

# The Piedmont Rotarian

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

*"Service Above Self"*

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

## GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE



Phil Morris

Rotary's crown holds many jewels: scholarships, youth exchanges, but none demonstrate the heart of Rotary's program more graphically than The Rotary Foundation's Group Study Exchange program. The program has had a life-changing impact on the four team members and team leader who represent our district and the four team members and team leader who represent the partnering district. If you have been involved in hosting a group study exchange

team you have probably had a life-changing experience as well. This year you will have another opportunity to share in the Group Study Exchange program when we send a team to District 3460, Taiwan in March, and receive a team in April.



People who have visited Taiwan return with stories of the beauty of the country and its friendly people. Taiwan and District 3460 will provide significant contrasts to North Carolina and District 7690:

North Carolina is three and one-half times larger than Taiwan! Taiwan's population is almost two and three-quarters that of North Carolina. Taiwan supports 1,633 people per square mile. North Carolina population averages 172 per square mile.

District 7690 is home to 50 Rotary clubs and 3,355 Rotarians. District 3460 has 84 clubs and 3,117 members. District 3460 would fit into District 7690 twice, with space to spare. It has three times the population.

One of the jobs that a district governor-elect does when at International Assembly (Anaheim) is to formalize the Group Study Exchange Agreement. Karen and I had the advantage when we met our counterpart from District 3460. We had already adjusted to the Pacific Time Zone and had registered for the Assembly.

We recognized Tiger and his wife from their photo and biography in the directory of participants.

In this photo, Tiger and Genny had just arrived from the airport and had just checked into the hotel. The Kus were delightful and I wish Karen and I had been able to spend more time



learning about them and their wonderful country. But the pace and distraction of activities would not permit more than brief exchanges with them from time to time. When the time came to formalize our agreement, Tiger and I found that our communication skills were quite adequate to permit us to accomplish our work.

District 7690 has a great reputation among those who have visited us and among those we have visited. District Archives has record of 13 GSE experiences since we became involved in 1969-70. They include India, Indonesia, Australia, Italy, Finland, Japan, Denmark, Brazil, England, Philippines, Nigeria, Mexico and Germany. Visit the district scapbook on the District 7690 website at [www.rotary7690.org](http://www.rotary7690.org). We are trying to reconstruct memories of past Group Study Exchange experiences. If you have been on a District 7690 Group Study Exchange and if you have some photos that you would share with us, please contact me.

Ask any person who has participated in the Group Study Exchange program and for the most part they will tell you how rigorous and rewarding the experience is. "I was unsure what I would find upon my arrival" said a GSE alumnus, "What I found was a country that was warm and inviting; Rotarians whose generosity towards our team was never-ending; Rotarians who are not just dedicated to the improvement of their own communities but their country as well. I saw problems which were heart wrenching. But in that same instance I saw Rotarians conducting projects to make the situation better."

There is probably no better opportunity to get up close and personal with real people from another culture. Hosts, both in our district and the partnering district will do everything they can to make this a red-carpet experience. This is not a vacation, but a life-changing experience to make a small difference in the world and to create understanding and goodwill.



The Group Study Exchange program was adopted by The Rotary Foundation several years after the first Group Study Exchange in 1965, arranged by a district in California and a district in Japan. Over 40,000 business and professional men and women have benefited from this program. (schedule and deadlines for this year's program are on page 2.)

## Upcoming DG Visits for August

	<b>8/1/05</b>
Reidsville	Alamance
	<b>8/2/05</b>
Guilford	Gso-Airport
	<b>8/4/05</b>
Walnut Cove	Stoneville
	<b>8/9/05</b>
Mocksville	Yadkinville
	<b>8/10/05</b>
Kernersville	
	<b>8/11/05</b>
Graham	Gate City
	<b>8/15/05</b>
Burlington	
	<b>8/16/05</b>
Pinehurst	
	<b>8/17/05</b>
Sandhills	
	<b>8/18/05</b>
Jonesboro	Liberty
	<b>8/19/05</b>
Southern Pines	
	<b>8/22/05</b>
Crescent	
	<b>8/23/05</b>
Triad	Jamestown
	<b>8/25/05</b>
Stratford	King
	<b>8/26/05</b>
Reynolda	
	<b>8/29/05</b>
Siler City	San-Lee
	<b>8/30/05</b>
Winston-Salem	
	<b>8/31/05</b>
Archdale-Trinity	

## Group Study Exchange Schedule

**Monday, August 29, 2005** - Applications for team leader due  
**Thursday, September 1, 2005** - Applications for team member due  
**Friday, September 9, 2005** - Team leader interviews  
**Saturday, September 10** - Team member interviews  
**Monday, September 26, 3:30pm** - GSE Area Coordinators meeting, Jamestown Town Hall  
**Tuesday, February 28, 2006** - District 7690 team arrives in Taiwan  
**Tuesday, March 28, 2006** - District 7690 team returns to Greensboro  
**Friday, March 31, 2006** - District 3460 team arrives in Greensboro  
**Friday, April 18, 2006** - District 3460 team returns to Taiwan.

The first concern for Group Study Exchange is to find a team leader and team members. If you have questions or need information, contact Cookie Billings at:

[GSE@Rotary7690.org](mailto:GSE@Rotary7690.org)

## ROTARY FOUNDATION SEMINAR

AREAS 1, 2, 4, 5, 7  
**Wednesday, August 24**  
 Village Inn and Conference Center, Clemmons  
 AREAS 3, 6, 8, 9, 19  
**Wednesday, August 31**  
 AVS Banquet Center, Asheboro

Registration 3:00pm, Meeting 3:30pm  
 Light supper 5:30pm Cost \$12 per person  
 Send Club Name and list of Rotarians that will be attending to:  
 Rotary District Office, 114 Willoughby Park  
 High Point, NC 27265 Fax 336-841-7690  
 Mail checks to the District Office. Your club is responsible for the number registered.  
 Questions? Call Margaret Padgett  
 336-885-7690.

## CONGRATS DISTRICT 7690

Per PDG Stuart Fountain, Rotary Foundation General Chairman: The district has contributed \$390,000 over three years to the Polio Eradication Campaign. This represents 247% of the goal of \$158,000. In addition the district contributed \$10,000 of District Designated Funds to this campaign which puts the district at \$400,000 for Polio Eradication!  
 PDG Fountain extends a very big thank-you to PDG Ned Poyser who headed this campaign for the district.  
 The following clubs either met or surpassed the per capita giving goal:

Pinehurst	\$ 362.00
Troy	\$ 243.00
Thomasville	\$ 202.00
Jonesboro	\$ 188.00
Randolph	\$ 184.00
High Point	\$ 171.00
Stratford	\$ 169.00
Graham	\$ 169.00
Southern Pines	\$ 165.00
Gate City	\$ 160.00
Sandhills	\$ 143.00
Greensboro	\$ 137.00
Sanford	\$ 134.00
Furnitureland	\$ 129.00
Summit	\$ 121.00
Surry Sunrise	\$ 120.00
Clemmons	\$ 118.00
Mocksville	\$ 113.00
Greensboro Airport	\$ 112.00
Yanceyville	\$ 112.00
Kernersville	\$ 110.00
Randolph	\$ 108.00
Alamance Breakfast	\$ 107.00
Jamestown	\$ 106.00
Siler City	\$ 105.00
Oak Hollow	\$ 105.00
Guilford	\$ 102.00
Yadkin Valley	\$ 102.00
Reynolda	\$ 101.00
Liberty	\$ 100.00
Crescent	\$ 100.00

## CLUBS HAVE CENTENNIAL PROJECTS DEDICATED

The Rotary Club of Stratford dedicated a new playground at South Fork Recreation Center and Complex on June 15 in celebration of the 100 years of Rotary. The playground was equipped with two swings and a jungle gym with two slides. The club raised \$18,000 for this project.

Area 6 clubs in High Point dedicated the Solar Heart Garden at the Piedmont Environmental Center on July 12. The clubs adopted this as the Centennial Project for the 2004-2005 Rotary year. The garden will be used as an educational tool for the center.

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**AREA 1 CLUB NEWS**  
**TERRY TITUS, ASSISTANT GOVERNOR**

<p><b>ROTARY CLUB OF KING</b> <u>Community Projects</u> Community Training to staff disaster volunteer center Spaghetti Dinner at (3) High Schools - showcasing student artwork KingFest King Business Expo Literacy Book Program @ DayCare centers Ethic Talks @ (3) High Schools <u>International Project(s)</u> Form Sister Club in Slovakia <u>Membership Goal:</u> Net 6 gain</p>	<p><b>ROTARY CLUB OF YADKINVILLE</b> <u>Community Projects</u> Habitat House Adopt-A-Highway Litter New Hope Pregnancy Center- Spanish Videos &amp; car Seats <u>International Project(s)</u> Chisec Guatemala Water Project: Rain Colection Tanks School Bags for children of developing countries <u>Top Fund Raiser(s)</u> Pancake breakfast Concessions - Fiddlers Convention <u>Membership Goal:</u> Net 1 gain</p>
<p><b>ROTARY CLUB OF SURRY SUNRISE</b> <u>Community Projects</u> Upward Bound Habitat For Humanity Shepard's House Relay For Life Surry Community College Scholarship Food Pantry <u>Top Fund Raiser(s)</u> A-Care Draw Down Auction <u>Membership Goal</u> — Net 4 gain</p>	<p><b>ROTARY CLUB OF MOUNT AIRY</b> <u>Community Projects</u> Quarterly Adopt-A-Highway Litter Quarterly Blood Drives Hot Dog Booth- March of Dimes Walk <u>Top Fund Raiser(s)</u> Fall Golf Tournament Spring Draw Down Auction <u>International Project(s)</u> Leper Colony Support in Africa <u>Membership Goal</u> —Net 3 gain</p>
<p><b>ROTARY CLUB OF YADKIN VALLEY</b> <u>Community Projects</u> Landscaping new Women's Shelter Facility Blood Drive <u>Top Fund Raiser(s)</u> Harvest of Talents Auction Rose Bowl Raffle <u>International Project(s)</u> Foreign Exchange Brazil-Translation / English to Spanish &amp; Spanish to English <u>Membership Goal</u> —Net 5 gain</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>AUGUST IS MEMBERSHIP MONTH</b></p> <p><b>I know that August is Membership Month. But every month should be Membership Month. Membership development is at the heart of Rotary's program. It is emphasized in President Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar's criteria for the 2005-2006 Presidential Citation. "I am asking each club to work for an increase in membership of one or more Rotarians. When this is achieved, we will have a total increase of more than 31,000 Rotarians. If we do this every year for the next 10 years, we will reach our membership goal of 1.5 million Rotarians."</b></p> <p><b>A net increase of one member per club sounds easy. An increase depends on how well your club and its members <i>promote</i> what the club and Rotary does. The District Membership Seminar will be held at the High Point Country Club on October 12. The meeting will feature PDG Bevin Wall from Newport, North Carolina as the guest speaker. Registration materials will be sent to each club president in September. Any club needing assistance with membership are encouraged to contact PDG Jack Green, District Membership Chairman, at 336-883-6177, or at <a href="mailto:Membership@Rotary7690.org">Membership@Rotary7690.org</a></b></p>



## TIM, AL, STACEY, MIRANDA AND TOM'S EXCELLENT ADVENTURE!

Imagine for a moment that you are six years old again. Your country has been at war for years. You have been hearing planes fly over for months and villages near your home have been bombed. You know that people have died there. You see the fear in your mother's eyes. Your father has been fighting in the war, but you haven't heard from him for months. You are now hiding in the forest and you see the soldiers of the country that have been attacking your homeland approaching. How do you feel?

Fast-forward 60 years and now you are President of the Rotary Club of the village where you grew up. You are welcoming and embracing a Rotarian and some of his countrymen who are from the country that invaded your country 60 years earlier. How is this possible?

This scene isn't from someone's imagination that has run wild. This is a true story and I was fortunate to have been the Rotarian on the receiving end of this experience. The Rotary Foundation Group Study Exchange (GSE) Program made this experience possible for me and the President of the Saarburo Rotary Club. Without the GSE program this exchange and resulting friendship between two former enemies would not have been possible.

The Rotary Foundation, in pursuit of the 4<sup>th</sup> Object of Rotary, has for many years been making it possible for men and women from different countries and different cultures to visit one another on a very intimate basis and in some cases helping to heal the wounds between two former enemies. This past May, Al Ferguson, a Lieutenant from the High Point Police Department; Stacey Walker, Membership & Events Director for the Asheboro Chamber of Commerce; Miranda Cude-Grindstaff, a Technology Specialist for the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County School System; Tom Martinek, the Assistant Director of Student Exchange Programs at UNCG and I took a trip of a lifetime to District 1810 in the central western part of Germany. Some of you may have met Rotarian Joki Merkel and his team who were in our district in April. Now it was our turn to visit the Rotarians of District 1810.

Our exchange took us to such well know cities as Cologne and Bonn, as well as more obscure villages like Bad Berleburg and Wittlich. All of these areas had wonderful stories to tell, a rich history to learn, beautiful art to see, friendly Rotarians to meet and gorgeous scenery to enjoy. We traveled throughout District 1810. We each had 8 different residences during our visit. This meant, among other things, that we moved about every 3 or 4 days. We began each day at about 7 am with breakfast with our Rotarian host family and would not end our day until 11 or 12 each evening. After breakfast we would "go to work" so to speak. Our days were filled with tours of various local and regional businesses, which of course included some wineries as well as a brewery. We also visited a number of museums. Germans have a deep sense of

history and a love of art and music. Naturally we toured castles and palaces. We even met a Prince on our first day in Germany. He was also a member of the local Rotary Club. We spent a significant amount of time in the Mosel and Saar River area where the best Riesling in the world is produced. We saw vineyards on the same hills the Romans had planted hundreds of years before.

Although I had lived in Germany for 3½ years as a young soldier many years ago, I didn't really get to know Germans nearly as well then as I did during my recent four week stay. During the exchange I learned more about the attitude many Germans have regarding the war in Iraq. My team wouldn't bring this topic up, but some of our hosts wanted to talk about it. They enjoyed discussing politics and I found their perspective interesting. I could see and was able to discuss the long-term effect of socialism on their economy and the attitude many Germans have toward work. We were able to discuss their feelings about World War II and the aftermath. I learned about some critically important differences in the relationship between the church and state in Germany and the effect this relationship has had on the church in Germany. We witnessed their eating, socializing and driving habits. We saw how certain aspects of their society are heavily regulated relative to ours and how other aspects are not so heavily regulated compared to ours. Some things that might have seemed unusual for us, were not for them and visa versa.

Although you can learn about the history of another country, view their art, listen to their music and see the sights, you can't really get to know someone else until you live with them and even then only if they open up to you. The GSE makes this depth of understanding possible. So it was through this very intimate exchange that we were able to develop an open dialogue to promote understanding and create the opportunity for friendship.

So much more could be said about my observations and experiences, but I will save that for a club meeting. If your Club would like for me or one of my teammates to present a program regarding our experience during this exchange and the purpose and importance of the GSE program please contact me at [jtalbertson@earthlink.net](mailto:jtalbertson@earthlink.net).

Also if you can read German you may also check out Rotary in Germany at [www.Rotary.de](http://www.Rotary.de). There you can find a link to District 1810 and more information about their district including information and photos of our visit in May.

Thank-you for allowing me to represent Rotary District 7690 in this way. I will always cherish this experience and I will be pleased to share my experience with you and your club.

Tim Albertson  
Past President – Gate City Rotary Club

# Attendance for June 2005

CLUBS	MEMBERS AS OF 6/30/04	CURRENT MEMBERS	MONTHLY % ATTENDANCE	MONTHLY MEETINGS	CLUB ID NUMBER
Alamance	44	49	63%	4	6090
*Alamance Bkft	26	26	92%	4	23238
Archdale/Trinity	29	32	41%	4	29135
*Asheboro	116	109	72%	4	6052
Burlington	27	24	54%	4	6092
Carthage	19	16	71%	5	6053
*Clemmons	126	126	77%	5	29530
*Crescent	118	130	66%	4	6056
East Greensboro	12	22	43%	5	55569
Eden	43	47	73%	3	6058
*Furnitureland	56	54	76%	3	6059
*Gate City	54	59	91%	5	27995
Graham	37	37	73%	5	6107
*Greensboro	321	323	53%	5	6060
*Gboro Arpt	37	35	71%	4	31667
*Guilford	56	50	80%	4	22059
High Point	180	174	71%	5	6062
Jamestown	29	34	78%	4	6063
*Jonesboro	66	63	67%	5	22882
*Kernersville	46	59	80%	5	25027
King	21	22	82%	5	51294
Lexington	46	44	50%	5	6065
*Liberty	20	18	60%	5	6066
Madison/Mayodan	43	52	70%	4	6067
*Mocksville	61	63	61%	4	6069
*Mount Airy	114	101	64%	4	6070
Oak Hollow	12	16	63%	4	51358
*Pinehurst	30	29	64%	2	6072
*Randolph	77	79	81%	5	6074
Reidsville	80	71	87%	4	6075
Reynolda	117	110	54%	4	21534
S.G. New Gen.	23	14	75%	4	61795
Sandhills	44	43	68%	4	25530
Sanford	77	75	54%	4	6078
San-Lee	26	26	88%	4	30735
Siler City	69	68	66%	3	6079
Southern Pines	76	68	73%	3	6080
*Stoneville	14	15	75%	5	6081
Stratford	145	146	60%	5	6082
*Summit	134	130	69%	4	6083
Surry Sunrise	39	45	54%	5	57326
*Thomasville	80	75	77%	5	6084
*Triad	43	39	62%	4	6071
*Troy	30	34	56%	5	6085
Walnut Cove	41	30	58%	5	6087
*Willow Creek	17	18	81%	5	60367
Winston-Salem	255	253	50%	4	6088
Yadkin Valley	42	42	67%	5	30000
*Yadkinville	17	17	76%	4	51333
Yanceyville	24	24	65%	4	6134
<b>DISTRICT</b>	<b>3259</b>	<b>3236</b>	<b>68%</b>		

\*100% Paul Harris Fellow Club

**District 7690 Calendar**

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# ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

July 2005

Dear Rotary Club President:

It is my pleasure to congratulate you on being elected to lead your club this year. As president, you have the responsibility to guide your fellow Rotarians to new heights of service as we enter our second century.

The Club and District Administration (CDA) staff serves as your primary contact at the RI Secretariat, offering a wide range of support to clubs by providing information, tools, and communications resources. We can also help you with advice pertaining to election and constitutional matters, club operations, the formation and application process for new clubs, and other information regarding RI policy. When contacting us, please include your Rotary Club's ID number or your individual Rotarian ID number.

For assistance throughout the year, please feel free to contact your CDA team:

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A few of the useful tools that CDA has developed to assist you this year include 1) [Club Presidents Helpful Resources](#), 2) [The RI Collection Cycle](#), 3) [The Club President's Checklist](#). and 4) for clubs in the USA, an important additional page is included regarding "[US Rotary Clubs and The IRS](#)." By clicking on these links, you can view these and other downloadable resources at Rotary's web site [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org).

The entire Secretariat staff looks forward to working with you. I hope that the information provided here *will help you make the most of your year as club president. Best wishes, and thank you for your continued dedication to Rotary!*

Sincerely,

Gregory Franks, Assistant Manager  
Club and District Administration  
Southern Pan America



# ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

July 2005

Dear Rotary Club Secretary:

It is my privilege to congratulate you on being elected to serve your club as secretary during the 2005-06 Rotary year.

The Club and District Administration (CDA) staff serves as your primary contact at the Secretariat, offering a wide range of support to clubs by providing information, tools, and communications resources. Increasingly, the Rotary web site is the location where you can find these resources. Many of your administrative obligations to RI can be executed online using [Member Access](#).

Some duties that can be performed include:

- paying semiannual dues
- updating membership records
- reporting new club officers
- updating club records

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A policy that affects all clubs is the collection cycle for RI semiannual dues. Clubs that have not remitted their semiannual dues after three months, will receive a warning letter from RI. Continued failure to pay dues after six months from the due date will result in the club's termination of membership in Rotary International.

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Sincerely,

Gregory Franks, Assistant Manager  
 Club and District Administration  
 Southern Pan America



*District 7690 Golf Tournament  
Holly Ridge Golf, Archdale, NC  
Oct. 13, 2005  
12:00 Lunch  
1:30 pm shotgun start*

Please send a check for \$60 per person, \$240 per team to:

District 7690 Golf

Mail to:  
PDG Don Allred  
1426 West Lake Dr.  
Asheboro, NC 27205-2549

Rotary Club \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Handicap \_\_\_\_\_

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Teams shall consist of Rotarians from one club.  
If you cannot arrange a foursome from your club, sign up anyway and you will be assigned to a non-competing team for a fun day of golf and fellowship.

Our team would like to participate in the:

Gross Division: Two of four best ball \_\_\_\_\_ (blue tees)

Net Division: Captain's Choice with handicap \_\_\_\_\_ (white tees)

Deadline for Entries: September 15

**For more information contact:**

Don Allred: 336.629.1021  
Margaret Padgett: 336.885.7690  
Holly Ridge is located on Hwy 311 between High Point and Randleman