	50	53%	0	5
*Liberty	21	21	80%	0	4
Madison/Mayodan	44	45	83%	0	5
Mocksville	66	64	73%	0	5
*Mount Airy	106	112	75%	+2	5
Oak Hollow	20	21	36%	0	3
*Pinehurst	24	31	80%	0	5
*Randolph	73	78	83%	0	5
Reidsville	87	84	76%	0	5
Reynolda	124	121	61%	+1	4
Sandhills	46	49	75%	0	4
Sanford	83	83	60%	+3	5
San-Lee	28	28	88%	-1	5
Siler City	70	72	75%	+2	5
S.G. New Gen.	25	24	70%	0	4
Southern Pines	77	83	81%	+2	4
*Stoneville	17	16	70%	0	4
Stratford	144	146	60%	+3	4
*Summit	131	135	72%	+8	4
Surry Sunrise	53	45	76%	0	5
*Thomasville	84	85	61%	0	4
*Triad	48	44	74%	0	5
*Troy	29	33	75%	0	4
Walnut Cove	16	30	82%	+4	4
Willow Creek	21	18	81%	-1	4
Winston-Salem	256	256	53%	-4	4
*Yadkinville	21	21	65%	0	5
Yanceyville	19	24	71%	0	4
<b>DISTRICT</b>	<b>3374</b>	<b>3379</b>	<b>73%</b>	<b>+18</b>	

\*100% Paul Harris Fellow Club

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