

# The Piedmont Rotarian

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*"Service Above Self"*

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

## ROTARY FOUNDATION



Phil Morris

I cannot help but feel a great deal of pride in the success of the extraordinary Group Study Exchange experience we have had this year. Maybe most district governors feel similar pride in the Group Study Exchange experience that happened during their year. As I review the past issues of The Piedmont Rotarian this year, I have devoted significant space to this signature Rotary Foundation program.

I want to share with you some of the highlights of the planning, development, implementation and results of our decision to partner with District 3460 in Taiwan because it provides another example of the "best" of Rotary!

**FOCUSING ON TAIWAN:** Once I became aware of the availability of Taiwan as a partner for a Group Study Exchange, my curiosity began to grow. From my stamp collecting days as a child China had always seemed as foreign as you could possibly get. I was intrigued by its language, expressed in strange shapes and pictures. I puzzled at its culture which so different from my own. At the same time it has become exceedingly apparent that our western culture must learn to accept the Far East as a significant partner if we are to ever find world understanding and peace.

The Rotary ethic helps us realize that the brotherhood of mankind is best achieved by fostering fellowship, acquaintance, and friendship among of all our neighbors. What an opportunity the "Taiwan" suggestion was for me to help us focus on the future.

**MEETING DISTRICT 3460, TAICHUNG:** I have recounted my meeting with then District 3460 Governor Elect, Tiger Ku when we attended governor training in Anaheim in February 2005. I wish that the Anaheim schedule had allowed us more time to become acquainted because where Tiger struggled to communicate with me in English, I couldn't communicate in Chinese at all! More time would have helped both of us. Nevertheless, Karen and I found Tiger Ku and his wife Genny to be genuinely friendly, warm and open. Karen and I want to build on that friendship.

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**CALLING ALL CLUBS  
PRESIDENTS-ELECT,  
CLUB OFFICERS, DIRECTORS  
& COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN  
PLAN TO ATTEND THE  
DISTRICT ASSEMBLY**

**MAY 12, 2006**

**GTCC, JAMESTOWN CAMPUS  
APPLIED TECHNOLOGY CENTER**

**FOR A MORNING OF ROTARY  
INFORMATION AND PLANNING  
FOR THE UPCOMING ROTARY YEAR**

**REGISTRATION 8:00 - 8:30 am  
Continental Breakfast 8:30am  
General Plenary Sessions and  
Breakout Sessions 9:15 - noon**

**Cost \$15 per person (includes breakfast)**

If you have questions, please call  
the Rotary District Office at 336-885-7690

**THE "BACK-TO-THE-BEACH" DISTRICT  
CONFERENCE 2006 WAS A BLAST, BUT  
MORE ABOUT THAT NEXT MONTH.**



## Many Thanks

The district would like to thank David Pruette, 2006 Rotary District Conference Chairman, and his committee for a great conference in Myrtle Beach. A wonderful time was had by all that attended and much Rotary information was shared.

Pictures and awards will be featured in the June newsletter.

## More 100% Paul Harris Fellow Clubs

Congratulations to the following clubs for achieving the 100% Paul Harris Fellow status:

**Eden and Siler City**  
The district now has 31 clubs that achieved this status.

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### THE DISTRICT 3480 ANGLE:

Shortly after Hurricane Katrina devastated the Gulf Coast, a visitor came for a make-up at Oak Hollow Rotary Club. C. T. Wu introduced himself as the District Governor Nominee for District 3480, Taipei, Taiwan. C. T. is president of Huntington Industries in High Point, and he visits company headquarters a half dozen times each year. The proximity of C. T.'s district on the north end of the island to our GSE partner's district on the west coast of the island seemed to be more than a coincidence. Quickly our District Governor Nominee, David McCoy and I arranged a meeting with C.T. and we believe that seeds have been planted that will form the basis of stronger alliance between our districts.

### OUR OUTBOUND GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE TEAM:

You would have been proud of the Group Study Exchange team we assembled last fall. Owen George's short tenure as a Rotarian with the Asheboro Rotary Club was offset by two factors. In 1980-1981 he had been a Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholar. But qualification that clinched his selection as team leader was that he had spent time in Taiwan and was comfortable with the language. The members we assembled for the team were full of enthusiasm, curiosity, adventure, and they were bright! I felt proud to be represented by Christine Kreider, Gayle Taylor, Linda Whitlow, and Heather Owens. Once selected, the team met weekly to become experts in the Group Study Exchange process and in everything Taiwan. They took advantage of the opportunity to spend an evening with C. T. Wu and his wife, Rose, to immerse themselves further into their experience. I wish you could have been at the airport on February 25<sup>th</sup> when we said "bon voyage" and watched them disappear down the ramp for their flight to Taiwan.

### THE INBOUND GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE TEAM:

The photo of team leader Jim Lai, and the members of the District 3460 team, Peggy Chen, Emmy Hsieh, Alan Yin, and Joann Chiu was quite formal when compared with the 'official' photo of our team. I anticipated a more reserved group. When we met them at the airport we found four of the most delightful and open young ladies that any culture might be able to assemble, accompanied by a warm and friendly team leader, Jim Lai, who is an extraordinary ambassador in his own right. When this is published the team will have returned to Taichung, but they will have taken with them the

hearts of everyone with whom they have come in contact with. Isn't that what Group Study Exchange is all about? District 7690 has been blessed once again.

### OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE FUTURE:

Shortly before returning, team leader Owen George called to alert me to a scholarship opportunity that the leadership of District 3460 were arranging. Our Rotary friends in Taichung have contributed \$26,000 to The Rotary Foundation and have earmarked that contribution to fund a scholarship for someone from our District 7690 to have an ambassadorial scholarship to Taiwan to study language and culture for a year. They indicate that they hope that this will not be a one-time event. I have notified next year's District Rotary Foundation Chairman, Patrick Eakes and he has been following up with his District 3460 counterpart, John C. K. Woo, and with Rotary Foundation staff to put wheels on this opportunity. The first scholarship will be awarded for the 2007-2008 Rotary year.

### YOUTH EXCHANGE:

Meanwhile, up in District 3480, Taipei, C. T. Wu has a dream that he wants to share with us as well. C. T. is carrying the dream of developing a Youth Exchange relationship with our district. In addition to the traditional Youth Exchange Program, C. T. describes a 3-month Youth Exchange opportunity for college students. We will share more details of this opportunity with you as the planning process unfolds.

### A GARDEN IN TAIWAN:

I hope you feel a bit of the excitement that I feel. Thank you, GSE Chairs Cookie Billings & David Lee (Rotarian Juice) for planting a seed in Taiwan, and another in Piedmont, North Carolina. I am so pleased to visualize the garden of fellowship and friendship that will develop if you will breathe life into it. What wonderful opportunities our association with my friend, Tiger Ku and Rotary fellowship has fostered.

### ON ANOTHER NOTE:

I write this before going to District Conference, and it will be published when I return from conference. I am predicting a wonderful event and in advance I want to thank everyone for the contribution they made: from conference chairman, David Pruette, to those of you who attended. I value the friendship of each of you. Thank you.

# **Incoming Rotary Officers International Service – Matching Grant Planning Steps for '06-'07**

**Larry Aiken – District MG Chairman**

As Clubs and new Officers prepare for the new '06-'07 Rotary Year, the District Matching Grants Committee asks that each Club please budget to participate in a Matching Grant in this coming year ....now!

1. The first step is to allocate between \$1100 - \$3300 now for an International Service – Matching Grant in your '06-'07 budget.
2. The next step is to find an MG Application. The District Matching Grants Committee will offer help to all Clubs to find the right project for your Club to Co-sponsor alone (\$3300 minimum) or with other Club(s) in the District.
3. In August, the District MG Committee plans to have at least 10 MG Applications from our contacts in Rotary Districts in India, Africa, Mexico, and other International Districts available for our Clubs.
4. In September, if your Club doesn't have an International MG Project Application selected on your own, you will be able to select a project at the District Foundation Meetings on September 14<sup>th</sup> or September 29<sup>th</sup>.
5. If you want additional help to select and/or complete the MG Application, you may contact members of the District MG Committee (see below)

Our Matching Grant Goal for '06-'07 is to double the number of MG's from '05-'06....and last year was a great year for Matching Grants in our District. The District MG Committee approved 8 International Grants that totaled over \$165,000.

- 17 Clubs in our District were Co-sponsors allocating \$40,000 from 7690 Clubs.
- \$33,000 was contributed from the District,
- and \$66,000 from the Rotary Foundation,
- plus contributions from Host Club/Host Districts and other US Clubs/Districts.

Our name is Rotary International for a reason. "Service Above Self" is not only local Community Service. Rotary's mission is to help promote a more peaceful world for everyone through International Service by improving water quality, education, health care, food production, etc.. The District MG Committee asks that you and your Clubs take the first step by allocating International Funds for a Matching Grant for the coming year. The MG Committee will help you with the next steps.

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## **REPRESENTATIVE TO THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR RI DIRECTOR**

PDG Stuart Fountain was elected at the 2006 Rotary District Conference to represent Rotary District 7690 on the Nominating Committee to elect the RI Director from Zone 33. PDG Carol Summerlin will serve as the alternate.

# AREA 10 CLUB NEWS

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### Sanford/San-Lee/Siler City/ Jonesboro

*Sanford-Tommy Rosser  
San-Lee-Dave Merriman  
Siler City-Cecil Walters  
Jonesboro-Yvonne Bullard*

**Two clubs in Area 10, Sanford and Siler City, achieved 100% Paul Harris Club status this Rotary year!**

The Area 10 Clubs (Sanford, San-Lee, Siler City and Jonesboro) have had an outstanding Rotary year. All four clubs jointly participated in an international project, the Big Water Project for Osasa Ijebu, Nigeria. The total project grant amount including matches was \$23,750. This project of wells and water tanks will provide water to serve more than 45,000 inhabitants of the town of Osasa-Ijebu. The project is scheduled for completion in June, 2006. A special thanks goes out to Larry Aiken for his leadership in this project. The Jonesboro Club has also submitted an application for a District Simplified Grant of \$2,400 for Spanish-English Books for the Jonesboro Library. Jonesboro Heights is located within the city of Sanford, in Lee County.

**The Siler City Rotary Club** held its annual Fall Bazaar and raised over \$40,000 for Chatham Hospital. This annual event is always a tremendous success with over \$1.9 million having been given over the years. Siler City submitted paperwork for 100% Paul Harris certification, which was attained in March. A total of twenty-one members became new Paul Harris Fellows this year. The Club was notified of certification on April 11th. The Siler City Club also received the Presidential Citation and was awarded Gold Club for the first time ever. Congratulations to President Cecil Walters and his membership for an outstanding Rotary year.

**The San-Lee Rotary Club** sponsored a Katrina relief effort lead by member Hayden Lutterloh III, a member of the Sanford Fire Department. Hayden, his wife and members of his church traveled to the Gulf Coast and helped with the relief effort. Personal needs items, tools, etc. were purchased and transported to Bay St. Louis, MS by Hayden.

**The Jonesboro Rotary Club's** annual \$10,000 cash raffle was held on April 13th. This annual fund raiser netted the club approximately \$9,000, with the proceeds being allocated to various local and regional charities. The Jonesboro Club also received the Presidential Citation and Gold Club awards this year. The Jonesboro Club is showing a net membership growth of five for this year.

Jonesboro has been involved with the Rotary Scholarship Program for years and we were fortunate this year to have had Deborah Wilkes, a Lee County Schools employee, as a Cultural Ambassadorial Scholar in Mexico for three months. Jonesboro was one of the co-sponsors of the Las Torres Satellite Rotary Club Project (MG 52254 Olimpica Radio Clinic), and Ms. Wilkes was our Club's representative while there. Jonesboro is also actively working to establish a sister club relationship with two Clubs outside the United States: Las Torres Satellite Club in Mexico and the Port-Au-Prince Haiti Club. Thanks to President Yvonne Bullard for another great year! Heather Owens of Sanford was nominated by Jonesboro Rotary and selected for District 7690's outgoing Group Study Exchange team. Our District GSE team was in Taiwan during February and March. Congratulations to Heather for her selection!

**The Sanford Rotary Club** became a 100% Paul Harris Club this year. President Tommy Rosser has worked hard this year and 100% Paul Harris certification is a testament to his leadership. In the fall, the Sanford (and other Lee County Clubs) participated in a fund raiser with The Temple Theatre. Proceeds were used to build a horse shelter at Oak Ranch. Oak Ranch is a Christ-centered home for at-risk boys in Central North Carolina. The Sanford Club had a family outing every quarter this year. The first one was an evening of music at Depot Park, followed by a great steak dinner at the Lee County Wildlife Club with Elvis as entertainment! Sanford's membership has remained constant with 75 members. This was a year of reorganization in that a new constitution and by-laws were updated and approved. Sam Sillaman of the Sanford Club will take over as Assistant District Governor for Area 10 in the 2006-07 year.

*David Spivey, Assistant D.G. Area 10*



# Attendance for March 2006

CLUBS	MEMBERS AS OF 6/30/05	CURRENT MEMBERS	MONTHLY MEETINGS	MONTHLY % ATTEND	CLUB ID NUMBER
*Alamance	49	58	4	59	6090
*Alamance Bkft	26	31	4	84	23238
Archdale/Trinity	32	31	3	57	29135
*Asheboro	109	115	4	69	6052
Burlington	24	24	4	69	6092
Carthage	16	17	5	82	6053
*Clemmons	126	136	5	78	29530
*Crescent	122	121	4	72	6056
East Greensboro	22	18	5	52	55569
*Eden	47	45	4	79	6058
*Furnitureland	54	57	4	79	6059
*Gate City	59	60	4	80	27995
*Graham	37	39	4	57	6107
*Greensboro	323	311	4	62	6060
*Gboro Arpt	35	39	4	79	31667
*Guilford	50	56	4	100	22059
*High Point	174	176	5	70	6062
Jamestown	34	26	4	79	6063
*Jonesboro	61	68	5	84	22882
*Kernersville	59	65	5	82	25027
King	22	22	5	78	51294
Lexington	44	45	4	61	6065
*Liberty	18	19	4	75	6066
Madison/Mayodan	52	54	4	78	6067
*Mocksville	63	60	4	68	6069
*Mount Airy	101	103	4	89	6070
Oak Hollow	16	18	5	63	51358
*Pinehurst	29	34	4	62	6072
*Randolph	79	76	5	77	6074
Reidsville	71	76	4	72	6075
Reynolda	110	109	4	65	21534
Sandhills	43	37	4	80	25530
*Sanford	75	68	4	65	6078
San-Lee	26	26	5	100	30735
*Siler City	68	74	4	68	6079
Southern Guilford	14	12	4	70	61795
*Southern Pines	68	70	5	75	6080
*Stoneville	14	14	5	85	6081
Stratford	146	131	5	61	6082
*Summit	130	133	5	66	6083
Surry Sunrise	45	42	5	59	57326
*Thomasville	75	77	5	89	6084
*Triad	39	42	4	80	6071
*Troy	34	33	4	62	6085
Walnut Cove	30	27	5	62	6087
*Willow Creek	18	20	4	93	60367
Winston-Salem	253	247	4	48	6088
Yadkin Valley	40	41	5	79	30000
*Yadkinville	17	19	4	70	51333
Yanceyville	24	23	4	76	6134
<b>DISTRICT</b>	<b>3223</b>	<b>3245</b>		<b>73%</b>	

\*100% Paul Harris Fellow Club

**District 7690 Calendar**

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