

The Piedmont Rotarian

ROTARY DISTRICT 7690 • May 2005 • DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S NEWSLETTER

"Celebrate Rotary"

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

DG NEWSLETTER FOR MAY



Don Allred

Many of you had the opportunity to meet the Group Study Exchange team from Germany that visited our district during April. The team included Jochen Merkel, a lawyer and team leader; Elgin Blucher, an account manager in advertising; Ralf Bartmeier, an attorney and partner in a law firm; Olaf Dueber, a scientist at the University of Siegen, and Bernd Koschig, an engineer.

They arrived in Washington, DC after a nine-hour flight expecting to connect with a 5 pm flight to Greensboro. That was cancelled. They were rescheduled on a 9 pm flight and that was cancelled. An 11 pm flight was also cancelled. Summit Rotarian Kay Allred, who was also stranded, arranged for vans that they drove through the night arriving in Greensboro at 6 am.

The next day Team Leader Merkel noticed that our North Carolina license plates read "First in Flight." "That can't be right," he said. "One cannot get a flight to North Carolina."

That rocky start aside, the German team soon won the hearts of all they met. The team leader, nicknamed Joki, stayed with us for four days and regaled us with tales of his world travels. It's not very often that you have a world-class diplomat sitting at your dinner table answering all your questions with patience and wit. Joki was instrumental in the formation of the European Common Market. His knowledge and opinions on world affairs were informative, enlightening and inspirational.

Group Study Exchange is the leading program in Rotary's quest for international understanding, goodwill and peace. It is a life-changing experience that gives young adults the opportunity to observe how their profession is practiced in another culture and to experience the friendship of international Rotary families. Everyone associated with a Group Study Exchange, from Team Leader to District Governor to Committee Chair to volunteer drivers, develops a broader and more encompassing world-view that makes us all better neighbors.

Jaci Betts and Cookie Billings do a great job heading up GSE for our district. Their organizational skills insure that everything runs smoothly. Now if we could just put them to work organizing flights to Greensboro.

Our GSE team, Tim Albertson, Tom Martinek, Stacey Walker, Miranda Cude-Grindstaff and Al Ferguson, will be visiting Germany this month. Team-leader Tim has them well prepared and we wish them all a safe and happy trip. If you should ever have the opportunity to participate in the Group Study Exchange program in any capacity, do it. It's a win-win situation for everyone.

**Calling All Clubs
Presidents-Elect,
Club Officers and
Directors and Committee Chairmen**

**Plan to Attend the
DISTRICT ASSEMBLY
May 11, 2005
GTCC, Jamestown Campus
Applied Technology Center**

**For a Day of Rotary Information
and Planning for the Upcoming Rotary
Year.**

**Registration 8:30 - 9:00 am
General Plenary Sessions and
Breakout Sessions 9:00 - 12:45 pm
Lunch at 12:45
Cost \$25 per person (includes lunch)**

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

Iron Lung Torch Run

The Iron Lung Torch Run to Chicago will be coming through our district on the morning of June 14. They are hoping to raise \$1,000,000 for the Rotary polio eradication campaign and are asking us to seek corporate sponsors to help realize that goal. Information about the plans and programs is at www.ironlung.us. The district will be presenting them with a \$10,000 check when they make their stop in Greensboro. If your club would like to make a presentation, let DG Don Allred know and he'll get everything coordinated.

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OPERATION SMILE

Dear Friends,

On April 18th I will be running for the first time in the Boston Marathon. Once again, I've decided to turn this race into a fundraising event for my favorite charity, Operation Smile. Operation Smile provides plastic reconstructive surgery for children in some 25 countries in Latin America, Africa, Asia, and Eastern Europe. A one-hour surgery can literally transform a child's life. Running a marathon means about 3 to 4 hours of suffering for me, nothing compared to the lifetime of suffering and humiliation experienced by children with unrepaired cleft lips, cleft palates, and other facial deformities.

Consider the case of John Maina, a 13-year old kid who was living on the streets in the slums of Nairobi, Kenya. John, who had no family and had never been to school, was befriended by a cafe' owner in Nairobi. The cafe' owner learned of an Operation Smile mission and took John for an evaluation. John was accepted for surgery. After the surgery he entered school for the first time. Unlike the past, today John has a future. When I ran the Sunburst Marathon in June, 2004, thanks to your generosity, I was able to raise over \$23,000, enough to provide nearly 100 Operation Smile surgeries. A repeat performance would be great. Operation Smile can perform one surgery on a child for about \$240. I would appreciate any support you might offer. Below are some possibilities:

One surgery (\$240) Quarter of one surgery (\$ 60)
Half of one surgery (\$120) _____Any other amount

I will make a contribution that will match a portion of yours.

On the 18th I'll spend 3-4 hours running 26 miles to arrive at the finish line in downtown Boston. With your help, children like John can spend 1 hour in surgery and arrive at the starting line of the future they've never had.

Please send your tax deductible contribution to me at the above address. If you want to learn more about the great work of Operation Smile, please visit

www.operationssmile.org.

Thank you very much for your generous support, Carl W. Treleaven, District Chmn. Operation Smile

Annual Fund Drive and 100% PHF Clubs for 2005-2006

District 7690 will be asking all 100% PHF clubs to write up a narrative as to how they became a 100% PHF club. It should include the timeline that they followed, the inspiration that led them to set a goal to become a 100% club, the players who performed critical roles (either by name or position), the techniques that they used (club match, fundraiser, arm twisting, education, help from former Rotarians, other clubs, etc.). After getting the story down on paper, they will then be asked to make a videotape with the same basic information, DG Don Allred will then take the video tapes and copy them to a CD so that copies can be distributed to all clubs who are not 100% PHF. The purpose is to encourage, motivate and assist those clubs in becoming 100% PHF clubs. The overall objective is to increase contributions to the the Annual Fund by getting all clubs involved in a District wide goal to accomplish something special. Who knows where it might lead?

Rotary Foundation Giving

Has Your Club Met Their Goal?

| <u>District 7690</u> | <u>Foundation Goal</u> | <u>Given</u> | <u>Balance</u> | <u>Per Capita</u> |
|----------------------|------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| Alamance | \$4,600 | \$1,175.00 | (\$3,425.00) | \$27 |
| Alamance Breakfast | \$2,500 | \$1,700.00 | (\$800.00) | \$65 |
| Archdale-Trinity | \$300 | \$350.00 | \$50.00 | \$12 |
| Asheboro | \$11,800 | \$1,300.00 | (\$10,500.00) | \$11 |
| Burlington | \$3,000 | \$900.00 | (\$2,100.00) | \$33 |
| Carthage | \$2,100 | | (\$2,100.00) | \$0 |
| Clemmons | \$12,500 | \$1,250.00 | (\$11,250.00) | \$10 |
| Crescent | \$13,750 | \$20,100.00 | \$6,350.00 | \$170 |
| East Greensboro | \$1,200 | \$1,200.00 | \$0.00 | \$100 |
| Eden | \$5,000 | | (\$5,000.00) | \$0 |
| Furnitureland | \$12,000 | \$3,100.00 | (\$8,900.00) | \$55 |
| Gate City | \$11,000 | \$14,100.00 | \$3,100.00 | \$261 |
| Graham | \$4,950 | \$3,750.00 | (\$1,200.00) | \$101 |
| Greensboro | \$35,000 | \$4,700.00 | (\$30,300.00) | \$15 |
| Greensboro-Airport | \$7,600 | \$7,328.00 | (\$272.00) | \$198 |
| Guilford | \$6,490 | \$2,031.70 | (\$4,458.30) | \$35 |
| High Point | \$25,000 | \$4,115.00 | (\$20,885.00) | \$23 |
| Jamestown | \$3,000 | \$1,350.00 | (\$1,650.00) | \$47 |
| Jonesboro | \$7,260 | \$2,150.00 | (\$5,110.00) | \$33 |
| Kernersville | \$7,050 | \$3,450.00 | (\$3,600.00) | \$75 |
| King | \$2,600 | | (\$2,600.00) | \$0 |
| Lexington | \$100 | \$100.00 | \$0.00 | \$2 |
| Liberty | \$2,000 | | (\$2,000.00) | \$0 |
| Madison/Mayodan | \$13,816 | \$3,086.11 | (\$10,729.89) | \$72 |
| Mocksville | \$6,100 | \$1,000.00 | (\$5,100.00) | \$16 |
| Mount Airy | \$15,400 | \$9,350.00 | (\$6,050.00) | \$82 |
| Oak Hollow | \$2,100 | | (\$2,100.00) | \$0 |
| Pinehurst | \$3,255 | \$1,575.00 | (\$1,680.00) | \$53 |
| Randolph | \$8,470 | \$7,650.00 | (\$820.00) | \$98 |
| Reidsville | \$16,600 | \$8,212.00 | (\$8,388.00) | \$103 |
| Reynolda | \$5,000 | \$5,158.38 | \$158.38 | \$44 |
| Sandhills | \$4,400 | \$3,241.50 | (\$1,158.50) | \$74 |
| Sanford | \$8,500 | \$2,550.00 | (\$5,950.00) | \$33 |
| San-Lee | \$2,900 | \$1,000.00 | (\$1,900.00) | \$38 |
| Siler City | \$7,000 | | (\$7,000.00) | \$0 |
| Southern Guilford | \$1,035 | | (\$1,035.00) | \$0 |
| Southern Pines | \$7,700 | \$7,925.00 | \$225.00 | \$104 |
| Stoneville | \$1,400 | | (\$1,400.00) | \$0 |
| Stratford | \$13,800 | | (\$13,800.00) | \$0 |
| Summit | \$14,850 | \$3,600.00 | (\$11,250.00) | \$27 |
| Surry Sunrise | \$4,840 | | (\$4,840.00) | \$0 |
| Thomasville | \$9,020 | \$8,825.00 | (\$195.00) | \$109 |
| Triad | \$5,500 | | (\$5,500.00) | \$0 |
| Troy | \$3,500 | | (\$3,500.00) | \$0 |
| Walnut Cove | \$2,050 | \$1,050.00 | (\$1,000.00) | \$26 |
| Willow Creek | \$1,800 | \$7,929.00 | \$6,129.00 | \$466 |
| Winston-Salem | \$18,000 | \$6,000.00 | (\$12,000.00) | \$24 |
| Yadkin Valley | \$4,500 | \$3,300.00 | (\$1,200.00) | \$79 |
| Yadkinville | \$3,000 | \$3,675.00 | \$675.00 | \$216 |
| Yanceyville | \$2,300 | | (\$2,300.00) | \$0 |
| | | | \$0.00 | |
| Total: | \$367,636 | \$159,276.69 | (\$208,359.31) | |

Attendance for March 2005

| CLUBS | MEMBERS AS OF 6/30/04 | CURRENT MEMBERS | MONTHLY% ATTENDANCE | MONTHLY MEETINGS | CLUBID NUMBER |
|------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|------------------------|---------------------|------------------|
| Alamance | 44 | 53 | 58% | 5 | 6090 |
| *Alamance Bkft | 26 | 25 | 83% | 3 | 23238 |
| Archdale/Trinity | 29 | 32 | 87% | 4 | 29135 |
| *Asheboro | 116 | 112 | 79% | 3 | 6052 |
| Burlington | 27 | 26 | 66% | 3 | 6092 |
| Carthage | 19 | 19 | 63% | 5 | 6053 |
| *Clemmons | 126 | 132 | 71% | 5 | 29530 |
| *Crescent | 118 | 128 | 73% | 4 | 6056 |
| East Greensboro | 12 | 21 | 45% | 5 | 55569 |
| Eden | 43 | 42 | 86% | 4 | 6058 |
| *Furnitureland | 56 | 59 | 75% | 4 | 6059 |
| *Gate City | 54 | 60 | 89% | 5 | 27995 |
| Graham | 37 | 37 | 89% | 5 | 6107 |
| *Greensboro | 321 | 326 | 54% | 5 | 6060 |
| *Gboro Arpt | 37 | 36 | 79% | 5 | 31667 |
| *Guilford | 56 | 50 | 97% | 5 | 22059 |
| High Point | 180 | 181 | 66% | 5 | 6062 |
| Jamestown | 29 | 33 | 78% | 5 | 6063 |
| *Jonesboro | 66 | 63 | 81% | 5 | 22882 |
| *Kernersville | 46 | 61 | 77% | 5 | 25027 |
| King | 21 | 19 | 82% | 5 | 51294 |
| Lexington | 46 | 44 | 27% | 5 | 6065 |
| *Liberty | 20 | 18 | 67% | 4 | 6066 |
| Madison/Mayodan | 43 | 48 | 74% | 5 | 6064 |
| *Mocksville | 61 | 60 | 67% | 5 | 6069 |
| *Mount Airy | 114 | 109 | 68% | 5 | 6070 |
| Oak Hollow | 12 | 17 | 55% | 3 | 51358 |
| *Pinehurst | 30 | 32 | 73% | 5 | 6072 |
| *Randolph | 77 | 81 | 70% | 5 | 6074 |
| Reidsville | 80 | 75 | 77% | 2 | 6075 |
| Reynolda | 117 | 109 | 60% | 3 | 21534 |
| S.G. New Gen. | 23 | 19 | 72% | 5 | 61795 |
| Sandhills | 44 | 43 | 71% | 5 | 25530 |
| Sanford | 77 | 79 | 61% | 5 | 6078 |
| San-Lee | 26 | 25 | 89% | 3 | 30735 |
| Siler City | 69 | 69 | 71% | 3 | 6079 |
| Southern Pines | 76 | 76 | 74% | 5 | 6080 |
| *Stoneville | 14 | 15 | 80% | 5 | 6081 |
| Stratford | 145 | 148 | 66% | 5 | 6082 |
| *Summit | 134 | 136 | 75% | 3 | 6083 |
| Surry Sunrise | 39 | 42 | 81% | 5 | 57326 |
| *Thomasville | 80 | 79 | 90% | 5 | 6084 |
| *Triad | 43 | 39 | 68% | 5 | 6071 |
| *Troy | 30 | 37 | 65% | 4 | 6085 |
| Walnut Cove | 41 | 41 | 37% | 5 | 6087 |
| *Willow Creek | 17 | 18 | 64% | 5 | 60367 |
| Winston-Salem | 255 | 248 | 48% | 5 | 6088 |
| Yadkin Valley | 42 | 42 | 73% | 5 | 30000 |
| *Yadkinville | 17 | 16 | 70% | 5 | 51333 |
| Yanceyville | 24 | 24 | 68% | 5 | 6134 |
| DISTRICT | 3259 | 3307 | 71% | | |

*100% Paul Harris Fellow Club

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