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"Celebrate Rotary"

Don Allred, District Governor, 1426 Lake Drive, Asheboro, NC 27205

DG NEWSLETTER FOR OCTOBER



Don Allred

The job market is a very competitive place these days. Those with good jobs are hanging on for dear life and those without are hoping to land something worth keeping. With that kind of competition, how can Rotary convince young people that Rotary is the organization for them?

Rotary has to be involved in the community. Young people are not interested in joining a meet-and-eat club.

They would, however, be interested in joining an organization that is making the community a better place to do business. They would be interested in an organization that is making the community a better place to rear a family.

Secondly, Rotary has to be involved in the world. We live and work in a global economy. International social upheaval is not conducive to economic well-being. Rotary's mission of international understanding, good will and peace is just what the global economy needs. Young people would like to be a part of that.

This is Vocational Service month in Rotary, and Rotary does a good job with vocational programs. Many of our clubs are involved with job shadowing, SCORE, Junior Achievement, student guests and many other vocational activities. A lot of clubs have job talks where the members explain what it is that they do. One vocational activity that ties in with membership is a classification survey. Going through the phone book and listing certain jobholders as potential members is a great way to canvass the community for Rotarians. Doing a classification survey among students could focus their attention on what they might like to do after graduation.

A few years ago, one of our clubs videotaped their members as they talked about what their jobs entailed. They discussed the educational requirements for their careers; the vocational preparation needed, the skills, the personality types--all the things that go into starting and building a successful career. Copies of the tapes were made for all the high schools in the county and given to the school counselors. When the counselor was talking with a student about a particular career, here was a tape of someone who had been there and done that. The schools found the tapes to be a valuable resource in vocational counseling.

The Vocational Service chair for District 7690 is Vickie Holder. Contact Vickie at vholder@thomasville.com about a vocational program for your club.

Don Allred
District Governor
2004-2005

October is Vocational Service Month

When professionals join a Rotary club, they do so as a representative of their particular business or profession. This gives Rotarians the dual responsibility of representing their vocation within the club and of exemplifying the ideals of Rotary within the workplace.

Vocational service focuses on:

- Adherence to, and promotion of, the highest ethical standards in all occupations, including fair treatment of employers, employees, associates, competitors, and the public.

- The recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations, not just your own or those that are pursued by Rotarians.

- The contribution of your vocational talents to the problems and needs of society.

- The values expressed in The 4-Way Test and the Declaration for Rotarians in Business and Professions, which promote high ethical standards in the workplace, a central theme of Rotary throughout its history.

As business leaders, Rotarians share their skills and expertise through vocational service, one of the Four Avenues of Service. Your vocational service efforts can play a vital role in improving the quality of life for those hardworking members of the community who need direction and expertise. by participating in any of a number of vocational service activities - mentoring, career days, vocational awards, business assistance, or even talking about your job experience into an invaluable resource for others.

This article was taken from the Rotary International web page. The sources are:

http://www.rotary.org/programs/voc_act/participate_vs_month.html

http://www.rotary.org/programs/voc_act/index.html

UPCOMING ROTARY EVENTS

Rotary Foundation Banquet

High Point Country Club November 11, 2004

Speaker is Past RI President Jim Lacy. Registration material will be mailed to each club president in October. Gold Club points are awarded for attendance to the banquet. Make plans to have your club represented.

Football Fellowship Game Groves Stadium Winston-Salem November 13, 2004

Information has already been mailed to each club. The game is Wake Forest vs UNC. Tickets must be purchased through the Wake Forest Ticket Office. The telephone number is:
1-888-758-5009.

Birthday of 100 Years of Rotary 7690 February 23, 2005

A celebration luncheon will take place at the Koury Convention Center in Greensboro on February 23. It will be a celebration of 100 years of Rotary. Clubs are asked to cancel their regular meeting the week of February 21 and bring their club to celebrate with Rotary District 7690.

Governor's Visits October

October 5 Winston-Salem
October 8 Asheboro

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Rotary Leadership Institute

I am delighted to invite you to the first Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) in District 7690! The Rotary Leadership Institute was founded in 1994 by a small group of Rotarians in the northeast United States, who recognized that the future of each club is dependent on effective, motivated leaders and a strong succession planning process. RLI was created to fill that need.

RLI is a one-day educational opportunity for Rotarians who are nominated by their club presidents to participate in this event. The objective of RLI is to foster Rotary knowledge and leadership skills. We also know that through participation in the development process, participants also increase their commitment to Rotary and are motivated to bring back new ideas and new skills to their club. This increases the overall energy and vitality of each club. The training is fast-paced, interactive, and geared toward busy business and professional leaders who want to be a more active leader in Rotary.

If you are a club president, consider nominating two Rotarians who have demonstrated leadership potential to attend this event. If you are a club member and you are interested in attending, please talk to your club president about nominating you for this special opportunity.

Our District RLI is scheduled for Friday, November 19 from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm at Women's Hospital in Greensboro. The cost to each club is \$85 per participant and this includes breakfast, lunch, and materials. As an added bonus for our district only, any Rotarian attending RLI will also be invited to participate in the District Conference Leadership Training in Charleston next April 2005 at no additional charge.

For more information and a link to the application for RLI, please visit: <http://rizoness33-34.org/RLI-WebPages/index.html>. If you have questions, please feel free to call or email Abby Donnelly, RLI District Chair at (336) 884-1348 or Abby@DrivenForResults.com. We look forward to seeing you there!

Abby Donnelly
RLI District Chair
District 7690



PDG Stuart Fountain, General Chairman of the Rotary Foundation for the district, conducts the Rotary Foundation Seminar held on August 25 in Clemmons.

Paul Harris Fellow Society

Rotary District 7690 has established the Paul Harris Fellow Society. This society is modeled from an idea that was developed in other districts to promote and recognize those individuals that give \$1,000 to the Rotary Foundation Annual Fund on a yearly basis. If you would like to be a member of the Paul Harris Fellow Society, please ask your Rotary Foundation Chairman for a card. Complete the card and return it to your club secretary. If your donation of \$1,000 is made prior to the Rotary Foundation Banquet on November 11, you will be recognized at the banquet. As long as you complete the card and make your donation of \$1,000 before June 15, you will be a charter member of the Paul Harris Fellow Society for Rotary District 7690. The Paul Harris Fellow Society is not a Rotary International organization. Any cards collected by the club secretary should be forwarded to Margaret Padgett, Rotary District Office, 114 Willoughby Park, High Point, NC 27265. If you have questions concerning the Paul Harris Fellow Society, please call the district chairman, Ray Covington at 336-334-5677.

District Golf Tournament

The district-wide golf tournament was held on September 9 at Tot Hill Farm in Asheboro. According to DG Don Allred, "Although weather threatened, it turned out to be a beautiful day and a good time was had by all." The winning teams were from the Crescent Rotary Club and the High Point Rotary Club. Photos are available at: <http://www.rotary7690.org/District-Programs/Golf-Fellowship.shtm>

2005 Rotary District Conference

Meetings have begun to plan the upcoming 2005 Rotary District Conference. The conference will be held April 28 - May 1, 2005 at the Embassy Suites in Charleston, SC. If you would like to participate on the conference committee, please contact District Conference Chairman, Philip Shore at: DC2005@Rotary7690.org

Why Do I Feel So Pressured As A New President?

Every new Rotary president gets "bombarded right up front with information." The first two months seem like a truck from Office Depot is constantly pulling up with five shelves of information. The PETS Training is an excellent instructional program for incoming presidents. The first few months for any club president are always difficult. It is important that the club president have the officers, directors, and committee chairmen appointed before the new year begins. Having co-chairmen for committees will help build support within the club. Focus on these initial items: (1) Get your budget to the Board of Directors early; (2) Make sure your program chairman has speakers and dates ready to publish in the club bulletin; (3) Announce club activities at least six to eight weeks before the event; and (4) Get as much interaction and flow within the meetings as possible. It is also important to club members to stay on time and stay within the hour time frame for club meetings.

-Michael Jones
Past President, S.G. New Generation

Attendance for August, 2004

CLUBS	MEMBERS AS OF 6/30/04	CURRENT MEMBERS	MONTHLY% ATTENDANCE	MONTHLY MEETINGS
Alamance	44	45	67%	5
*Alamance Bkft	26	24	93%	5
Archdale/Trinity	29	32	87%	4
*Asheboro	116	114	84%	4
Burlington	27	26	68%	5
Carthage	19	19	78%	4
*Clemmons	126	120	69%	4
*Crescent	118	121	73%	5
East Greensboro	12	16	56%	4
Eden	43	45	74%	4
*Furnitureland	56	57	76%	5
*Gate City	54	57	94%	4
Graham	37	37	65%	4
*Greensboro	321	323	46%	4
Gboro Arpt	37	36	72%	5
*Guilford	56	55	85%	5
High Point	180	182	71%	4
Jamestown	29	29	71%	5
*Jonesboro	66	66	86%	4
*Kernersville	46	45	86%	4
King	21	21	77%	4
Lexington	46	45	61%	5
*Liberty	20	20	64%	4
Madison/Mayodan	43	44	85%	5
*Mocksville	61	61	72%	5
*Mount Airy	114	112	68%	5
Oak Hollow	12	14	55%	4
*Pinehurst	30	30	72%	5
*Randolph	77	70	78%	4
Reidsville	80	77	67%	5
Reynolda	117	114	65%	4
Sandhills	44	43	78%	4
Sanford	77	80	62%	5
San-Lee	26	26	99%	5
Siler City	69	69	75%	5
S.G. New Gen.	23	22	65%	5
Southern Pines	76	77	84%	4
*Stoneville	14	14	87%	5
Stratford	145	148	61%	4
*Summit	134	133	65%	4
Surry Sunrise	39	50	71%	4
*Thomasville	80	80	79%	4
*Triad	43	41	69%	5
*Troy	30	30	70%	4
Walnut Cove	41	34	65%	4
Willow Creek	17	17	87%	3
Winston-Salem	255	260	53%	5
Yadkin Valley	42	41	80%	4
*Yadkinville	17	16	89%	5
Yanceyville	24	24	68%	5
DISTRICT	3259	3262	73%	

*100% Paul Harris Fellow Club

Special Upcoming Events www.rotary7690.org/Reports/7690.Calendar.shtml