

The Piedmont Rotarian

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"Service Above Self"

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ENHANCING DISTRICT 7690 COMMUNICATION



Phil Morris

There is nothing I enjoy as much as sharing and extending to everyone the magic of a Rotary experience. E-mail is a wonderful and immediate venue for this. Two years ago I even put together an e-mail network to facilitate our communications. Then spam started cluttering the internet, and the naïve openness of the district e-mail network became a spam magnet. I promised you that this year the district would develop an alternate e-mail communications network significantly less susceptible to the abuse of spammers. I shared with you a database model that showed promise of permitting district wide communication in a secure internet environment.

Finally I have something to show you! I want to introduce the district's new membership database, which for lack of a better name we are calling 7690db. 7690db is our district's implementation of a database program developed by PDG Mike Thacker from our neighboring District 7710. Our district is the 15th district to adopt his program. It extends communications capabilities to all Rotarians in the district. At this time club officers are helping me with the initial clean up associated with data conversion.

There is something for everyone: members, clubs and district officers. Here are some of the features of 7690db.

Members will be encouraged to sign-on and update their own data (name, address, phone, e-mail, business, photo, and spouse information).

Members can view (or print) their club's membership directory in just a couple of clicks. It is possible to search for another member, and if the e-mail address is available, it is possible for a member to send E-mail to another member.



Club secretaries will be able to submit attendance data, update information about the club, maintain their membership roster (new members, changes, and terminations), and print name badges or club directories (with member photos), or e-mail all members in the club, in just a couple of clicks. They may generate a Rotary Foundation transmittal report for annual giving and sustaining member contributions. In addition, clubs can publish their meetings, events, and fund raisers in the on-line calendar, with district-wide distribution.

Clubs will be able to tailor their website in a way that permits easier communications with their members and others, using many of the database transactions to keep the web site current!

District officers will have access to current club and member data and can publish current club meeting times & locations on the on the district's web site. In addition, the district will be able to communicate current information regarding district events and programs via the district's calendar functions and send personalized e-mails to all members with a current e-mail address, in just a couple of clicks.

I invite your to visit www.Rotary7690.org, then click on the pocket knife. There are two of them as I write this letter: one will get you into 7690db. The other will be helpful if you want a bit of coaching before you visit 7690db.

What about the old District 7690 E-Mail Network? I will send in my demolition team to dismantle it sometime this February. Will you see an immediate drop in the number of spam e-mails you receive? You should.

ROTARY FOUNDATION CONTRIBUTIONS

The Rotary
Foundation
Committee would
like to
encourage all
clubs to
have in all
donations by
May 31, 2006
to insure that
proper credit
is given to
each club.



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

Plans for an exciting and worthwhile District Conference are proceeding rapidly, and the conference draws steadily closer. The conference booklet and attached registration form are at the printer as I write this article and should be out to all of the District 7690 Rotarians by the end of January. Early registration date for conference in order to save money will be February 20. The deadline for reserving a room at the Myrtle Beach Marriott Resort at Grande Dunes is March 21. The hotel at Grande Dunes is one of only two resorts in Myrtle Beach to have received the AAA four-diamond designation and is the only one that is oceanfront. Grande Dunes was also selected as Best of the Beach in the resort category in 2005 by the Myrtle Beach Sun News.

Our featured speaker will be Glen Ward from Columbia, South Carolina. Mr. Ward addresses audiences all across America as a full-time, professional humorist and inspirational speaker. Our representative from the Rotary International President will be PDG Mary Margaret Fleming from California. Mary Margaret is the recipient of many unique Rotary awards including being honored at the Barcelona International Conference as one of the Most Distinguished District Governors in the World. We look forward to hearing from both of these individuals.

Optional activities for the afternoons at conference will include kayaking on Friday and canoeing on Saturday and golf at the Myrtlewood Golf Club on Friday. Of course, the attractions of Myrtle Beach will also be available. Our entertainment on Friday night will be the Dueling Pianos duo from Myrtle Beach followed by a beach music shag party sponsored by the Clemmons Rotary Club. Saturday night will be our banquet and the recognition of clubs receiving Gold Club this year.

Make your plans now to attend District Conference in Myrtle Beach April 20-23. If you have any questions, send me an email at DC2006@Rotary7690.org. See you at the beach.

David Pruetto, Conference Chairman

RI DIRECTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE

A district representative from Rotary District 7690 must be selected to serve on the Nominating Committee for the nomination of a RI Director from Zone 33. Information has been mailed to each club president with the criteria. Nominations are due at the district office no later than March 1.

PAUL HARRIS FELLOW SOCIETY

As of the October, 2005 meeting the Foundation Trustees of Rotary International have approved the Paul Harris Fellow Society as an official Foundation program to be administered by districts as of 7/1/06.

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AREA 6 CLUB NEWS

(Oak Hollow Club was omitted in January)

Oak Hollow Club

Linda Faircloth, *President*

Community, Vocational & Youth Projects

Horsepower (Therapeutic Riding Center for handicapped and disabled adults and children) is a major focus. Plans to build a permanent office for this organization is a major project.

Assistance with blood drive for Katrina victims

Kids Voting Project

Candidate for the Drug Awareness Speech Contest

Major Fundraiser

Pancake Breakfast and yard sale

Membership Goal

Growth currently is a net of 2 members

GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE TEAM UPDATE

The outbound team that is visiting Taiwan is:

Owen George, team leader

Asheboro Rotary Club

Christine Kreider, team member

sponsored by Alamance Brkft.

Heather Owens, team member

sponsored by Jonesboro

Gayle Taylor, team member

sponsored by Greensboro Airport

Linda Whitlow, team member

sponsored by Furnitureland

The inbound team from Taiwan will be in the district from March 31 – April 28 and will be at our Rotary District Conference in Myrtle Beach.

Plans and applications are now being received for the exchange team for 2006-07.

Ambassadorial Scholars

Six academic-year scholars, six cultural scholars and one peace scholar have been selected for the 2006-2007 academic year. They are:

Academic Scholars

Alice Chia-Li Ma – sponsored by Furnitureland

Katie Donovan - sponsored by Summit

Nathan Gill - sponsored by Alamance Breakfast

Emily Moore

Abhay Paul Aneja – sponsored by Reynolda

John W. Keefer – sponsored by Triad

Cultural Scholars

Patricia Llorens-Perkins – sponsored by Jamestown

Mary S. Smeltzer – sponsored by Winston-Salem

Colleen F. Jackson – sponsored by Greensboro Airport

Tonetta F. Landis – sponsored by Gate City

Tera C. Haskin – sponsored by Crescent

Ryan T. Connolly - sponsored by Greensboro

World Peace Scholar

Gale Greenlee – sponsored by Greensboro Airport

Applications are now being accepted for the 2007-2008 year. Deadline for applying is March 13.

AREA 7 CLUB NEWS

Wes Patterson, Assistant Governor

Lexington

Mayne Hill, President

Major Fundraiser

Auction which nets approximately \$12,000—funds are used to support many community projects

Foundation Goals

100% Paul Harris Fellow Sustaining club for 2005-2006

Membership Goal

Currently at +1 membership net gain

Mocksville

Brad Jones, President

Major Fundraiser

Auction which nets approximately \$25,000 for community-based projects including a community park

International Projects

Strong supporter of Operation Smile

Thomasville

Steve Martin, President

Major Fundraiser

Cash raffle which nets approximately \$12,000

Community, Vocational & Youth Projects

Communities in Schools Project
Deliver telephone books locally
Provide 10 scholarships – 9 to three local high schools and one to Davidson County Comm. College
Participated in the *Times* Cans of Food Drive

International Projects

Saving Little Hearts in Nicaragua (one member actually assisted the surgeons with the language).

Membership Goal

Currently has net gain of +2 members

Willow Creek

Eric Fletcher, President

Major Fundraiser

Annual golf tournament which nets approximately \$4,500

Community, Vocational & Youth Projects

Recognize a Student of the Month from two local schools

Sponsor a Shadow Day Program in October

Sponsor a student to the Youth Leadership Camp

Support Cooperative Ministries of Davidson County with funds, canned food and volunteers to serve meals

Hospice of the Piedmont with a cash donation and volunteers for Taste of the Town

Adopted a family at Christmas and provided \$1,100 worth of gift cards for purchases

Support CART and Boys and Girls Homes of NC

International Projects & Foundation Goals

Support Operation Smile

Young Life international project

100% Paul Harris Fellow Sustaining Club

Goal to maintain 100% Paul Harris Fellow status

Membership Goal

Net gain of 1 new member

Attendance for December 2005

CLUBS	MEMBERS AS OF 6/30/05	CURRENT MEMBERS	MONTHLY % ATTENDANCE	MONTHLY MEETINGS	CLUB ID NUMBER
*Alamance	49	54	73%	2	6090
*Alamance Bkft	26	29	84%	3	23238
Archdale/Trinity	32	33	55%	3	29135
*Asheboro	109	111	73%	3	6052
Burlington	24	24	69%	3	6092
Carthage	16	17	68%	5	6053
*Clemmons	126	128	78%	4	29530
*Crescent	122	119	70%	3	6056
East Greensboro	22	22	49%	2	55569
Eden	47	45	71%	2	6058
*Furnitureland	54	56	73%	3	6059
*Gate City	59	60	93%	4	27995
*Graham	37	39	67%	2	6107
*Greensboro	323	314	76%	2	6060
*Gboro Arpt	35	39	82%	3	31667
*Guilford	50	53	75%	3	22059
*High Point	174	177	68%	3	6062
Jamestown	34	29	76%	2	6063
*Jonesboro	61	65	66%	4	22882
*Kernersville	59	63	80%	4	25027
King	22	22	73%	4	51294
Lexington	44	45	74%	2	6065
*Liberty	18	19	74%	3	6066
Madison/Mayodan	52	53	70%	3	6067
*Mocksville	63	61	64%	4	6069
*Mount Airy	101	101	74%	4	6070
Oak Hollow	16	18	63%	3	51358
*Pinehurst	29	34	68%	3	6072
*Randolph	79	76	75%	1	6074
Reidsville	71	76	71%	3	6075
Reynolda	110	108	71%	2	21534
S.G. New Gen.	14	11	75%	3	61795
Sandhills	43	39	76%	2	25530
*Sanford	75	71	50%	3	6078
San-Lee	26	26	76%	3	30735
Siler City	68	67	68%	3	6079
*Southern Pines	68	67	75%	5	6080
*Stoneville	14	14	75%	5	6081
Stratford	146	137	61%	1	6082
*Summit	130	132	71%	2	6083
Surry Sunrise	45	41	52%	4	57326
*Thomasville	75	77	83%	3	6084
*Triad	39	42	78%	3	6071
*Troy	34	31	68%	3	6085
Walnut Cove	30	28	44%	4	6087
*Willow Creek	18	19	75%	2	60367
Winston-Salem	253	253	51%	2	6088
Yadkin Valley	40	42	67%	4	30000
*Yadkinville	17	19	66%	2	51333
Yanceyville	24	22	65%	2	6134
DISTRICT	3223	3228	70%		

*100% Paul Harris Fellow Club

District 7690 Calendar

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