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"Service Above Self"

Phil Morris, District Governor, 2207 Porshan Lane, High Point, NC 27265

SERVICE ABOVE SELF



Phil Morris

For months before it was announced, the 2005-2006 class of District Governors speculated on what President Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar might select as the annual theme for Rotary as it entered into its second century. We all suspected that the theme would reflect this special milestone in the life of our Rotary organization. Last year, we were asked to "Celebrate Rotary." Certainly this year we would "march into the new century" . . . some of my classmates were intent on using a theme for their district that they were sure would catch on . . . they felt that we would be called "The New Centurions."

All the District Governors-Elect from around the world gather for training at the International Assembly in February. I never knew that it was called International Assembly. I always thought it was called "Anaheim" after the city in which it has been held for the past several years.

The president-elect of Rotary International announces his annual theme during the first plenary session of the International Assembly. Several dozen of the recent annual themes were displayed on banners hanging around the perimeter of the large meeting hall in which were seated more than 500 district governors-elect and 500 spouses, and a similar number of trainers and support people, their spouses, and Rotary International staff. The one banner closest to the stage was covered. As Carl-Wilhelm introduced his program, we listened intently for the clue that would reveal the new theme. The moment arrived.

"I would like to be modern. I would like to recycle, and I also want to promote continuity. Therefore, I have chosen the best motto ever created for Rotary International, yet one that you will not find on the walls of this room: **Service Above Self.**"

You could hear a pin drop in the hall. SERVICE Above Self.

A few minutes later the 532 District Governors-Elect, divided into 48 breakout groups, met to discuss the annual program and theme and how we might support them. Our initial reaction was that we had been cheated. *SERVICE Above Self* is Rotary's theme. The Rotary wheel is Rotary's logo. Where is our "Follow Your Rotary Dream?" Aren't we going to have our own "Mankind is Our Business?" For several moments the mood was unmistakable. We were disappointed. Then it dawned on us that we have been given a wonderful gift. Rotary's slogan became *our* slogan. The Rotary wheel became *our* wheel.

Marching into Rotary's second century? New Centurions? There was very little talk of this. Carl-Wilhelm's focus was on continuity. Rotary doesn't need a "new beginning!" Rotary is certainly not broken! An organization that has been successful in leading the campaign to eradicate polio doesn't need to be reinvented!

When contemplating our march into Rotary's second century, many of us had verbalized that it was time to go back to the basics. Well, what is more basic than SERVICE Above Self? How simple, how eloquent... how elegant the annual theme is. For many years SERVICE Above Self has been code of behavior to which Rotarians subscribe. It identifies us and our activities in a way that is accurate and satisfying. (continued page 2)

CARL-WILHELM STENHAMMAR

Göteborg, Sweden

RI President-elect 2004-05

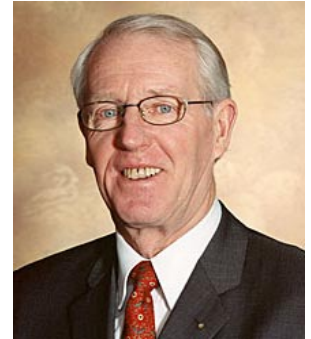
Director, Rotary International,
1996-1998

Chairman, RI Board Finance Committee
1997-98

Vice-Chairman, RI Board Audit Committee
1997-98

Member, RI Audit & Operations Review
Committee 1998-00

District Governor, 1987-88



Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar
RI President, 2005-2006

Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar, a food broker for international products, is the former owner of Gust.F.Bratt AB. During his active business career he traveled all over the world. In addition, he has been a member of the boards of several companies and served as chairman of the board of a local private school.

Carl-Wilhelm has been a Rotarian since 1974. He immediately became involved in all levels of Rotary, and has held a numerous positions at the Club, District and International levels. His District service has included chairing the Youth Exchange and Member Elections Committees and the Sweden Rotary Youth Exchange Foundation. He was also a treasurer of the Rotary International Scholarship Foundation of his district and served as District Governor in 1987-88.

He began International Service to Rotary in 1991 with the appointment to the Youth Service Committee, which he chaired in 1993, followed by positions as regional coordinator of the Youth Service Task Force and as a moderator at numerous Rotary International Institutes. He has represented the RI President at district conferences in locations stretching from Finland to Africa and USA to India. He has been a RI Director 1996-98, a member of the Executive Committee, chairing its Finance Committee and vice-chairman of the Audit Committee.

He has been member of the RI Audit & Operations Review Committee 1998-2000 and a member of the 2001 San Antonio Convention Committee. He was also moderator of the 1999-2000 Regional Magazine Editors Seminar, chairman of the Permanent Fund Committee for Europe and RIBI 2000-04, chairman of the Presidential Celebration in Stockholm 2003, general coordinator for the Literacy and Education Task Force 2003-04, national PolioPlus Advocacy Advisor and member of the Polio Eradication Advocacy Task Force.

Carl-Wilhelm was born in Göteborg, Sweden, January 16, 1935. He has been married to Monica since 1962, has two sons, two grandsons and one granddaughter. Carl-Wilhelm is a Major Donor and a Benefactor of the Rotary Foundation.

July is Literacy Month

**Dedicate one
program this
month to
learn about
literacy.**

Upcoming District Governor Visits for July

7/19/05
Madison/Mayodan
7/26/05
Yanceyville
7/26/05
Southern Guilford

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I wish that everyone who joined a Rotary club felt the spirit of SERVICE Above Self. But that moment is reserved for those club members who have experienced the miracle of a Rotary activity. Some Rotary members feel the spirit when others in their club begin to recognize that they can depend on them to accomplish projects. Some Rotary members feel the spirit when they enter a classroom and sit down with a child who is having difficulty reading, and who is looking for an adult who has time and desire to share with him.

Some Rotary members feel the spirit when they are told that their contribution will feed the clients of Mobile Meals for three months of the year. Some Rotary members feel the spirit when they look at a video... an excerpt of a news broadcast of the dedication of a community well. When the camera focuses on the brass tablet that will be mounted adjacent to the well, the name of their Rotary club holds a prominent place.

These are times when members of Rotary clubs become Rotarians. The key is yours! The key is to identify a human need that must be addressed, and apply the talents of our diversity in addressing those needs. It is not rocket science. Each one adds his or her unique talent, time and resources to the talent, time and resources of friends, and the impact for good grows, like ripples on the water. Now wouldn't that be a good Rotary logo: a drop of water emerging from a still pond, while the rings expand across the surface of the water. Identify worthy programs and projects. Then throw your heart into those projects. One of the best feelings you can have is to know what it feels like to be a Rotarian. Embrace the spirit of 'SERVICE Above Self' with all your heart.

Upcoming Events

Rotary Foundation Seminars 4:00-6:00pm

Wednesday, August 24
Areas 1,2,4,5 and 7
Village Inn and Conference Center,
Clemmons, NC

Wednesday, August 31
Areas 3, 6, 8, 9 and 10
AVS Banquet Centre
Asheboro, NC

Football Fellowship

September 17
Groves Stadium, Winston-Salem
Wake Forest vs East Carolina
Price is \$30 per person
which includes game ticket
and tailgate.
Wake Forest University
will send information to each
club president.

District Governor Nominee

David McCoy of the High Point Rotary Club has officially been elected as the District Governor of Rotary District 7690 for 2007-08. David has served the district as assistant governor and served on the 2004 Rotary District Conference Committee.

2005-2006 District Directory

The District Directory is now available on the District's website:

www.rotary7690.org.

It is password protected. The password is the current RI theme for 2005-06. Type it in with lower case and no spaces. Updates and changes to the directory will be done regularly. If you have a change, send to Margaret@Rotary7690.org

AREA 1 – Terry Titus

Terry is President / CEO of Titus Construction, Inc., and he has been a general contractor for 32 years. He served the Rotary Club of Yadkinville as the charter president. Terry attended Wake Forest University, was an Eagle Scout, Church Choir Member and a woodworker and woodturner. He is a Past Master of the Yadkin Masonic Lodge # 162 AF & AM. Terry Titus is a Major Donor and a Bequest Society member. Terry's wife, Kathy, and daughter, Ashley, are also members of the Rotary Club of Yadkinville. Terry is serving Rotary District 7690 as an assistant governor for the sixth year.

AREA 2 – Tony Santoro

He joined Rotary in 1998 because he thought membership would help him be more in touch with what's happening in his community. Now, he can proudly say he's a Rotarian because of the good work we do around the world. Like most other Rotarians, Tony shares a deep commitment to rid the world of polio, and is committed to do his part to work towards world peace. He quickly became an active member of his club, and has served on its Board of Directors (1998 - 2001), as its President Elect (2001 - 2002), and as President (2002 - 2003). Tony has also been involved at the club level as Interact Coordinator, Community Service Chairman, and has worked on several fund raising committees. Tony is married to Susan, and has two children; Christopher (22) and Sarah (18). Chris will soon be graduating from NCSU as an Industrial Engineer, and Sarah will soon be leaving for NCSU to make her mark on that school. He is employed by Piedmont Natural Gas in Reidsville, NC since March of 1997. Tony is a member of the Rotary Club of Reidsville, and this is his first year serving as an assistant governor.

AREA 3 – Randy Perkins

Randy Perkins has been a Rotarian with the Alamance Breakfast Rotary Club for seven years and served as club President 2001-2002. He is the President/Owner of Prime Personnel Resources, Inc. a full service staffing agency located in Burlington, N.C. for seven years. Prior to becoming self-employed, Randy was a Human Resources Manager for West Point Stevens. He is married to Reida Perkins and they have two children, Auburn and Reid and two grandchildren. Randy and Reida are Paul Harris Fellows. Randy is serving Rotary District 7690 as an assistant governor for the fourth year.

AREA 4 – Chuck Houska

Chuck Houska is a member of the Rotary Club of Clemmons. He joined the club in 1998 and served as club president in 2002-03. Chuck is a commercial property manager as well as a commercial real estate broker. His wife is Jane and he has two children in college. Chuck has served Rotary District 7690 as a Rotary Foundation Area Representative. This is his first year as an assistant governor.

AREA 5 – Michael Conrad

Mike grew up in Thomasville, NC and following graduation from Appalachian State University and the University of NC at Greensboro, began a 31-year career with Western Electric, AT&T and Lucent Technologies. Following retirement in 2000, he began his next career as the Executive Director of the Piedmont Triad Chapter of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. His goal is to "work himself out of a job" by helping find a cure for diabetes. Mike is a charter member of the Gate City Club and after holding several leadership positions in the club, became President in 2001 – 2002. He has just completed serving as Chairman of the District Scholarship Committee for the past two years and became Assistant District Governor for Area V starting July 1, 2005. He and his wife, Mary Ann have one son, David, and reside in Greensboro. This is Mike's first year as an assistant governor.

AREA 6 – Allan Adams

Al was born and raised in Buckfield, Maine, and graduated from the University of Evansville (Indiana), and Indiana University (MBA). He started his insurance career with Fireman's Mutual Insurance Company in Providence, RI in 1968, and joined the independent agency ranks in 1972 in Indianapolis. He moved to Evansville, IN in 1976, and eventually became an owner of Citizens Insurance, which was sold in 1994 to a regional bank. Al is now associated with Senn Dunn Corpening, High Point, North Carolina's largest independent insurance agency. Involved in many civic and community activities throughout his insurance career, Al is Past President of the Rotary Club of High Point, and on the Board of Directors of the High Point Museum. He is active in Rotary, High Point Partners, United Way of Greater High Point, and the High Point Chamber of Commerce, where he was honored with the 2004 Small Business Person of the Year. Married to Winona since 1966, they have two daughters and four grandchildren. This is Al's first year as an assistant governor.

AREA 7 – Wesley Patterson

Wesley (Wes) Patterson has been a member of the Rotary Club of Thomasville since 1990 and served as club president in 2002-2003. He is president of Trecom Safety Corporation which is a manufacturer of safety glasses. He has served on the board of Nations Bank, National Safety Council, Chamber of Commerce, United Way and Boy Scouts. Wes has been very active in the community. He enjoys golf and fishing. He is married to Judy Younts who is also a member of the Rotary Club of Thomasville. Wes is a Major Donor, Sustaining Paul Harris Fellow, Bequest Society Member and charter member of the Paul Harris Society. He is in his second year as assistant governor.

AREA 8 – Charles Allen

Charles has been a member of Rotary Club of Randolph since 1993 and served as International Service Chairman & International Projects Chairman from 1998 through 2004. Charles served as President of Rotary Club of Randolph in 1999-2000. During his year as president he and his wife, Sandra traveled to San Jose, Costa Rica to participate in Randolph Rotary’s first International Project, “Literacy, San Jose, Costa Rica”. He has served as Assistant Governor in 2003-2004; 2004-2005, 2005-2006

Charles is President of Allen Precision Industries, Inc. & Allen Industrial & Welding Supply, LLC in Asheboro, NC. He and his wife, Sandra were married in 1962 and have lived in Randleman, NC since 1987. They have three (3) children and eight (8) grandchildren. Charles enjoys time with his family, travel, photography and various community and church activities and involvement.

AREA 9 – Salvatore Picard

Sal graduated from Villanova University, Electrical Engineering (1965). He served a Civil Servant (US Navy Department) and retired in 1990 after 37 years of service. Following retirement, Sal was a consultant to the US Navy for six years and retired in 1997. Sal first joined the Rotary Club of Parole in Annapolis, Maryland 1990. He joined Sandhills Club in 1999. Sal served as club secretary in 2000-2003, president-elect in 2002-2003, and club president (2003-2004). He has been married 43 years to Marlene. Marlene and Sal have two sons Gregg (wife Cathie) and children; Coltin and Natalie, Christopher, and one daughter Nancy and children, Marco and Reene’. His hobbies are golf, carpentry, travel. This is Sal’s first year as an assistant governor.

Area 10 – David Spivey

David Spivey and his wife, Carolyn, live in Sanford. They have three children; Greg (age 30) married to Laura, Chad (age 24) and Mary Beth (age 19), and one granddaughter, Lindsay Beth. David is a graduate of UNC-Pembroke (1974) and is co-owner of Jones Printing Co., Inc. in Sanford. His expertise in the printing field is typesetting and graphic design. David is a member of the Jonesboro Rotary Club and has been a Rotarian since 1994. He served as Club President in 1999-2000 and is beginning his third year as an Assistant Governor. His community service includes: past Board President and Campaign Chair of the United Way of Lee County, Past Board Chairman of the Sanford Area Chamber of Commerce and past Board Chairman of the Lee County Chapter of the American Red Cross. David’s interests and hobbies include astronomy, studying the American Civil War, Civil War re-enacting, playing bass in a local “oldies/classic rock” band, and golf.

The Yadkinville Rotary Club Was Thrilled To Host The Iron Lung Tour At Its Club Tuesday June 14th

To our delight, District Governor Don Allred and his wife Pat joined us! The District Governor presented a check on behalf of the District for \$10,000 towards the Iron Lung’s fundraising efforts. With no program planned, District Governor George Banning of District 6890, gladly presented a PowerPoint presentation on the Iron Lung tour and its purpose.

All members enjoyed the program and participated with questions and thoughts about Polio. Our club was honored to host such a great group of Floridians and be part of the District’s presentation.



Attendance for May 2005

CLUBS	MEMBERS AS OF 6/30/04	CURRENT MEMBERS	MONTHLY% ATTENDANCE	MONTHLY MEETINGS	CLUBID NUMBER
Alamance	44	40	64%	5	6090
*Alamance Bkft	26	26	94%	4	23238
Archdale/Trinity	29	32	75%	4	29135
*Asheboro	116	109	68%	4	6052
Burlington	27	26	64%	4	6092
Carthage	19	18	69%	4	6053
*Clemmons	126	133	78%	4	29530
*Crescent	118	129	71%	4	6056
East Greensboro	12	22	44%	4	55569
Eden	43	47	72%	4	6058
*Furnitureland	56	54	68%	4	6059
*Gate City	54	59	94%	4	27995
Graham	37	35	82%	4	6107
*Greensboro	321	326	56%	4	6060
*Gboro Arpt	37	36	79%	4	31667
*Guilford	56	51	87%	5	22059
High Point	180	178	58%	4	6062
Jamestown	29	34	77%	5	6063
*Jonesboro	66	63	76%	4	22882
*Kernersville	46	60	91%	4	25027
King	21	22	70%	4	51294
Lexington	46	44	50%	5	6065
*Liberty	20	18	63%	4	6066
Madison/Mayodan	43	49	79%	5	6065
*Mocksville	61	65	64%	5	6069
*Mount Airy	114	103	88%	5	6070
Oak Hollow	12	17	70%	4	51358
*Pinehurst	30	30	62%	4	6072
*Randolph	77	80	77%	3	6074
Reidsville	80	69	41%	4	6075
Reynolda	117	109	62%	4	21534
S.G. New Gen.	23	16	70%	5	61795
Sandhills	44	44	73%	4	25530
Sanford	77	75	58%	5	6078
San-Lee	26	27	91%	4	30735
Siler City	69	72	72%	4	6079
Southern Pines	76	73	78%	4	6080
*Stoneville	14	15	79%	4	6081
Stratford	145	149	67%	3	6082
*Summit	134	134	72%	4	6083
Surry Sunrise	39	44	65%	4	57326
*Thomasville	80	77	80%	4	6084
*Triad	43	39	65%	5	6071
*Troy	30	34	60%	4	6085
Walnut Cove	41	31	50%	4	6087
*Willow Creek	17	18	65%	4	60367
Winston-Salem	255	251	52%	5	6088
Yadkin Valley	42	41	73%	4	30000
*Yadkinville	17	17	82%	5	51333
Yanceyville	24	24	71%	4	6134
DISTRICT	3259	3266	70%		

*100% Paul Harris Fellow Club

District 7690 Calendar

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