

The Piedmont Rotarian

ROTARY DISTRICT 7690 • April 2006 • DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S NEWSLETTER

"Service Above Self"

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

THE POWER OF ONE



Phil Morris

International Assembly 2006 has come and gone. District Governor-Elect Mitzi Ellis attended the San Diego event where she participated in the Governor-Elect Training Seminar (GETS) with over 530 other District Governors-Elect for an intensive week of training and networking. Mitzi has returned and she is on fire! She is already preparing the rest of us all for our 2006-2007 Rotary year.

In a blaze, Mitzi held a very productive afternoon of assistant governor training where five of the 2005-2006 assistant governors were joined by five new colleagues. Newcomers Donna Thompson, Jeff Eldridge, Robert Hoskins, Shannon Harris and Sam Sillaman join Tony Santoro, Chuck Houska, Mike Conrad, Wes Patterson and Charles Allen in the assistant governor role. Mitzi calls it 'The Dream Team.' Based on the energy and enthusiasm demonstrated at the meeting, there is no dreaming about it. This is the team that is right for the times that we are facing.

Still burning out of control, DGE Mitzi led an extraordinary President-Elect Training Seminar (PETS) in Greensboro where the miracle of Rotary occurred again. We started the transition process; a new phase of the Rotary year. And although the 2005-2006 club presidents and district officers did not attend this meeting, they are as much a part of the miracle of transition as are the 2006-2007 club presidents and district officers. The stage is being set to insure that next year those who follow will take our organization and all that it does to a new level. And as the 2005-2006 team built on the past and leaves a firm foundation, the 2006-2007 team will also build. And so it goes.

PETS was an extraordinary event for those who attended this year. PDG Carol Summerlin and PDG Jack Green were invited back to serve as trainers (thank you for that demonstration of SERVICE Above Self.)

Club presidents-elect, presidents-nominee, assistant governors and PETS participants had the opportunity to meet New Zealander and Rotary International President-Elect Bill Boyd and his wife Lorna. If you attended PETS and didn't get an opportunity to shake their hands and share an idea or two with them, you didn't try. Bill and Lorna are two of the most approachable and accessible people you are apt to know. (continued on page 2...)



**Rotary District 7690
Welcomes
MARY MARGARET
FLEMING
President's Rep
2006 Conference**

A Rotarian since 1988, Charter Member and Past President of Monterey Peninsula Sunset Rotary Club (91-92), Mary Margaret Fleming, holds membership in the Rotary Club of Monterey Pacific. She served as District Governor in 1996-97, is a multiple Paul Harris Fellow, Benefactor, and maintains perfect attendance.

***Mary Margaret is the recipient of many unique Rotary awards -
Rotary International***

- **"SERVICE ABOVE SELF"** Rotary International's highest honor 2004
- **"CITATION FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE"** The Rotary Foundation's highest honor 2002.
- **"MOST DISTINGUISHED PAST DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S IN THE WORLD"** Number 1, of six honored in Barcelona 2002
- **"DISTINGUISHED SERVICE GOLDEN EAGLE"** for initiating World Billboard Project 1-2-02
- **"THE TEN BEST OF ROTARY"** ranking 5th world-wide among 518 District Governors — for leadership and performance 1996-97
- **"GOLDEN CENTURY CITATION" FOR INDIVIDUAL ROTARIANS** 1997
- TRF **"SPECIAL ANNUAL PROGRAMS FUND"** 1996-97

District

- **"ROTARIAN OF THE YEAR"** 1992-93
- **"OUTSTANDING CLUB PRESIDENT"** 1991-92

Club:

- **"Tony Willemssen Rotarian of the Year"** 2001-02
- **"QUIET ROTARIAN"** 2000-01 & 1998-99

June 26 Installation of District Officers

This event will be held at Sedgefield Country Club in Greensboro and is open to all Rotarians.

Registration will be mailed to the incoming presidents-elect.

Recognition Awarded To District Rotarians

George Atherholt (Sandhills Rotary) and Robert Boone (Southern Pines Rotary) were awarded the Cliff Dochterman Community Service Award for outstanding service to both scouting and to Rotary. Congratulations to both for this great achievement.

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(cont. from page 1) Both thrive on meeting and making new friends. Karen and I had been given two assignments this year. I was asked to serve as photographer, and also to serve as the Boyd's aide. I apologized frequently to the Boyds for interrupting their conversations as I tried to document your meetings with these wonderful people. Bill was very accommodating. "It's part of the job. I'm here to make people feel good about Rotary and about what Rotary does." "Bill is a hugger!" warned his wife Lorna. And I have ample evidence in my photo album. Karen and I will never forget the honor and opportunity that our association with the Boyds gave us.

This PETS featured some of the finest speakers to come down the pike: **Bill Boyd**: "I am just an ordinary person who has been given an extraordinary opportunity." "I occupy the role of President of Rotary International for only one year and then I return to my club as Rotarian Bill Boyd." **Ray Klinginsmith**, Past RI Director and now Rotary Foundation Trustee, reminded us that by joining our talents, the impossible occurs, in his talk entitled "When Elephants Fly." What club president-elect will forget author David Forward reminding us of "the power of one." And his suggestion that "to a pilot who is landing or taking off, the runway behind him is unimportant, of no consequence and of little use." He reminds us that what we have done in the past is no longer important or relevant. What is important is what we will do in the future. Won't that put the Polio Eradication program into perspective! Who will care that Rotary was a key in the eradication of Polio? Who will know what Polio was? Forward, March!

Finally, many club past-presidents have heard Winnie Morgan, wife of Director Ken Morgan, teaching about Goose Principles, describing the miracle of flying in formation. Never "should" on others, she advised, as she told us to "get the flock out of here." Aren't you proud to be a part of an organization who's purpose is to "add value to people's lives?" I know I am! District Leadership past, present and future all LENDING A HAND to CELEBRATE ROTARY by practicing SERVICE ABOVE SELF as we LEAD THE WAY. I am proud to be a part of that continuum. 2006-2007 will be good year!

... And as if your District Governor didn't have a good enough weekend, he attended the Multi-District Rotary Against Drugs Speech Contest where he watched Kellie Betts, a student at Asheboro High School take first place. We are planning for Kellie to share her speech with you at District Conference 2006. And, of course, I am looking forward to greeting each of you in Myrtle Beach at the Marriott Grand Dunes later this month.

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As District Foundation Chair she aided Rotarians in raising over \$600,000 for The Rotary Foundation 2003-04
ZONES 23 & 24

Centennial Committee Chair 2003-05

Created, designed Zone Float for RI Centennial Parade, 2005
Executive Committee 2003-05
Task Force-Zone Events 2003-05
"WorldEXPO" Chair, Costa Mesa, CA 2003

Advisor to GETS Chair 2003, 2004
GETS General Chair, Eugene, OR 2002

DISTRICT

Scholarships Chair 2004-05
PDG Advisory Council 1997 - present
Raised \$300,000 for Permanent Fund 1999

As DG (1996-97), in a **one-night "Foundation Gala,"** with a record breaking District **attendance of 1,509**, yielded \$211,167.25 in new money for The Rotary Foundation. \$55,000 was underwritten by subscription, to provide three New York Tony Winners who entertained with Broadway show tunes; accompanied by the 62 piece Fresno Philharmonic Orchestra.

A Chicago native, residing in California for the past 26 years, Mary Margaret has a long history of community service. She also served as a business consult consultant who designs/installs efficiency office systems; has coordinated national, state, and local political campaigns; fund-raising campaigns, and authored the book: *Writing and Communicating*. Additionally, Mary Margaret is a fine artist who holds a B.F.A. from the Art Institute of Chicago, and invites you to visit her Fine Art web site:

www.marymargaretfleming.com. She has a daughter, Catherine, who resides in Costa Rica, and teaches English.



RI President-Elect Bill's wife, Lorna, warned that Bill was a hugger! Bill was found hugging incoming District Governor, Mitzi Ellis, PDG Carol Summerlin and our current District Governor's wife, Karen Morris at the recent PETS meeting in Greensboro.



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

This is the last conference article you will see before gathering at Myrtle Beach on April 20. Arrangements for the conference are complete, and the hotel rooms at Grande Dunes for District 7690 Rotarians have been booked. In short, we're ready.

When you arrive at Grande Dunes, our registration table will be plainly visible in the hotel's main lobby. You can check in to get your room and then immediately go over to the smiling folks from the High Point Rotary Club at our registration table to pick up your packets of information. Please pay close attention to the contents of your registration packet. Make sure that it reflects everything that you signed up for. The packet will include a conference booklet, nametags, tickets for entry to all of the conference functions, drink tickets, and any necessary instructions.

Conference will officially begin Thursday evening at 6:30 with a welcome reception and buffet in Tides 1 and 2 at Grande Dunes. During this reception we will have our first chance to hear from Mary Margaret Fleming, our RI President's Rep. The reception is only scheduled to last for a couple of hours so you will have the rest of the evening free to spend as you please. We will then start again Friday morning with our first plenary session.

Optional activities for the afternoons at conference will include golf at the Myrtlewood Golf Club on Friday, kayaking on Friday, and canoeing on Saturday. Of course, the attractions of Myrtle Beach will also be available. Shopping opportunities abound for those who are so inclined. The hotel's beach and pools will be available for our use as will the Hibiscus Spa for those who could use a little pampering. 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.

If you have any questions, send me an email at DC2006@Rotary7690.org. See you at the beach.

-David Pruetto, Conference Chair 2006

District's Nominees for the Nominating Committee for RI Director

The following past district governors were nominated to be the representative on the Nominating Committee for Zone 33 for the election of the RI Director:

PDG Stuart Fountain – member of the Randolph Rotary Club

PDG Jack Green – member of the Furnitureland Rotary Club

PDG Carol Summerlin – member of the Madison/Mayodan Rotary Club

A vote will be taken at the 2006 Rotary District Conference. Each attending club designates their voting delegate(s) to participate in the voting.

DISTRICT 7690 RAD Speech Contest 2006

Congratulations to Kellie Betts, Asheboro High School who won the Multi-District RAD Speech Contest in Chapel Hill on March 19, 2006. -phil morris

1	Graham	Sheridan	Grimsley High School	Greensboro
2	Kellie	Betts	Asheboro High School	Randolph
3	Bridgette	Brooks	Faith Christian School	Randolph
4	Guy	Jackson	Dudley High School	East Greensboro
5	Candace	Icenhour	Westchester Academy	Furnitureland
	Antiqua	Maberson	Page High School	Greensboro Airport/Gate City
	Brandon	Prince	Western Guilford High School	Guilford
	Melissa	Biediger	Lee County High School	Jonesboro (in Sanford)
	Michael	Garcia	East Forsyth High School	Kernersville
	Demetria	Stuart	Glenn High School	Kernersville
	Krystle	Swain	Chatham Central High School	Siler City
	Rebecca	Hundley	Wesleyan Christian Academy	Triad

May 12 District Assembly GTCC Jamestown

District Assembly is a planning session for incoming club officers, directors and interested Rotarians. This is a district training event and offers the clubs the opportunities to meet with other incoming officers and district officers and chairmen. Registration for this event will be mailed to the incoming presidents-elect.

May 22 Boys & Girls Homes NC Golf Tournament

This tournament will be held at Mid-Pines Golf Club in Southern Pines, NC. Proceeds from this tournament will benefit the Boys and Girls Homes of NC at Lake Waccamaw, NC. Registration information can be found on the district's website at www.rotary7690.org

AREA 9 CLUB NEWS

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Carthage

*Mark Lemmond, Robert Nunnaley,
Presidents*

Membership

Membership has remained relatively constant. The loss of President Elect Dr. Annie Wimbish was a set back for the Club. Annie accepted the position of Superintendent of Schools in Hattiesburg, MS. Mark Lemmond and Robert Nunnaley stepped in to fill the gap, each serving a six month term. The Club elected Wendy Butner for president for 2006-2007. Wendy will be the first female president in some time and is expected to be a fine asset for both the Carthage Club and the District.

Community Service

For Christmas, the Club adopted five families and gave them gift cards and grocery cards as well as food boxes with turkey and the "fixins" for Christmas dinner. The Club joined the other clubs in Area 9 to purchase dictionaries for third grade students in Moore County.

Local Events

The Club sponsored the annual Carthage 4th of July Parade, the only community in Moore County to hold a parade to mark the holiday event.

Mark Lemmond organized the Business Solicitation Campaign which was a huge success.

This spring, the club will have their annual Pancake Supper and they are exploring a new project that could become a big fundraiser each year.

Katrina Relief

The Club contributed \$500 to the Hattiesburg Rotary Relief Fund. The money was earmarked for the Hattiesburg School System in honor of Annie Wimbish who was to be President for 2005-2006.

District Events

The Club contributed \$100 to be a hole Sponsor for the Boys and Girls Home of Lake Waccama Golf Tournament.

Pinehurst

Paul Bride, President

Membership

The Pinehurst Rotary Club has had gained 4 members during the period. This represents a gain of 12% in spite of attrition due to death, resignation or transfer.

International Service Projects

Pinehurst Rotary initiated the "Saving Little Hearts" project that has now grown to include nine other clubs in the district and has a rotating chair drawn from the participating clubs. Denis O'Brien, the representative from our club will be going to Nicaragua in May to coordinate future activities of the club consortium.

Rotary Foundation

The Pinehurst Rotary has exceeded the \$100 per capita goal for the Rotary International Annual Programs Fund.

Local Charitable Undertakings/Comm. Service

During the 2005-06 period, Pinehurst Rotary has conducted a fund raising pancake breakfast and operated a booth at the annual "Holly Arts Festival" in the Village of Pinehurst. Proceeds benefit the Pinehurst Rotary Charitable Foundation which, over the years of its existence, has donated more than \$250,000 in grants to benefit the Pinehurst and Moore County community. Pinehurst joined other local Rotary Clubs in manning a refreshment booth at the US Open. Proceeds from the activity benefited the Charitable Foundation. The club sponsors and helps man several successful Red Cross Blood Drives held at the Pinehurst Hotel each year.

Vocational and Youth Activities

Pinehurst Rotary joined with the other Rotaries in Moore County to provide dictionaries to local schools. In August the club provided funds to install a drinking fountain in a local children's park. Each year our club sponsors an "Ethics and Values Dinner". At the dinner, the club honors a local Non-Rotarian who best exemplifies the ideals of Rotary and "The Four Way Test". At the award banquet, the club also presents three scholarships to students of Sandhills Community College. The students, recommended by Community College faculty, are then interviewed by a panel of Pinehurst Rotarians to determine final scholarship recipients.

Hurricane and Tsunami Relief

The club made direct donations of more than \$15,000 to "Shelter Boxes" to aid in tsunami relief in South Asia. In recent months the club made donations of \$2,000 to benefit school age children in Mississippi who were victims of "Hurricane Katrina".

Family of Rotary

Each year the club schedules several events oriented toward family participation. Among these are: Annual Durham Bulls Baseball Outing, Summer Family Pool Party, and a Christmas Dinner party. The club is also well represented at the District Football Outing at Wake Forest.

Sandhills

Guy Veni, President

Membership

Our Club has had a net gain of 1 new member with a goal of 5 new members for the year. The Club produced and distributed a pictorial club directory

Vocational & Youth Projects

The Club organized the annual Salvation Army Bell Ringing that included the Pinehurst Club and the Sandhills Community College Rotaract Club. The total money collected was \$4300.

The Club participated with the other Area 9 Clubs, contributing \$3,500 to purchase and participated in distributing dictionaries for Moore County 3rd Graders. Robert Hayter participated in the Kyle Petty ride Across America which raises funds for the Victory Junction Gang Camp for disabled children. The Club was a sponsor for Robert with a donation of \$1500.

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The Club used \$1,500 of the funds raised in its annual Golf Marathon to purchase Math books for The Academy of Moore County.

The Club contributed \$100 to be a hole sponsor for the Boys and Girls Home of Lake Waccama golf Tournament

International & Foundation Projects

President Elect Florrie Southerland became a Major donor (\$10,000 bequest). The Club is a 100% Sustaining Member Club and has an active campaign to become a Triple Crown Club April 1st.

The Club has participated in the following International Projects:

- a. \$1,000 to Saving Little Hearts
- b. \$100 to Operation Smiles
- c. \$500 for phone cards for our soldiers in Iraq coordinated with Lloyd Navarro serving in Iraq
- d. \$500 for furniture for a school in Iraq coordinated with Lloyd Navarro
- e. The Club has pledged funds to support Southern Pines project to purchase water pumps for a school in Peru.

Hurricane Katrina Relief

The Club has sent \$1000 to the Hattiesburg Rotary Relief Fund to assist the Hattiesburg School System as a participant in the Area 9 support for Annie Wimbish, Superintendent of Schools.

The Club has supported a community effort identified as Moore Friends for Mississippi which adopted the community of Bay St. Louis. The Club donated \$175 which was requested by **Lynn Thompson**, a volunteer on the MFFM committee and has organized a relief effort for the Bay ST. Louis Library system. Other members contributing to the MFFM effort was **Neil Cole** who obtained a pallet of copy paper for the library and **Morris Pennington** who donated office furniture.

Community Projects

Members have participated in the following community efforts:

- Ø **Joan Poole**, involved in fund raising activities for the Red Cross
- Ø **Buddy Spong**, organized with his students and Rotaract members a successful blood drive to support the Red Cross
- Ø **Sal Picard**, volunteered to be a member on the MFFM committee and is directing the relief effort for Bay St. Louis through all Moore County Civic organizations.
- Ø **The Club** is an active participant in the Meals on Wheels Program. Members deliver meals twice monthly.

Major Fundraisers

Christmas tree fundraiser netted \$3,200 that will be used for various local community charities and projects. The club raised approximately \$9000 in the annual Golf Marathon.

On Going Efforts/Goals

Feb-June – Membership contest with club social awarding the winners

March – Annual Golf Marathon fundraiser (goal \$15,000) to support ongoing community, international and the Rotary Foundation annual fund.

April – May Club Canoe trip social and picnic

March –Triple Crown Club (100% PHF, Sustaining and Benefactor)

Southern Pines

Mike Haney, President

Membership

Our membership stands at 71 with 3 that I know of expressing an interest in joining our group. That is an increase of 4 or so since 7/1/05, which I believe was 66 – 67. There seems to be a high level of enthusiasm amongst our members. I would attribute that to the Directors and their leadership, the incoming slate of officers - giving a sense of future vitality, good and informative programs, and a membership in attendance that is diverse, interested in our community and their fellow man, and participatory in the meetings and our projects.

Rotary Foundation

This past year we became a 100% Paul Harris Club, a milestone we have been trying to achieve for sometime and a source of pride for us. Also, a group from our Club attended the foundation banquet in High Point.

Community Service

In the fall, we held a Barbeque lunch and dinner in conjunction with the Southern Pines Elementary School PTA. It was a success raising approx. \$3,800.

Club members participated in our annual Thanksgiving Meal Project, where members are assigned families in need, and work with the family to select, purchase and deliver groceries for the holidays.

We conducted our annual “Bell Ringing” for the Salvation Army during Christmas at a local Harris Teeter, collecting \$6,400!

Vocational and Youth Projects

A core group of our members again coordinated our Junior Achievement Project in the Moore County Schools. This is a very successful and meaningful project.

We are conducting as we speak a fund raising project to raise money for our annual commitment to the “Dictionary Project”. This project provides a high quality dictionary to every third grader in Moore County, and has this year committed to include every third grader in Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, a Gulf area town devastated by Katrina that our town of Southern Pines has officially adopted. The project is a basketball show by the Harlem Ambassadors and has been met with a great deal of enthusiasm and involvement by the club and the community.

District Activity

We have two of our Rotarians involved in the Rotary Leadership Institute. One has attended and one is scheduled. The club is sponsoring three students to attend the annual Rotary Youth leadership Institute at Guilford College.

International Service

The Club continue our “Peru Water Pump” project with support from the other area Rotary Clubs. We are one of the clubs participating in the “Saving Little Hearts” Project.

Attendance for January 2006

CLUBS	MEMBERS AS OF 6/30/05	CURRENT MEMBERS	MONTHLY % ATTENDANCE	MONTHLY MEETINGS	CLUB ID NUMBER
*Alamance	49	57	52%	4	6090
*Alamance Bkft	26	30	88%	4	23238
Archdale/Trinity	32	31	54%	4	29135
*Asheboro	109	115	67%	4	6052
Burlington	24	24	69%	4	6092
Carthage	16	17	79%	4	6053
*Clemmons	126	139	79%	4	29530
*Crescent	122	121	72%	4	6056
East Greensboro	22	17	71%	3	55569
Eden	47	45	70%	4	6058
*Furnitureland	54	54	78%	4	6059
*Gate City	59	60	87%	4	27995
*Graham	37	39	64%	4	6107
*Greensboro	323	313	55%	4	6060
*Gboro Arpt	35	39	79%	4	31667
*Guilford	50	55	92%	4	22059
*High Point	174	175	64%	4	6062
Jamestown	34	30	67%	4	6063
*Jonesboro	61	66	83%	6	22882
*Kernersville	59	68	80%	4	25027
King	22	21	79%	4	51294
Lexington	44	46	59%	4	6065
*Liberty	18	19	65%	4	6066
Madison/Mayodan	52	53	68%	4	6067
*Mocksville	63	60	69%	5	6069
*Mount Airy	101	104	78%	4	6070
Oak Hollow	16	18	72%	4	51358
*Pinehurst	29	33	62%	4	6072
*Randolph	79	74	82%	4	6074
Reidsville	71	73	75%	4	6075
Reynolda	110	109	62%	4	21534
Sandhills	43	37	76%	4	25530
*Sanford	75	72	67%	3	6078
San-Lee	26	25	96%	4	30735
Siler City	68	67	72%	3	6079
Southern Guilford	14	12	80%	4	61795
*Southern Pines	68	69	75%	4	6080
*Stoneville	14	14	67%	4	6081
Stratford	146	131	62%	4	6082
*Summit	130	130	74%	3	6083
Surry Sunrise	45	42	65%	4	57326
*Thomasville	75	76	84%	4	6084
*Triad	39	42	79%	4	6071
*Troy	34	33	62%	4	6085
Walnut Cove	30	24	61%	4	6087
*Willow Creek	18	19	78%	3	60367
Winston-Salem	253	250	49%	4	6088
Yadkin Valley	40	42	76%	4	30000
*Yadkinville	17	19	78%	4	51333
Yanceyville	24	23	68%	4	6134
DISTRICT	3223	3232	72%		

*100% Paul Harris Fellow Club

District 7690 Calendar

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