

The Piedmont Rotarian

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"Celebrate Rotary"

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

DG NEWSLETTER FOR NOVEMBER



Don Allred

At the Zone meeting in Charleston last month, Dr. Eric Motley spoke about his life. He was born to a single mother who turned him over to grandparents. The grandparents and neighbors recognized potential in young Eric and named him the DUK-the designated university kid. He not only went on to graduate from college with honors, but also was named a Rotary Ambassadorial scholar to St. Andrews in Scotland.

Despite being mistaken for Tiger Woods, he managed to get his Ph.D. and was presented to the Queen. He is now a special assistant to the President and Associate Director of Presidential Personnel. No longer mistaken for Tiger Woods, he does spend time each week with the President of the United States. From an Alabama housing project to a position in the White House by way of a Rotary scholarship is a special trip. The Rotary Foundation provided the means to get there.

Another speaker at Zone was Major Stephen Kiser, an intelligence officer in the United States Air Force. Major Kiser has a Ph.D. in policy analysis and has written three books on the threat posed by terrorists' groups. Major Kiser theorized that terrorism will not be stopped by the military. The military will find and eliminate as many as they can, but there will always be more to take their place-unless, the hearts and minds of those young people can be redirected.

I never thought of Rotary as being a counter-terrorist organization, but I guess we are. Rotary's goal is the advancement of international understanding, goodwill and peace. We do that through exchange programs and humanitarian aid. We give hope for a better way of life to the disenfranchised who might otherwise see terrorism as a way out.

These and other speakers are shedding light on the relevancy of Rotary and the Rotary Foundation in today's world. One of the best is headed our way. Jim Lacy is a past president of Rotary International and past chair of The Rotary Foundation. I wrote him and told him that District 7690 was number one in the world in Bequest Society members, number five in the world in 100% Paul Harris Fellows clubs, had given over \$6 million dollars to the Foundation - that 7690 is a very generous district - that we would like for him to speak to us at our Foundation banquet in November and he said he would. He is an excellent speaker. I heard him at the International Assembly in Anaheim and at the International Convention in Osaka. Put November 11 on your calendar and come hear Jim Lacy.

November is Foundation month in Rotary - a time to remember and celebrate what Rotary is doing around the world.



Rotary District 7690 Welcomes Past RI President James Lacy As RF Banquet Speaker

James Lacy is Past President of Rotary International. During his tenure, projects to address problems facing the children of the world were emphasized. Mr. Lacy is chairman of the board of Sophie Mae Candy Co., a national confection manufacturer.

Through Rotary, Mr. Lacy has demonstrated his personal commitment to children and helping others. He was first introduced to Rotary's international network as a Group Study Exchange team leader to Great Britain, an experience that "had a major impact on the development of my global perspective", he said. He has been actively involved in PolioPlus as a National Coordinator. In 1997, he participated in India's national immunization day where more than 127 million children were vaccinated.

A Rotarian since 1964, he is a member and past president of the Cookeville Rotary Club. He has served Rotary International as a district governor, committee member and chairman, and delegate to the Council on Legislation. Mr. Lacy has also served as an International Assembly instructor, moderator and member of the Nominating Committee for President. He is a recipient of The Rotary Foundation's Citation for Meritorious Service for his support of its educational and humanitarian programs. He served Rotary International as President in 1998-1999.

Mr. Lacy and his wife, Claudine, both Paul Harris Fellows, Rotary Foundation Benefactors, and Major Donors have a son, Bill, and daughter-in-law, Susie, also Paul Harris Fellows, Rotary Foundation Benefactors and Major Donors.

UPCOMING ROTARY EVENTS

November 11, 2004

Rotary Foundation Banquet High Point Country Club

Speaker is Past RI President Jim Lacy. The cost is \$30 per person and the registration deadline is November 5. Gold Club points are awarded for attendance to the banquet. Make plans to have your club represented.

November 13, 2004

Football Fellowship Game Groves Stadium, W-S

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.

November 19, 2004

Rotary Leadership Seminar Woman's Hospital, Gso

A Rotary Leadership Seminar will be held on Friday, November 19. For a registration form and more information, connect to:
<http://rizon33-34.org/RLI-WebPages/index.html>
or contact Abby Donnelly at abby@drivenforresults.com

February 23, 2005

Birthday of 100 Years of Rotary 7690

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.

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Rotaract Clubs Need Your Help

As District Chairman of Rotaract, I want all clubs to be aware of the projects being conducted by the Rotaract clubs in District 7690. They need your help with the projects listed below. If you can help with any of the projects, you can contact me at Rotaract@Rotary7690.org or at 336-812-8001.

--Michael Sorenson, District Chm. Rotaract

The projects are:

Operation Christmas Child: "An empty shoe box is good for little except throwing in the trash. But when that shoe box is filled with toys and other small gifts, it becomes a treasure that can bring Christmas joy to a needy child." As a district we are going to be collecting shoe boxes, wrapping paper, small toys, school supplies, hygiene items, AND donations for Operation Christmas Child, a North Carolina based organization. We are going to get together in the middle of November and make as many shoe boxes as we can to send to the children overseas.

Ugly Quilts: The first weekend in December we are going to be making Ugly Quilts (sleeping bags) for the homeless here in Greensboro. We actually have the opportunity to give them to the people on the streets. In order to do so, we are collecting scraps of material, old sheets, sweatshirts, neckties or curtains that you no longer want or need.

School Supply Drive: Sokode is a village outside of Ho in the Volta region of Ghana Africa. No shipping costs because it will be sent with Ghana WT class at Elon University. We are collecting paper, pencils, crayons, markers, education games, rulers, etc. The collection deadline: December 1.

Legacy of Leadership

In the Rotary year of 2003-2004 the Boys & Girls Homes of NC initiated the Legacy of Leadership project. The purpose of the drive is to raise \$1,500,000 to endow the operation and support of the children in the Rotary cottage at Boys and Girls Homes of North Carolina.

Dedicated Rotarians across the state built the cottage in 1966. I would encourage each club to assist in finishing this commitment to children's care by insuring their future through this campaign.

This goal can be achieved with each Rotarian in North Carolina giving \$100 over a two year period. There are 270 Rotary clubs in North Carolina with approximately 15,000 members, thus raising \$1,500,000. Currently the endowment fund has a balance of \$118,000.

If you would like more details, I encourage you to invite a speaker from Boys & Girls Homes to your meeting. For more information, please call me at 336-878-7830 or Jean Jordan, Boys and Girls Homes at 910-646-3083 ext. 260. She can also be reached at her email: jeanjordan@boysandgirlshomesofnc.org

--Sanders Dallas, District Chairman, Boys & Girls Homes of NC

Congratulations!

The Rotary Club of Sandhills and the Rotary Club of Greensboro-Airport have achieved the status of 100% Paul Harris Fellow Club. District 7690 now has 23 clubs with this status.

The Rotary Foundation 2004-2005

A New Year - A New Opportunity

November is the time we emphasize the myriad of activities of the Rotary Foundation. On the program side of our work our **Group Study Exchange** team will be going to District 1810 in Germany during May 2005 and we will receive a team from there during the month of April. We have the wonderful problem this year of having more clubs willing to host the team from Germany than we have time to share them. Our GSE activities are led by co-chairs Jaci Betts and Cookie Billings.

We have the opportunity for 4 Ambassadorial and 6 Cultural Scholars for the 2006-2007 academic year. All clubs are reminded that the application deadline for these positions is March 2005, which is coming fast. Applications can be obtained from Scholars Committee Chairman Mike Conrad or from the District website.

Last year our Grants committee reviewed and approved 10 Matching Grants and 17 District Simplified Grants from 37 clubs. This year we have an allotment of \$40,000 available for District Simplified Grants.

Clubs with previous DSGs **must** have completed the final reports for the previous DSG before being eligible for a subsequent DSG. Applications can be obtained online at the District website or by contacting Grants Committee Chair Susan Milner.

On the fundraising side of the Foundation activities, each club has set a goal for their fundraising for the Rotary Foundation for this year. Fifty percent of those fundraising goals should be met by Dec. 31 to stay on track to successfully complete those goals.

All clubs and members are reminded of the R.I. goal of at least \$100 per member for the Foundation. Every Rotarian - Every Year at least \$100. Clubs with each and every member contributing \$100 or more qualify for a 100% Sustaining Paul Harris Fellow Banner. However District 7690 can beat that average and we have set a \$120 per member average as a goal for the District.

In addition we anticipate 80 new Benefactors and 10 new Bequest Society members for the Permanent Fund.

We are excited about the new recognition program for this year, The Paul Harris Society, which is composed of those members who give at least \$1000 per year to the Rotary Foundation. To be eligible the \$1000 contribution should be made in the customary manner and a Paul Harris Society commitment card should be sent by the club secretary/treasurer to Margaret Padgett for record keeping. All charter members of the Paul Harris Society who are members by November 10 will be invited to a private reception with Past R.I. President and Immediate Past Foundation Chairman Jim Lacy immediately prior to the Foundation Banquet on November 11. If you have questions please contact Paul Harris Society Chairman Ray Covington at 336-446-1040.

And this is the year to wrap up our Polio Eradication commitments. This is the third and final year of that campaign and outstanding pledges should be fully paid by June 30. Thanks very much to PDG Ned Poyser for his continuing leadership with this campaign.

-PDG Stuart Fountain,
Gen. Chairman, Rotary Foundation

Announcing the GSE Outbound Team to District 1810 (Germany)

Team Leader: John "Tim" Albertson (*Gate City Club*)
Alternate Team Leader: Frederick "Thorns" Craven, Jr. (*Reynolda, W-S Club*)

Alternate Team Member: Jill Gaukstern, GTCC
Team QUEST Director (*Greensboro Club*)

Team Members:

Miranda B. Cude-Grindstaff, School Librarian
(*Reynolda, W-S Club*)
George "Al" Ferguson, III, Lt. Police Officer (*Triad Club*)
Thomas J. Martineck, Jr., GTCC Study Abroad
Exchange Program (*Gate City Club*)
Stacey D. Walker, Asheboro/Randolph Chamber of
Commerce Membership/Events Director (*Asheboro*)

-Jaci Betts, GSE Outbound Team Chmn.

Every Rotarian Every Year

Her name is Carter Ingram. A few years ago she was a promising young UNC-CH graduate. She dreamed of making a difference in her world. She was passionate about the environment and passionate about alleviating poverty...two passions that sometimes collide rather than collaborate. She believed the two passions could

be combined to make a difference, but needed a way to pursue that dream. Oxford University offered just such an opportunity. The challenge was finding a way to pay for it. That's where Rotary entered the picture. Rotary's commitment to alleviating poverty and promoting environmental issues was a perfect fit. Carter applied for an Ambassadorial Scholarship to pursue her masters degree at Oxford and the rest is history. She not only completed the masters degree, she has now completed her Ph.D. and is a research fellow at Columbia University where she works on projects directly related to poverty alleviation and the environment. What made this possible are your gifts to the Rotary Foundation. Every Rotarian Every Year, making contributions to the Foundation is what makes our international, cultural and educational programs possible. The Ambassadorial Scholarships is just one of the many programs made possible by your contributions to the Rotary Foundation. In Dr. Ingram's case the scholarship

is perpetuating Rotary's commitment to the environment, poverty alleviation and education. I urge you to support the Foundation through your gifts to the Annual Fund. Every Rotarian Every Year makes a difference.

Rotary Scholar Applications Wanted!!

As November is Foundation Month, it is a great time to be identifying candidates your club plans to submit for the prestigious Rotary Foundation Scholarships. the primary purpose of these scholarships is to further international understanding and friendly relations among people of different countries. The 2006-07 applications for the Ambassadorial and Cultural Scholarships will be available on the Rotary International as well as the District 7690 websites in December. District 7690 will be awarding four Ambassadorial Scholarships for one academic year of undergraduate or graduate study abroad. In addition, the district will award six Cultural Scholarships for three months of language studies abroad. Both scholarships are for studies during the 2006-07 academic year.

The important dates to remember when identifying your club's candidates are March 14, 2005, the deadline for submission of Ambassadorial Scholarship applications and March 28, 2005 for Cultural Scholarship applications to the District 7690 Scholarship Committee. For more information, visit the Rotary International website at www.rotary.org - click on Rotary Foundation then Educational Programs and finally Ambassadorial Scholarships. The timeline and information about the scholarships can be found on District 7690's website, www.rotary7690.org - click on District 7690 and The Rotary Foundation then Foundation Schedule 2004-2005 and finally 2004-2005 Information. For more information call Mike Conrad at 336-768-1027 or email him at mconrad@jdrf.org.

District Simplified Grants

This is the second year of the District Simplified Grants (DSG) program. Funding comes back to the districts from The Rotary Foundation to be dispursed according to Foundation and District guidelines. District 7690 uses DSG funds to help clubs implement **New Projects**, either local or international, which **directly involve Rotarians**. The amount of DSG available to each club depends on the club's per member average support for the Rotary Foundation.

You can find a copy of the application at:

www.rotary7690.org/7690-District-Programs-Menu.shtm#TRF.

The DSG committee meets monthly via conference call. Copies of all requests are sent to each committee member the week prior to our meeting. Help your District Simplified Grants Committee by submitting your grants electronically to svmilner@randolph.edu.

Send an original of the signature page to Susan Milner, 1501 Fawn Drive, Asheboro, NC 27205. If you are unable to submit electronically, please submit 5 copies (stapled) plus the original to the same address. If you have any questions, please contact Susan by email or call 336-633-0174 (B) or 336-629-3784 (H).

THE PERMANENT FUND

The Permanent Fund of the Rotary Foundation was established to ensure a strong future for the Foundation by providing an extra stream of income to meet the increasingly expensive delivery of the Foundation's programs. It is an endowed fund which is invested in perpetuity and builds longterm stability for the Foundation's future. The principal of the fund is not spent and only the income is used.

The Permanent Fund provides Rotarians a way to create their own lasting legacy with the Rotary Foundation. Contributions to the Fund tend to be larger than contributions to the Foundation's Annual Programs Fund and are often initiated through a bequest in a will, a gift of life insurance, creating a charitable gift annuity or other planned gift. The Permanent Fund has two levels of recognition:

- (1) A gift of at least \$1,000 is recognized with Benefactor recognition
- (2) Bequest Society recognition is extended for commitments of at least \$10,000. District 7690 leads the world in Bequest Society members.

Please become a Benefactor or Bequest Society member by including the Rotary Foundation in your planned giving. Since November is RF month, now is the perfect time to act. If you need additional information or have any questions, please contact me at 910-295-2161 or at patescarborough1@earthlink.net.

*W. Daniel Pate, District Foundation Committee
Permanent fund Chair*

Becoming A Major Donor

District 7690 has a large number of Major Donors. To become a Major Donor to The Rotary Foundation requires a contribution of \$10,000. And there are five more levels of contribution. Your contribution can be a one-time contribution or it can be a cumulative amount of \$10,000. Most of those who have achieved Major Donor status have achieved it through cumulative giving. To get details on how to become a Major Donor, please call me at 336-869-4128. I will be most happy to discuss the ways to achieve Major Donor status.

*- Everett Padgett,
Major Gifts Chairman*

CLUB NEWS

The Oak Hollow Rotary Club is now meeting at 7:15am on Friday mornings at Ashford Suites off of Highway 68 in High Point. The club is sponsoring a pancake breakfast for a fundraiser on Saturday, November 13 at Peace Christian Church located at 2066 Deep River Road. Tickets are \$5 per person. For more information or for tickets contact the club president, Karen Morris at kmorris@triad.rr.com

Combined Centennial Project

Sanford - When Rotary International celebrates its 100th birthday in Chicago in February, Lee County's three Rotary clubs will commemorate the event by unveiling a centennial project designed to benefit the entire community.

The Sanford, Jonesboro and San-Lee clubs are working together to build a 20x40 foot steel pavilion by the tennis courts at O.T. Sloan Park on Bragg Street in Sanford. The structure will feature a concrete base, drainage, electrical outlets, ceiling fans, drinking water and eight picnic tables made from fresh-cut red cedar. The clubs also hope to do "rehab work" to the existing bathrooms in the area, said Jay Childress of Jonesboro Rotary, a member of the Rotary Centennial Project committee.

Dave Merriman of San-Lee Rotary, who was principal designer for the pavilion and the picnic tables - "with input from many people" - said Rotary members hope to complete all the work on the pavilion themselves as the "essence of the project is something that we do, not buy." Childress and Womble estimated that the three clubs together have approximately 175 members from all walks of life, providing quite a substantial workforce.

"Between the three clubs, we've got just about everything," Womble said. "We've got construction workers. We've got engineers, oncrete and steel workers," Childress added. Organizers hope to raise between \$20,000 and \$25,000 for the centennial project through a three-club raffle. Tickets cost \$100 for a chance to win the grand prize of \$10,000 with secondary awards of \$3,000, \$2,000, and \$1,000. The ticket price includes dinner for two at the Stevens Center beginning at 6:30 pm Tuesday, followed by the drawing. To purchase tickets, call Childress at 774-3441 or Womble at 774-1200, or see any member of the Sanford, Jonesboro or San-Lee clubs.

Attendance for September, 2004

CLUBS	MEMBERS AS OF 6/30/04	CURRENT MEMBERS	MONTHLY% ATTENDANCE	MONTHLY MEETINGS
Alamance	44	46	59%	4
*Alamance Bkft	26	24	92%	3
Archdale/Trinity	29	32	75%	4
*Asheboro	116	114	71%	4
Burlington	27	26	79%	2
Carthage	19	19	67%	5
*Clemmons	126	126	72%	5
*Crescent	118	124	68%	3
East Greensboro	12	16	67%	5
Eden	43	46	78%	5
*Furnitureland	56	59	84%	3
*Gate City	54	59	92%	5
Graham	37	38	68%	5
*Greensboro	321	327	55%	4
*Gboro Arpt	37	36	79%	4
*Guilford	56	56	93%	4
High Point	180	183	76%	5
Jamestown	29	29	87%	4
*Jonesboro	66	66	88%	4
*Kernersville	46	50	75%	5
King	21	21	83%	5
Lexington	46	47	54%	4
*Liberty	20	20	64%	5
Madison/Mayodan	43	44	85%	4
*Mocksville	61	60	67%	4
*Mount Airy	114	111	68%	4
Oak Hollow	12	13	83%	4
*Pinehurst	30	30	73%	4
*Randolph	77	71	77%	5
Reidsville	80	73	70%	3
Reynolda	117	110	66%	4
S.G. New Gen.	23	22	70%	4
*Sandhills	44	43	77%	4
Sanford	77	78	58%	4
San-Lee	26	26	100%	3
Siler City	69	69	74%	3
Southern Pines	76	77	88%	4
*Stoneville	14	14	75%	5
Stratford	145	143	66%	5
*Summit	134	136	65%	4
Surry Sunrise	39	49	72%	5
*Thomasville	80	80	73%	5
*Triad	43	40	68%	4
*Troy	30	35	68%	4
Walnut Cove	41	42	56%	4
Willow Creek	17	17	95%	4
Winston-Salem	255	261	49%	1
Yadkin Valley	42	41	74%	5
*Yadkinville	17	16	77%	4
Yanceyville	24	23	72%	4
DISTRICT	3259	3288	74%	

*100% Paul Harris Fellow Club

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