



The Piedmont Rotarian

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"Service Above Self"

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



Phil Morris

HOME RUN? ROTARY LUCK!

Last February, when I told Foundation Chairman Stuart Fountain that Past Rotary International President Cliff Dochterman had agreed to be our Foundation Banquet speaker Stuart was elated. I remembered that Cliff spoke at our Foundation Banquet several years ago, but I had forgotten that it was during Stuart's first time as governor that Cliff

spoke, and that suggests that it was Stuart who secured his services at that time. "Phil Morris has hit a home run!" Stuart announced when he told you about the banquet. This writer has it on good authority that Phil was quite proud to have linked up with Cliff and was extremely pleased with the outcome.

Several of you asked how I did it. It was quite simple. There was hardly any effort involved. It is the kind of thing that happens at District Governor's Training at the International Assembly. One of the many revelations that I had at International Assembly was that the leadership, the movers and shakers of Rotary International are as interested in meeting the new class of district governors as the new class of governors are interested in meeting them. I discovered that the past presidents of Rotary International are people just like you and me. We share a common passion for service, ethical behavior and a belief that our actions are key to world understanding and peace.

Karen and I had loaded our plates and were looking for a couple vacant chairs where we might make new friends. We heard a friendly voice behind us, "There's a couple of empty chairs here!" We turned around and sat down, and discovered that we had joined Past Rotary International Presidents Jim Lacy, Glen Kinross, Jonathan Majiyagbe, a handful of members of the RI board as well. We had a wonderful conversation and our new friends made Karen and me feel included and welcome. At one point, I declared impulsively that the most important person in the Rotary world was sitting at our table. I am sure they knew that I wasn't talking about myself, but they looked at me inquisitively so that I might bring closure to that statement. "Karen is the most important person in Rotary this year. She is a club president. It doesn't matter what you guys want to do, if the club president won't do it, then it won't get done." They agreed! So does Cliff. He continues to have a great deal of experience with the power of the club president. His wife, Mary Elena, is president of his Rotary club!

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On next April 20 – 23 our district will hold its 49th annual District Conference at the beautiful Myrtle Beach Marriott Resort at Grande Dunes. The three-year-old resort is located oceanfront near 82nd Avenue North at Myrtle Beach within easy driving distance of District 7690 Rotary clubs. We will have access to outdoor and indoor pools, a beautiful beach, and a hot tub as well as the Hibiscus Spa. All of the rooms are comfortably appointed, and we have managed to obtain an extremely good rate of \$139 per night. When you get there you will see what a bargain this really is. All of our meetings and dinners will be in the resort. No travel is necessary unless you should happen to want to visit some of the Myrtle Beach attractions that are within an easy drive – Broadway at the Beach, Barefoot Landing, Tanger Factory Outlets, and Ripley's Aquarium, just to mention a few.

Our plenary sessions will be informative and entertaining and will run on time. District Governor Phil Morris will not have an opportunity to sing. For optional activities, we will have golf (Captain's Choice) on Friday afternoon at the Myrtlewood Golf Club on the well-known PineHills course, an Arthur Hills design. We also will have kayaking on Friday afternoon and canoeing on Saturday afternoon. Both will be led as usual by the redoubtable duo of Dick Thomas and Bob Fowler from the Furnitureland club. Additional activities will be at your discretion in the afternoons – possibly some beach time, relaxing in the Pawley's Island hammocks under the palm trees, a visit to one of the famous Myrtle Beach miniature golf courses, or maybe even a trip to find some bargains at the factory outlets or Barefoot Landing.

We will be sending out further information in the near future, and you really should make your plans now. We fully expect our block of rooms at Grande Dunes to be completely booked well before conference time arrives.

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The rooms can be booked now at our conference rate of \$139, but you need a special code to do it. If you're ready to book, send an email to me at DC2006@Rotary7690.org or call me at 336 882-9974. I will give you the information you need so you can guarantee you'll have a room in advance of the official conference information being mailed out to all District 7690 Rotarians. I am also very open to suggestions if you know of something you would like to see at conference and to offers of assistance if you would like to get involved.

Take a look at the picture of the hotel and then visit some of the websites.

Grande Dunes Resort: _____
<http://marriott.com/property/propertypage/myrgd>

Golf:
<http://www.myrtlewoodgolf.com/pinehills.html>

Shopping:
<http://www.tangeroutlet.com/>
<http://www.bflanding.com/>
<http://www.broadwayatthebeach.com/>

Aquarium:
<http://www.ripleysaquarium.com/>

David Pruette, Conference Chairman

**District 7690 – District Conference
April 20–23, 2006
Myrtle Beach Marriott Resort at Grande Dunes**



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(Parenthetically, this is the time of year that clubs select presidents for the 2007-2008 Rotary year. Pick a good leader! It shouldn't be hard to find one if your club has developed a strong sense of Rotary culture. It will make a difference between marking time and marching forward.)

It was with the same feeling of openness that Cliff Dochterman and I exchanged greetings as we walked down the hallway between meetings. I introduced myself and identified my district and asked if he would consider speaking at our Foundation Banquet. Without hesitation, he said he would like to speak and asked me to send him a list of possible dates. By e-mail two weeks later I received confirmation that he was available. Stuart, evidently 'home runs' are not as difficult to obtain as they are in baseball, but they do depend upon a bit of good luck.

I wanted to share with you several conversations I had with Cliff Dochterman and his wife, Mary Elena, while he was visiting. But Margaret says this column is getting too long this month, so I will hold those snapshots for another issue.

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Get well wishes for Steve Norman, President of Surry Sunrise who has undergone a six-bypass surgery. He is home and doing well.
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Congratulations to the Rotary Foundation Accomplishments for 2004-2005

Per Capita

Willow Creek	\$486.82
Gate City	\$274.07
Yadkinville	\$260.29

Total Giving

Greensboro	\$34,820
High Point	\$24,534
Crescent	\$21,200





AREA 5 CLUB NEWS

Mike Conrad, Assistant Governor



Crescent Club

Rick Martin, President

Community, Vocational & Youth Projects

- Project "Big Sweep"
- Kids Voting
- Red Cross Blood Drive
- Salvation Army Bell Ringing
- Regular member vocation "talks"

International Projects & Foundation Goals

- Water Project for Malawi
- Supported District Disaster Relief Fund
- Main Triple Crown status – 100% Paul Harris, Sustaining & Benefactor Club

Major Fundraiser

- Annual live and silent auction – this year raised over \$80,000 – a record

Membership Goal

- Net gain of 1 new member

East Greensboro Club

James Mayes, President

Community, Vocational & Youth Projects

- Alzheimer's Community Party
- Shadow Day & Career Fair with Dudley High
- Black Achievers with Hayes Taylor YMCA
- Rotoract Club at Bennett College
- Rotary Against Drug Contest
- Kids Voting

International Projects & Foundation Goals

- Medical supplies to Ghana Hospital Project
- Increase Paul Harris Fellows by 10%

Major Fundraiser(s)

- Annual Golf Tournament

Membership Goal

- Increase membership by 30%

Gate City Club

Kelly Harrill, President

Community, Vocational & Youth Projects

- Page High School Interact
- Family Services network
- Project "Big Sweep" & Adopt-A-Highway
- Salvation Army Bell Ringing
- Kids Voting
- Rotary Against Drugs Contest
- Annual Camp Carefree Workday

International Projects & Foundation Goals

- Major support of "Theo's Work" – Orphanage in Haiti
- Supported District Disaster Relief Fund
- Maintain status as 100% Paul Harris Fellow and Sustaining Club
- Become a 100% Benefactor Club

Major Fundraiser

- "Mini Car...Major Causes" Fundraiser – a reverse raffle for a Mini-Cooper

Membership Goal

- Net of 3 new members

Greensboro Airport Club

Cory Newton, President

Community, Vocational & Youth Projects

- Project "Big Sweep"
- Bell House Clean-up
- Jefferson Elementary School Clean-up
- Page High School Interact
- Rotary Against Drug Contest
- Shadow Day

International Projects & Foundation Goals

- "Theo's Work" – Orphanage in Haiti
- Backpack Project for children in northern Haiti
- Maintain 100% Paul Harris Club status
- GSE participant - Taiwan
- Target to become Triple Crown club

Major Fundraiser(s)

- Annual 100-Hole Golf Marathon

Membership Goal

- Revised goal from 4 to 6 net new members

Greensboro Club

Lane Schiffman, President

Community, Vocational & Youth Projects

- Learning for Life – mentoring at 3 elementary schools
- Kids Voting
- Shadow Day
- Youth Leadership Program – Guilford College
- Project "Big Sweep"
- Support Interact and Rotaract Clubs
- Blood Drive

International Projects & Foundation Goals

- Hospice support in Moldova
- Maintain 100% Paul Harris & Sustaining status
- GSE participant – Taiwan

Major Fundraiser(s)

- Social event with Raffle, Live & Silent Auction

Guilford Club

Gary Upchurch, President

Community, Vocational & Youth Projects

- Potter's House – serve meal to homeless
- "Diaper Day" – collect baby needs for single mothers
- Western Guilford Interact Club
- Students of the Month – recognize 2 students/month
- Shadow Day
- GTCC Scholarships (support for 12 years)
- Character Education
- Hero's Day – recognize fire, police, EMS public servants
- Entrepreneur of the Year

International Projects & Foundation Goals

- 3 Projects in Panama & Mexico
- Maintain 100% Paul Harris & Sustaining Club status

Major Fundraiser(s)

- Raffle drawing & Wine Tasting/Auction

Membership Goal

- Net of 6 new members

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AREA CLUB NEWS continued.....

New Generation Club

Art Martinez, President
Community, Vocational & Youth Projects

- Kids Voting
- Habitat for Humanity
- Feed homeless at Thanksgiving
- Project "Big Sweep"

International Projects & Foundation Goals

- Become a 100% Sustaining Club

Major Fundraiser(s)

- Annual Wine Tasting

Summit Club

Mike Woyahn, President

Community, Vocational & Youth Projects

- Kids Voting
- Salvation Army Bell Ringing
- Student Improvement Awards
- Project "Big Sweep"
- Scholarships for Eastern Music Festival musicians
- Katrina Response – approximately \$8,000
- Supports UNC-G Rotoract and Northwest High School Interact Clubs
- Supports new Interact Club at Eastern Guilford High School

International Projects & Foundation Goals

- Maintain 100% Paul Harris & Sustaining Club status
- Become 100% Benefactor Club
- "Theo's Work" – Orphanage in Haiti
- Moscow Medical Facility
- Eastern Music Festival Scholarships
- Assist East Greensboro & New Generation Clubs in becoming 100% Paul Harris Clubs

Major Fundraiser(s)

- "Gears & Spokes"

Membership Goal

- Net of 3 new members

**ALL EIGHT CLUBS SUPPORT THE GREENSBORO CENTER
PARK PROJECT WITH A \$50,000 CONTRIBUTION**

District 7690 Clubs Sponsor Local Educators Attending World View K-12 Symposium at UNC-CH

Northwest Guilford High School in Greensboro had four educators attending the eighth annual World Symposium on "Global Science: What Every Educator Needs to Know," on October 24-25, 2005. The Crescent Rotary Club of Greensboro made funds available for the Northwest High School Educators to attend. Northwest High School Teachers Griggs, Hood, Singh and Assistant Principal Sockwell were among the 400 K-12 educators who traveled to UNC-Chapel Hill for the day-and-a-half program and returned with a greater understanding of science issues, their importance for our world, and relevance for the classroom. In addition to the symposium's featured presentations by UNC-Chapel Hill faculty in the sciences, participants took part in small group sessions on technology and the environment and learned about curriculum-based global education resources for a variety of grade levels.

World View, which begins its eighth year as a UNC-Chapel Hill program, helps educators better prepare their students for the small and interconnected world in which they live. It does so by producing symposiums, seminars, global leadership programs, workshops, and international study visits. Grigg, Hood, Singh and Sockwell join a growing number of World View program graduates who will take on the responsibility of increasing global perspectives in the classroom. World View's next programs are back-to-back seminars on "Hispanics/Latinos in the Carolinas" and East Asia: Tradition and Transformation, March 21 – 23, 2006, on the UNC-Chapel Hill campus. For more information, visit the World View website at www.unc.edu/world.

Other schools that participated in the seminar include Jefferson Elementary (sponsored by Greensboro Airport Rotary Club), The O'Neal School (sponsored by Pinehurst Rotary Club), B.H. Tharrington Elementary (sponsored by Surry Sunrise Rotary Club), Page High School (sponsored by Gate City Rotary Club), Greensboro Day School (sponsored by Greensboro Rotary Club), and the Troy Rotary Club sent educators from 4 schools in Montgomery County. Special thanks to Tommy Webb with Crescent Rotary for coordinating this partnership between Rotary Clubs in District 7690 and our Piedmont schools.

The Crescent Club showed their excitement of the return of one of their members, Ephraim Grubbs from Iraq on a recent billboard in Greensboro. Ephraim served a year of duty in Iraq.



Attendance for October 2005



CLUBS	MEMBERS AS OF 6/30/05	CURRENT MEMBERS	MONTHLY % ATTENDANCE	MONTHLY MEETINGS	CLUB ID NUMBER
*Alamance	49	53	62%	4	6090
*Alamance Bkft	26	28	96%	5	23238
Archdale/Trinity	32	33	57%	4	29135
*Asheboro	109	109	76%	4	6052
Burlington	24	25	63%	5	6092
Carthage	16	17	74%	4	6053
*Clemmons	126	123	75%	4	29530
*Crescent	122	119	73%	5	6056
East Greensboro	22	21	47%	4	55569
Eden	47	44	70%	4	6058
*Furnitureland	54	55	82%	2	6059
*Gate City	59	60	100%	4	27995
*Graham	37	37	68%	4	6107
*Greensboro	323	317	63%	4	6060
*Gboro Arpt	35	39	86%	4	31667
*Guilford	50	51	98%	4	22059
*High Point	174	178	71%	4	6062
Jamestown	34	30	69%	4	6063
*Jonesboro	61	60	83%	4	22882
*Kernersville	59	61	81%	4	25027
King	22	22	73%	4	51294
Lexington	44	41	61%	4	6065
*Liberty	18	19	68%	4	6066
Madison/Mayodan	52	54	71%	4	6067
*Mocksville	63	65	60%	4	6069
*Mount Airy	101	102	84%	4	6070
Oak Hollow	16	18	68%	4	51358
*Pinehurst	29	32	68%	4	6072
*Randolph	79	79	74%	4	6074
Reidsville	71	72	69%	5	6075
Reynolda	110	107	62%	4	21534
S.G. New Gen.	14	11	65%	4	61795
Sandhills	43	41	73%	4	25530
Sanford	75	70	61%	4	6078
San-Lee	26	25	93%	5	30735
Siler City	68	70	72%	4	6079
*Southern Pines	68	69	78%	4	6080
*Stoneville	14	14	75%	4	6081
Stratford	146	138	66%	4	6082
*Summit	130	130	69%	4	6083
Surry Sunrise	45	41	56%	4	57326
*Thomasville	75	77	75%	4	6084
*Triad	39	43	67%	3	6071
*Troy	34	33	63%	4	6085
Walnut Cove	30	29	46%	4	6087
*Willow Creek	18	19	82%	3	60367
Winston-Salem	253	253	50%	5	6088
Yadkin Valley	40	40	72%	4	30000
*Yadkinville	17	19	65%	4	51333
Yanceyville	24	22	65%	4	6134
DISTRICT	3223	3215	71%		

*100% Paul Harris Fellow Club

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